

## **Appendix 4 – Health Protection Forum Highlight Report**

### **1.1 Context**

Due to the covid outbreak the Health Protection Forum (HPF) have been meeting every 2 weeks since the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020. Approximately 80% of each meeting is devoted to discussing the current coronavirus situation and response, with the remainder covering other health protection concerns.

### **1.2 Current Circumstance**

The HPF coronavirus discussions include:

1. The coronavirus outbreak plan
2. Testing – drop and collect programme
3. Mobile testing logistics
4. Outbreak summaries and learning
5. Testing results – trends, patterns, rates of change
6. Development of plans in response to 1-5 above
7. Infection prevention and control plans and issues
8. Vaccination plans and updates
9. Review of activity from the working groups
  - a. Residential and clinical settings (including care homes, hospitals, primary care, children's residential settings)
  - b. Education settings
  - c. Other settings (including homeless settings, workplaces etc)

Non-coronavirus discussions include:

1. Challenging health protection cases
  - a. TB and blood-borne viruses
2. Vaccination and screening programme plans and delivery (including flu, MMR and other childhood vaccinations)
  - a. CCGs/STPs have produced detailed local delivery plans with all local providers (incl. GPs); plans address limitations due to coronavirus, higher uptake targets, additional target cohorts and expected higher demand for vaccination of particular vaccines.

### **1.3 Next Steps and Delivery**

- The short- and medium-term focus is on the delivery of the NHS seasonal flu programme that is commissioned by NHSE&I and delivered by GPs, pharmacies, hospitals and vaccination service providers. Planning is led by BSol STP (and includes the West Birmingham area) and uptake activity will be reported into the HPF
- Planning for the delivery of the SARS-CoV2 (known as covid) vaccination programme is ongoing and will report into the HPF. This is being led by the NHS.
- The Forum will also be seeking assurance on plans for catch-up child vaccination programmes that have been impacted by the pandemic.
- Monitoring of covid case/contact data, outbreaks, intelligence will continue and be used to inform the response.