



SHROPSHIRE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD				
Cover Sheet for submissions				
Meeting Date	8th September 2022			
Title of Paper	Health Protection Report			
Reporting Officer	Susan Lloyd, Consultant in Public Health			
Which Joint Health & Wellbeing Strategy priorities does this paper address? Please tick all that apply	Children & Young People	<input type="checkbox"/>	Joined up working	X
	Mental Health	<input type="checkbox"/>	Improving Population Health	X
	Healthy Weight & Physical Activity	<input type="checkbox"/>	Working with and building strong and vibrant communities	
	Workforce	<input type="checkbox"/>	Reduce inequalities (see below)	X
What inequalities does this paper address?	Health inequalities specific to screening and vaccination.			
Risk assessment and opportunities appraisal (NB This will include the following: Risk Management, Human Rights, Equalities, Community, Environmental consequences and other Consultation)	This paper is a summary of the health protection report for Shropshire.			
Financial implications (Any financial implications of note)	There are no financial implications			
Climate Change Appraisal as applicable	Not applicable			
Where else has the paper been presented?	System Partnership Boards			
	Voluntary Sector			
	Other	Health Protection Assurance Board		
List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)				
Cabinet Member (Portfolio Holder) or your organisational lead e.g., Exec lead or Non-Exec/Clinical Lead (List of Council Portfolio holders can be found at this link: https://shropshire.gov.uk/committee-services/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=130) Cllr Simon Jones, Portfolio holder for Adult Social Care and Public Health Rachel Robinson – Executive Director, Health, Wellbeing and Prevention				
Appendices				
None				

Report to Health and Wellbeing Board

Health Protection Report

Recommendation: That the Board note the contents of this report

Introduction

This health protection report to the Health and Wellbeing Board provides an overview of the health protection status of the population of Shropshire. It provides an overview of the status of communicable, waterborne, foodborne disease

Part one is an overview of health protection data and a summary of new risks, part two is an overview of new health protection developments relevant to the system.

Immunisation Cover Shropshire

The Health Protection Assurance Board has not met in this quarter. Immunisation cover will be reported next HWB meeting.

Screening uptake Shropshire

The Health Protection Assurance Board has not met in this quarter. Screening uptake will be reported next HWB meeting.

Communicable disease

Flu- low and not beyond expected levels, we expect to see increasing numbers of cases as we move into autumn/winter.

Covid- recorded cases are decreasing in Shropshire. Outbreaks are still occurring in care homes and are being risk managed. The numbers of outbreaks have decreased in the last two weeks, but this has positively affected the number of beds available in system. Asymptomatic testing is paused from August 31st, 2022.

Covid variants of interest continue to emerge, the situation is being monitored by WHO and includes UK partners.

Tuberculosis - A cross ICS TB meeting is planned in September 2022 to co-ordinate the response to TB locally across the ICS.

Monkeypox (MPX) - Currently the pathway for Monkeypox testing is via MPFT Sexual Health services, the tests are undertaken in Stafford. A triage call is made to all patients before they travel to Staffordshire to prevent unnecessary travel for residents.

Pre-exposure vaccination pathways are in place and currently being offered to eligible groups through clinics in T&W.

Foodborne and waterborne disease

Campylobacter- numbers remain largest reported foodborne bacteria. The number of cases has increased in Q2. This is expected and is normal.

Other foodborne and waterborne- case numbers remain low, with the exception of Salmonella. Salmonella cases have risen in the second quarter compared to 2020/21. Numbers of cases remain low.

Health Protection Developments

In July 2022 the draft Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin Health Protection Strategy 2022 – 2025 was circulated to Health Protection Assurance Board members, and to stakeholders. Comments were required by 3rd September 2022. The next stage is to analyse the comments, make edits to the strategy and send the final version to the Health Protection Assurance Board for sign off. Implementation will be cross ICB.

In partnership and in response to learning from emergence of Monkeypox. A decision has been made to propose a cross ICB rapid response infectious disease team. It is proposed that the team meet once a year and is stood up in response to emergent diseases in the system, as and when necessary.