

REPORT TO: Health and Wellbeing Board

DATE: 5th July 2017

REPORTING OFFICER: Director of Public Health

PORTFOLIO: Health and Wellbeing

SUBJECT: Public Health Protection Annual Report

WARDS: Borough Wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 The purpose of the Public Health Protection Annual report is to provide a clear overview of the current health protection situation within Halton highlighting any on-going challenges or issues. The document enables the Director of Public Health (DPH) to provide assurance to the health and well-being board (HWBB), that the health of the residents of Halton is being protected in a proactive and effective way.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That

- 1) the report be noted; and**
- 2) members take the opportunity to raise questions or comments regarding the report.**

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 Health protection is an essential part of achieving and maintaining good public health. It involves planning, surveillance and response to incidents and outbreaks. Health protection prevents and reduces the harm caused by communicable disease and minimises the health impact from environmental hazards such as chemicals and radiation. It also includes the delivery of major programmes such as national immunisation and screening programmes and the provision of health services to diagnose and treat infectious diseases.

3.2 The Health and Social Care Act 2012 states that Public Health teams, on behalf of Directors of Public Health are responsible for the local authority's contribution to health protection matters including responses to incidents and emergencies. Public Health England (PHE) is required to provide specialist support and have a complementary role to play.

3.3 The key roles necessary to provide effective health protection include:

- Planning and responding to incidents and emergencies
- Carrying out surveillance of communicable and notifiable diseases

- Reducing the negative impacts of communicable and non-communicable diseases including preventing infection and infectious diseases
- Minimising the health impact of environmental hazards
- Reducing premature mortality and morbidity by improving environmental sustainability

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no significant policy implications with regard to this report.

5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications as a result of this report.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

6.1 Children and Young People in Halton

The remit of public health protection covers all population groups including children and young people. It also includes the provision and surveillance of childhood immunisations and vaccination to ensure children and young people are protected from vaccine preventable diseases such as Measles, Mumps and Rubella, Meningococcal disease and Human Papilloma Virus (HPV).

6.2 Employment, Learning and Skills in Halton

There are no significant implications for this priority

6.3 A Healthy Halton

The Public Health Protection Annual Report demonstrates action that is being taken to protect the health of Halton residents thereby directly contributing towards the Healthy Halton priority.

6.4 A Safer Halton

There are no significant implications for this priority

6.5 Halton's Urban Renewal

There are no significant implications for this priority.

7.0 RISK ANALYSIS

There are no direct risks as a result of this report, however, individual risk assessments are carried out as required for relevant priorities contained within the report.

8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

There are no equality or diversity issues resulting from this report.

9.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

None under the meaning of the Act