

Title: Proposed Health Protection Committee for Devon, Plymouth and Torbay
Wards Affected: All
To: Health and Wellbeing Board **On:** 3 December 2013
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1. Purpose

- 1.1 To consider the establishment of Health Protection Committee covering Devon, Plymouth and Torbay.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That, subject to the agree of Devon and Plymouth's Health and Wellbeing Boards, the establishment of the Health Protection Committee working to the proposed terms of reference in Appendix 1 be approved.

3. Supporting Information

- 3.1 Torbay Council, together with Devon County Council and Plymouth City Council, through their Directors of Public Health, require assurance that appropriate arrangements are in place to protect their public's health. The scope of health protection includes: prevention and control of infectious diseases; immunisation and screening; health-care associated infections; emergency planning and response (including severe weather and environmental hazards).
- 3.2 A Health Protection Committee accountable to the Health and Wellbeing Boards of Devon County Council, Plymouth City Council and Torbay Council is proposed. First and foremost, this Committee will provide an important control function with regards to the requirement assurance arrangements for the health protection system.
- 3.3 The exploration of a formal link with Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly will be explored in due course.
- 3.4 Terms of Reference for the Committee (Appendix 1) have been considered and agreed in principle by Local Authority Directors of Public Health, their Health Protection Lead Officers as well as representatives from Public Health

England (including the Consultant in Communicable Disease Control), NHS
England Area Team and the Clinical Commissioning Groups.

Appendices:

Appendix 1 – Proposed Terms of Reference

Background Papers:

The following documents/files were used to compile this report:

None