



SHROPSHIRE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD				
Cover Sheet for submissions				
Meeting Date	19th January 2023			
Title of Paper	Health Protection Report			
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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 Cecilia Motley Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care, Public Health and Communities 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

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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.

Part One

Immunisation Cover Shropshire

A national call/recall for children aged 1-6 who have missed one or both doses of MMR was launched at the end of September 2022.

There is a national push to ensure children are fully vaccinated against polio.

A small number of GP's have a low uptake of pre-school booster at 5 years and this is being looked at to try to increase coverage including opportunistic vaccination in GP Practices.

[Cover of vaccination evaluated rapidly \(COVER\) programme quarterly data www.gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/cover-of-vaccination-evaluated-rapidly-cover-programme-quarterly-data)

Flu vaccination programme for all eligible cohorts commenced October 2022. Uptake for 2-3 year old remains poor despite national promotional campaigns.

Uptake of shingles vaccinations remain lower than the England average in ages 71-73 and 80. It is anticipated that shingles vaccination in the over 70's will improve now that it is included in the Quality Outcomes framework.

[Vaccination uptake guidance and the latest coverage data -www.gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/vaccination-uptake-guidance-and-the-latest-coverage-data)

Screening uptake Shropshire

Breast screening backlog clearance was on target to be completed by November 2022.

Bowel screening service is now fully recovered. They have implemented the roll out for screening for 56-year-olds.

Cervical screening – some delays reported for colposcopy and these are being reviewed.

Communicable disease

Flu- is at expected levels, we have seen some increase in numbers of cases as we move through 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 increased slightly during December.

Government guidance for care homes was updated from 22nd December 2022. The full details are available [here](#)

[Infection prevention and control in adult social care: COVID-19 supplement - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/infection-prevention-and-control-in-adult-social-care-covid-19-supplement)

Mask wearing is now required only in situations where there is a risk of transmission. The testing regimen remains in place, and unchanged.

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

Tuberculosis - A cross ICS TB meeting will take place 23 January 2023.

The agenda will include

- Terms of reference
- local service provision to individuals who are cases of TB and the management of outbreaks
- TB screening

Group A Streptococcus

Group A Streptococcus (GAS) is a bacterium which can colonise the throat and skin. It can present as illness in a number of ways:

- Tonsillitis
- Pharyngitis
- Scarlet Fever
- Impetigo
- Cellulitis
- Pneumonia

Very rarely it presents as a more serious illness invasive Group A Streptococcus (iGAS). All cases of GAS and iGAS are treatable with antibiotics.

Both GAS and iGAS are notifiable diseases

In line with the trend across the UK, Shropshire saw an increase in the number of cases of Group A Streptococcus. This was particularly the case during December 2022. Cases were mainly reported in school aged children.

Foodborne and waterborne disease

Campylobacter- numbers remain largest reported foodborne bacteria. The number of cases has decreased slightly in Q3.

Other foodborne and waterborne- case numbers remain low, with the exception of Salmonella. Salmonella cases have risen again in the third quarter compared to 2020/21 but are comparable with 2019. Numbers of cases remain relatively low.

Part two

Health Protection Developments

The Shropshire Telford and Wrekin Health Protection Strategy has been published. This was approved via the Health Protection governance pathway, signed off by the Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin Health Protection Board. Copy is attached. An implementation action plan has been developed. The implementation plan will be in place between 2022 – 2027, a regular progress report will be presented to the Health Protection Board. A summary update will be presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board at each board meeting.

An Avian Flu pathway for testing and antiviral prophylaxis have been agreed by the ICB. The service is in the process of being commissioned.

Multi-agency support has been set up to support migrant health.