

Health Protection Annual Report 2016

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Assurance

The Director of Public Health has examined arrangements for health protection in Bolton and has provided this report to the Health and Wellbeing Board in line with their statutory responsibility to ensure that adequate arrangements are in place for the surveillance, prevention, planning and response required to protect the public's health

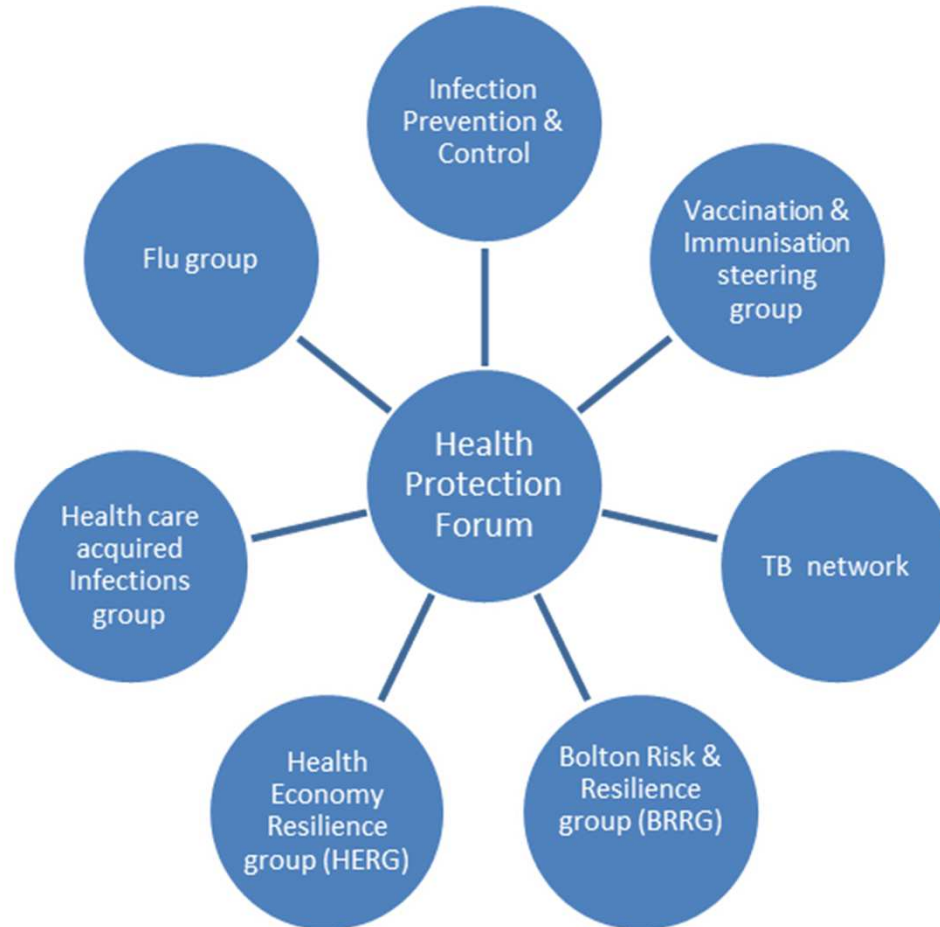
The report

- Local System Governance
- Emergency planning and major incident response
- Communicable diseases:
 - The vaccination schedule
 - Flu
 - Tuberculosis
 - Sexually transmitted infections
 - Health care acquired infections
- Screening:
 - Ante-natal
 - Breast
 - Cervical
 - Bowel
 - Abdominal aortic aneurysm (heart)
 - Diabetic retinopathy (eyes)
- Recommendations

Health Protection- who does what?

Organisation	Responsibilities
NHS England	Has responsibility for managing the NHS response to an incident, ensuring that relevant NHS resources are mobilised and directed as necessary. Ensuring that their contracted providers will deliver an appropriate clinical response to any incident that threatens the public's health
Public Health England	Provide the specialist health protection response to public health outbreaks / incidents. Lead the epidemiological investigation Have the responsibility to declare a health protection incident, major or otherwise
Local Authority	Via DPH the LA has overall responsibility for the strategic oversight of an incident impacting on population's health. Ensures that an appropriate response is put in place by NHSE and PHE supported by the CCG. Must be assured that the local health protection system is robust enough to respond appropriately to protect the local population's health and that risks are identified, mitigated against and adequately controlled.
Bolton CCG	To ensure through contractual arrangements with providers that healthcare resources are made available to respond to health protection incidents or outbreaks

Local System Governance



Overview of key areas

Area of protection	Overview
Emergency planning and major incident response	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Overseen and well managed by Bolton Council civil contingencies team
Communicable disease	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• High levels of uptake of routine vaccinations• Low uptake of flu vaccine• Low early HIV diagnosis rates• Health care acquired infections well managed• Excellent performance of community infection prevention and control team
Screening	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Good rates of uptake for most screening programmes above NW and England average• Bowel and cervical screening have seen reduced uptake

Recommendations

Local System Governance:

- To review the current systems and structures in order to maximise the health protection response in protecting Bolton's population
- To ensure the inclusion of environmental health within the health protection system to ensure a more complete offer to the population

Emergency planning and Major Incident Response:

- To maintain current good performance to ensure enhanced preparedness
- To continue to participate in exercises to build capacity within the local emergency response

Communicable diseases:

- To maintain the excellent vaccination schedule performance to ensure herd immunity within Bolton's population
- To develop improved links with primary care to enhance uptake of flu vaccination, TB diagnosis and early diagnosis of HIV to improve outcomes for the most vulnerable citizens

Screening Programmes:

- Work collaboratively with PHE, primary care and key partners to identify opportunities to improve screening rates in communities of low uptake in Bolton in order to reduce inequalities in uptake across the borough