		Agenda Item: 11
Report to:	Birmingham Health & Wellbeing Board	
Date:	18/4/19	
TITLE:	HEALTH PROTECTION FORUM REPORT 2018/19	
Organisation	Birmingham Public Health	
Presenting Officer	Justin Varney/Chris Baggott	

Report Type:	For decision on recommendations

1.	Purpose:

1.1 This report updates the Health and Wellbeing Board on the local health protection system in Birmingham, the planning and assurance functions that exist, and the top priorities for the organisations in the City that contribute to health protection activities.

1.2 Recommendations are presented for the Board to consider so that further improvements to health protection plans can be delivered.

2.	Implications:	
BHWB Strategy Priorities	Detect and Prevent Adverse Childhood Experiences	
	All children in permanent housing	
	Increase the control of individuals over their care through Integrated Personal Commissioning (Personal Health Budgets and Direct Payments)	
	Increasing employment/ meaningful activity and stable accommodation for those with mental health problems	

	Improving stable and independent accommodation for those learning disability	
	Improve the wellbeing of those with multiple complex needs	Yes
	Improve air quality	Yes
	Increased mental wellbeing in the workplace	
Joint Strategic Needs Assessment		
Joint Commissioning and Service Integration		
Maximising transfer of Public Health functions		Yes
Financial		
Patient and Public Involvement		
Early Intervention		Yes
Prevention		Yes

3.	**Recommendations**

3.1   Members of the Health and Wellbeing Board accept the report

3.2   Members support the assurance statement

3.3   CCG, NHS England and Local Authority (Public Health, Environmental Health and Social Care) members of the Board (as appropriate) commit their organisations to engage with specific task and finish groups to address issues identified in the full report:

   a.   To implement the TB/housing framework (CCGs and Local Authority already working collaboratively)
   b.   To identify and address gaps in community infection prevention and control provision (CCGs and Local Authority Social Care)
   c.   To reduce variation in the uptake of screening and immunisation programmes, and reduce inequality (NHS England and CCGs)
   d.   To address novel challenges to health protection that don't sit with any one organisation

4.   Background

4.1   Health protection is one of the three domains of Public Health, and it is
         therefore an essential part of achieving and maintaining good public health in
         Birmingham. Health protection is about preventing and reducing the harm to
         the population's health caused by communicable and non-communicable
         diseases, and from environmental hazards such as chemicals and radiation.
         Key activities that contribute to the daily delivery of health protection activities
         include strategic and emergency planning, surveillance and response to
         incidents and disease outbreaks. Programmes such as national immunisation
         and screening programmes and the provision of services to diagnose and
         treat infectious diseases are important parts of the system to protect the
         health of the Birmingham population.

4.2   To assist the Birmingham DPH role in the mandated health protection
         assurance role, a Health Protection Forum (HPF) has been established since
         2013. The HPF is chaired by the DPH (or a representative) and meets bi-
         monthly; it provides the space and time for the exchange of information
         necessary to ensure that relevant partners in Birmingham are acting jointly
         and adequately to provide comprehensive services covering all aspects of
         Health Protection. The forum also provides evidence and assurance to the
         DPH to facilitate the delivery of the statutory role.

4.3   The HPF has defined five areas of health protection that it receives regular
         updates and reports from key partners about:

             a. Communicable Diseases
             b. Non-Communicable Diseases (focus on Environmental Health)
             c. Screening and Immunisations
             d. Emergency Planning, Resilience and Response
             e. Infection Prevention and Control

**4.4   This report explains the scope of each of the five areas, identifies the
         key challenges and provides a review of the most significant recent and
         current issues.**

5.   Future development

5.1   As the Health Protection Forum identifies issues and challenges in the local
         system plans are improved or developed; some of this includes the setting up
         of specific task and finish groups and these form the basis of the
         recommendations proposed to the Board.

5.2   Future Board reports will update on the recommendations actioned and future
         health protection assurance.

6.	Compliance Issues

6.1	*Strategy Implications*

6.1.1	This report fulfils one of the mandatory functions of Public Health in the Local Authority; the duty to ensure that there are plans in place to protect the health of the population.
6.1.2	Some aspects of the Health Protection work considered by the Health Protection Forum in Birmingham contribute to outcomes related to healthcare System Resilience; improve primary care management of common and chronic conditions.

6.2	**Homelessness Implications**

6.3	*Governance & Delivery*

6.3.1	The report and decisions and comments from the Board will inform the work programme of the Health Protection Forum for 2019/20, and the governance of the Forum.
6.3.2	It is proposed that the HPF will continue to report annually to the Board. Day to day progress is managed by the formal meetings of the HPF and by the Director of Public Health between meetings.

6.4	*Management Responsibility*

6.4.1	The Director of Public Health (Dr Justin Varney) is accountable for the delivery of an effective Health Protection Forum; and is supported by Chris Baggott (Public Health lead for health protection) and the members of the Forum.

7.	Risk Analysis

Identified Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Actions to Manage Risk

Appendices

1.	Health Protection Forum Report for 2018/19 (currently DRAFT and awaiting final comments/amendments)