

Title: Initial Report -Health Protection

Wards Affected: All

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1. Achievements since last meeting

- 1.1 The following report to the Health and Wellbeing Boards of Devon County Council, Plymouth City Council and Torbay Council provides a summary of the assurance functions of the Health Protection Committee (of the three Boards) and significant matters considered since its inaugural meeting on 15th October 2013.

2. Challenges for the next three months

- 2.1 The report summarises action taken to date against the programme of health protection work priorities established by the committee for the period 2014 to 2015.

The report considers challenges under the following domains of health protection: communicable disease control and environmental hazards

1. Immunisation and screening: Improvement in immunisation and screening uptake rates including the introduction of Flu vaccine for all children aged 2, 3 and 4 year old;
2. Health care associated infections (HCAI): To continue to see a reduction in the cases of HCAI Infections in both acute and community settings in particular cases of *Clostridium difficile* and Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) infections.
3. Emergency planning: planning and resilience for potential cases of Pandemic flu and Ebola infections

3. Action required by partners

- 3.1 This report is for information and assurance purposes only

Appendices

None

Background Papers:

The following documents/files were used to compile this report: None
