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Report for:	Health and Wellbeing Board	Item Number:	
Title:	NHS England – Performance of Immunisation and Screening Programmes in Haringey		
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Lead Officer:	N/A		
Ward(s) affected: All	Report for Key/Non Key Decisions: N/A		

1. Describe the issue under consideration

- 1.1 NHS England has the responsibility for commissioning immunisation and screening programmes for Haringey's residents. This is the first report to the Health and Wellbeing Board from NHS England on the performance of these programmes.
- 1.2 Haringey's Director of Public Health (DPH) has a duty to '*provide information and advice to every responsible person and relevant body within, or which exercises functions in relation to, the authority's area, with a view to promoting the preparation of appropriate local health protection arrangements*'. In order to undertake this duty, and to provide appropriate advice as to the adequacy of local health protection arrangements, the DPH needs to be assured and satisfied that there are adequate health protection immunisation and screening plans in place in the Borough.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That the Health and Wellbeing Board:
 - (a) Note the new governance arrangements for immunisation and screening programmes across London aimed at providing assurance to the Directors of Public Health on the overall performance of these programmes;



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- (b) Note the progress on the screening and immunisation programmes in Haringey as set out in the attached NHSE report;
- (c) Note the slight decrease in childhood immunisation in Haringey in Q2 and a larger decrease in cervical screening coverage for women aged 25-49 (from 69% in Q1 to 63% in Q2);
- (d) Note that the DPH advises NHSE to provide further information on the arrangements they are putting in place to improve the performance referred to at (c) above.

3. Background information

- 3.1 The attached report from NHS England is a summary of the performance of their immunisation and screening programmes within Haringey.
- 3.2 The report provides evidence that performance is generally good, in particular performance in the 14-days turnaround time for cervical cytology and 2-days turnaround time for HPV testing provides reassurance that, despite laboratory reconfigurations and the new HPV triage service development implemented recently, these services continue to perform well.
- 3.3 The report details a slight decrease in childhood immunisation locally in Q2 and a larger decrease in cervical screening coverage for women aged 25-49 (from 69% in Q1 to 63% in Q2). The Director of Public Health (DPH) has a duty to provide information and advice to every responsible person and relevant body within, or which exercises functions in relation to, the authority's area, with a view to promoting the preparation of appropriate local health protection arrangements. In order to undertake this duty, and to provide appropriate advice as to the adequacy of local health protection arrangements, the DPH needs to be assured and satisfied that there are adequate health protection immunisation and screening plans in place in the Borough. Consequently, the DPH advises NHSE to provide further information on the arrangements they are putting in place to improve this performance.

4. Financial Implications and comments of the Chief Finance Officer

- 4.1 There are no financial implications arising from this paper.

5. Assistant Director Corporate Governance comments and legal implications

- 5.1 The Assistant Director of Corporate Governance has been consulted on this report. Under section 73A National Health Service Act 2006, the Director of Public Health is responsible for, inter alia, the exercise of local authority functions set out in Regulations made under section 6C(1) of the 2006 Act.



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- 5.2 The Local Authorities (Public Health Functions and Entry to Premises by Local Healthwatch Representatives) Regulations 2013 are made under section 6C(1) of the 2006 Act. Regulation 8 requires the Director of Public Health to *“provide information and advice to every responsible person and relevant body within, or which exercises functions in relation to, the authority’s area, with a view to promoting the preparation of appropriate local health protection arrangements...”*
- 5.3 In discharging this duty the Director of Public Health shall consider what information and advice is necessary effectively to promote the preparation of the health protection arrangements by NHS England (Reg 8 (5)(a)). The Director of Public Health shall determine which information and advice that they should provide to NHS England, having regard to the needs of individuals in the borough. Such advice may include advising on the effective testing by NHS England of the health protection arrangements they have in place (Reg8(7)(b)).
- 5.4 Local authorities – and the Director of Public Health acting on the LA’s behalf – have a critical role in protecting the health of their population. The work done by the Director of Public Health to prevent health threats emerging, or reducing their impact, will be driven by the health risks of the area; understanding and responding to these health risks needs to be informed by the JSNA and the Health and Wellbeing Strategy.
- 5.5 In practice (and as recognised by the guidance on the regulations issued jointly by DH, PHE and the LGA entitled *‘Protecting the Health of the local population: the new health protection duty of local authorities under the Local Authorities (Public Health Functions and Entry to Premises by Local Healthwatch Representatives) Regulations 2013’*) this means that the Director of Public Health will, under the Regulation 8 duty, provide information, advice, challenge and advocacy on behalf of the local authority, to promote the preparation of health protection arrangements in the area. It is recognised by this guidance that to effectively perform this duty, the DPH should be *‘absolutely assured that the arrangements to protect the health of the communities they serve are robust and are implemented appropriately to local health needs. They also need the opportunity to escalate concerns as necessary, when they believe local needs are not being fully met. They should expect a highly responsive service from PHE and others in this respect.’*
- 5.6 Under section 73A National Health Service Act 2006, the Director of Public Health is also responsible for the exercise of local authority functions under section 2B of the 2006 Act, that is, the duty to improve public health. Section 2B provides that the Director of Public Health must take such steps as they considers appropriate for improving the health of the people in its area. Such steps include providing information and advice.
- 5.7 The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to note that the Director of Public Health, in exercising their duty under regulation 8 of the 2013 Regulations and under section 2B of the 2006 Act as referred to above, is advising NHS England to provide further information on the arrangements it is putting in place to improve the



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performance of its health protection arrangements relating to (i) childhood immunisation and (ii) cervical screening of women aged 25-49, in the Borough.

6. Equalities and Community Cohesion Comments

N/A

7. Policy Implication

The Health and wellbeing strategy, informed by the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) aims to improve the health and wellbeing of children and adults in our borough and reduce health inequalities between the east and west of the borough. Effective immunisation and screening programmes contribute to the delivery of this aim, especially Outcome 1: 'giving every child the best start in life' and Outcome 2: 'reducing the life expectancy gap'.

8. Use of Appendices

Appendix: NHS England Immunisation and Screening Performance Report

9. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

N/A