

Appendix 4 – Health Protection Forum Highlight Report

1.1 Context

- 1.1.1 The HPF has operated under a governance framework since inception (2012). It has terms of reference, a risk register, and an action log updated at each meeting

1.2 Current Circumstance

- 1.2.1 The HPF has not met since the last Health and Wellbeing Board highlight report. The HPF scheduled for 27th February 2020 is being rescheduled
- 1.2.2 In the last two quarters the HPF has contributed content on health protection issues (childhood immunisations and children's oral health) to the Director of Public Health Annual Report process. This has been in the update section for progress on last year's report recommendations
- 1.2.3 Learning from health protection incidents and outbreaks is continually noted and shared through the HPF to determine changes that need to be made to local processes and systems. This learning takes many forms and most recently multiagency meetings have been convened outside the formal incident response to address wider issues around clusters of communicable diseases, and homelessness and health (being looked at as a health protection incident for the first time)
- 1.2.4 New multiagency and internal groups have been setup to respond to the current Covid-19 incident. There has been no formal update to the HPF to date, but all agencies are working together to coordinate planning and response
- 1.2.5 The national HIV Commission has visited Birmingham (21/2/20) as part of their evidence-hearing process to inform their report to Government in the spring about how to eliminate HIV transmission by 2030

1.3 Next Steps and Delivery

- 1.3.1 Closely monitor uptake of the NHS seasonal flu vaccination programme; supporting promotion and uptake from the Public Health team and working with partners to maximise uptake for all child and adult target groups (Oct 2019-Mar 2020)
- 1.3.2 Work with Birmingham City Council Adult Social Care Directorate to audit seasonal flu vaccination uptake of Care Providers
- 1.3.3 Facilitate and contribute to a multi-agency homeless health Incident Management Team (IMT) to determine the scope and scale of health issues affecting the homeless community; identifying the main issues, common themes, and the need for new models of care or interventions to

reduce inequalities, infectious disease incidents (particularly TB, HIV, Invasive Group A Streptococcus) and improve general health. Conversations are already progressing with key partners

- 1.3.4 Continue discussions with HIV/ Hep B/ Hep C stakeholders as part of the preparations and planning for Birmingham becoming a HIV Fast-Track city by 1st December 2020 – Birmingham will include Hep B and C so will call it Fast-Track+
- 1.3.5 Partnership working through the HPF to incorporate learning from inequality research into screening and vaccination improvement plans (Feb-Apr 2020)
- 1.3.6 Deliver a multi-agency health protection workshop to ensure organisational roles and responsibilities are clear, and any gaps in the local system are identified (Mar/Apr 2020)
- 1.3.7 Future HPF meeting dates:
27th February 2020 (TO BE RESCHEDULED)
April/May 2020
July 2020
October 2020

Appendices

Appendix A – Health Protection Forum Action Plan