

**Report of: Health Protection Board**

**Report to: Leeds Health and Wellbeing Board**

**Date: 21<sup>st</sup> March 2024**

**Subject: Health Protection Board Report**

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### Summary of main issues

Leeds Health Protection Board (HPB) report 2023 of the Leeds Health Protection.

The report provides:

- Progress made on the Health Protection Board priorities as outlined in the Leeds Health Protection Board 2022.
- Achievements of the health protection system including the local system response to new and emerging infectious diseases including Mpox, and CPE (a type of superbug which had not previously been seen at such a scale).
- An outline of the rapid and comprehensive response to infectious disease outbreaks particularly impacting on families experiencing high levels of poverty and social deprivation, scabies, for example.
- A spotlight on the work of two key health protection partners in the city, Bevan and the Leeds City Council resilience team.

## Recommendations

- Note the progress made on the Health Protection Board priorities as outlined in the Leeds Health Protection Board 2022.
- Note the case studies highlighting the approach to managing significant infectious disease outbreaks in the city.
- Note the key achievements, and targets for 2024, setting out recommended actions for the next 12 months.
- Consider and comment on how the HWB can support the new emerging health protection priorities in relation to underserved populations, particularly those living in the most deprived 10% parts of the city.

### 1. Purpose of this report

1.1 The purpose of the HPB report is to share the work and progress made of the Health Protection System for 2023. This report provides the Executive Board with an outline of the fifth report of the Leeds Health Protection Board since it was established in June 2014.

### 2. Background information

2.2 The role of the Leeds Health Protection Board, chaired by Director of Public Health, is to undertake the nationally mandated duties to protect the health of the population as laid out in Health and Social Care Act 2012.

2.3 The Secretary of State expects the DPH to cooperate closely with the UKHSA, NHS and other partners to have coordinated health protection preventative plans, local cooperation agreements and clarity on roles and responsibilities, overseen by the Leeds Health Protection Board (HPB). This is to ensure there are robust and resilient health protection arrangements in place to protect the health of the population.

### 3 Main issues

3.1 The Health Protection Board report:

- Outlines progress made on the Health Protection Board priorities as outlined in the Leeds Health Protection Board 2022.
- Presents the achievements of the health protection system including the local response to new and emerging infectious diseases including Mpox, and CPE (a type of superbug which had not previously been seen at such a scale).
- Highlights the rapid and comprehensive response to infectious disease outbreaks particularly impacting on families experiencing high levels of poverty and social deprivation, scabies, for example.

- Shines a spotlight on the work of two key health protection partners in the city, Bevan and the Leeds City Council resilience team.
- Shows progress made in all priority areas identified in 2022; this is a positive step forward for health protection in Leeds.

## **4 Health and Wellbeing Board governance**

### **4.1 Consultation, engagement and hearing citizen voice**

4.1.1 There has been no direct consultation or engagement work carried out for the production of this report. Each priority work programme outlined in the report takes a collaborative approach working across organisations and communities with a specific focus around health protection issues for vulnerable groups and reducing health inequalities.

### **4.2 Equality and diversity / cohesion and integration**

4.2.1 The HPB has been working to get beneath the headlines to better understand the real areas of concern for Leeds relating to health protection. We will continue to monitor the health status of our population in relation to health protection priorities.

4.2.2 The emerging health protection priorities that require focused attention disproportionately affect those living in social deprivation, displaced populations and people seeking asylum.

4.2.3 The approach outlined in the report focuses on a commitment to evolve, innovate and address health protection challenges through working with communities, addressing health inequalities, workforce development and collaborative working.

### **4.3 Resources and value for money**

4.3.1 There are no direct resources/value for money implications arising from this paper.

### **4.4 Legal Implications, access to information and call In**

4.4.1 There are no legal or access to information implications of this report.

### **4.5 Risk management**

4.5.1 The HPB works to continually strengthen our approach to understanding the health protection risks in Leeds; this process is managed through the Health Protection Board.

## 5 Conclusions

This report does not cover all areas under the jurisdiction of the Health Protection Board but only those that have been identified as priorities. The Board does however gain assurance from lead organisations on all health protection priorities and monitors performance. The aim of the work of the Leeds Health Protection Board is to ensure that the population of Leeds, irrespective of their circumstances, are protected from infectious and non-infectious environmental health hazards and, where such hazards occur, minimise their continued impact on the public's health. The HPB does this by working collaboratively to prevent exposure to such hazards, taking timely actions to respond to threats and acting collectively to ensure the best use of human and financial resources. The approach outlined in the report focuses on a commitment to evolve, innovate and address health protection challenges through working with communities, addressing health inequalities, workforce development and collaborative working.

## 6 Recommendations

The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to:

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- Note the case studies highlighting the approach to managing significant infectious disease outbreaks in the city.
- Note the key achievements, and targets for 2024, setting out recommended actions for the next 12 months.
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## 7 Background documents

- Appendix 1: Health Protection Board Report 2023

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