

Report to:	Health and Wellbeing Board
Relevant Officer:	Dr Arif Rajpura, Director of Public Health
Relevant Cabinet Member:	Councillor Graham Cain, Cabinet Secretary (Resilient Communities)
Date of Meeting :	2 nd March 2016

HEALTH PROTECTION FORUM REPORT

1.0 Purpose of the report:

- 1.1 To receive the first biannual report of the Health Protection Forum and consider issues raised by that Forum for escalation.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

- 2.1 To receive the Health Protection Report for the period 1st April 2015 to 31st January 2016 attached at Appendix 4a.
- 2.2 To consider further the issues outlined at Paragraph 5.2 and agree where necessary further action.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

- 3.1 To report on the work of the Health Protection Forum and consider

- 3.2a Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No

- 3.2b Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? Yes

- 3.3 Other alternative options to be considered:

None

4.0 Council Priority:

4.1 The relevant Council Priority is:

“Communities: Creating stronger communities and increasing resilience”

5.0 Background Information

5.1 The Health Protection Forum was established to provide a mechanism for warning and informing on local health protection arrangements within Blackpool to the Health and Wellbeing Board; providing information and advice on arrangements and plans in place to protect the health of the population of Blackpool. The Director of Public Health (DPH) is responsible for the local authority's contribution to health protection matters, including the local authority's roles in planning for and responding to incidents that present a threat to the public's health.

5.2 The following issues have been identified for further consideration by the Board

- **New structure for Cumbria and Lancashire Health Protection Team**, now part of Public Health England North West Centre, implications include change to current activities to provide a consistent response across Manchester and Cumbria and Lancs
- **Seasonal Flu**: Note good uptake of seasonal flu vaccination in HCW in Blackpool, but lower rates of uptake in Council employees and some risk groups, notably pregnant women and 3 months to 65 in risk groups.
- **EPRR Assurance**: In relation to the CCG Emergency Planning, Resilience and Response Assurance Process, the Local Health Resilience Partnership(LHRP) have made a recommendation that Blackpool CCG test their emergency planning and resilience and response planning arrangements
- **Food Standards/ Allergy testing**: One business in Blackpool has been tested twice and both on occasions have been positive for the presence of peanut. This business is now being pursued for prosecution for this and other food hygiene offences.
- **Food Control and Health and Safety enforcement**: Reduced resources mean some functions will cease , and will impact on infectious disease case and outbreak investigations, sampling and investigation of food complaints

5.3 Does the information submitted include any exempt information?

No

5.4 List of Appendices:

Appendix 4a: Health Protection Forum Report- Reporting period March –April 2016

6.0 Legal considerations:

6.1 None

7.0 Human Resources considerations:

7.1 None

8.0 Equalities considerations:

8.1 None

9.0 Financial considerations:

9.1 None

10.0 Risk management considerations:

10.1 None

11.0 Ethical considerations:

11.1 None

12.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:

12.1 None

13.0 Background papers:

13.1 None