

RUTLAND HEALTH & WELLBEING BOARD

23 April 2024

RUTLAND HEALTH PROTECTION ANNUAL REPORT

Report of the Portfolio Holder for Adults and Health

Corporate Priorities:	Support the most vulnerable	
Exempt Information	No	
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DECISION RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Committee:

1. Notes the Rutland Health Protection Annual Report 2023.
2. Recognises the specific health protection issues that have arisen locally, the steps taken to deal with them and the particular areas of focus for the coming year.

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to update the Health and Wellbeing Board on health protection performance, key incidents, risks and other significant matters.

2. BACKGROUND AND MAIN CONSIDERATIONS

- 2.1 Health protection assurance is a statutory duty of the local authority, via the Director of Public Health. It is therefore a key element of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

- 2.2 The key strands of health protection activity are:

- i. Outbreaks and communicable disease (including COVID-19).
- ii. Screening Programmes.
- iii. Immunisation Programmes.
- iv. Healthcare associated infections.

v. Preparedness and response to incidents and emergencies.

2.3 The Local Authority does not commission the majority of services which contribute to protecting the health of the population, but the Director of Public Health should be assured that arrangements are robust and that they are implemented in a way which meets the needs of the population for which they are responsible.

3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

3.1 There are no alternative options.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Most Health Protection actions and interventions are the financial responsibility of partners outside of Rutland County Council. This report has no implications for finance.

5. LEGAL AND GOVERNANCE CONSIDERATIONS

5.1 There are no legal or governance considerations.

6. DATA PROTECTION IMPLICATIONS

6.1 A Data Protection Impact Assessments (DPIA) has not been completed because there are no risks/issues to the rights and freedoms of natural persons.

7. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

7.1 An Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) has not been completed at this stage because the report does not include a new service or a change in the service provision.

8. CONCLUSION AND SUMMARY OF REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1 Health protection is an essential element in local health, social care strategies and initiatives including Better Care Together/Sustainability Transformation Plan and also to urgent care work streams.

8.2 It is considered beneficial for the Health and Wellbeing Board to understand the assurance functions of the Leicestershire, Leicester and Rutland (LLR) Health Protection Assurance Board and receive an overview of the health protection performance, key incidents, risks and other significant matters which have arisen during 2023.

9. APPENDICES

9.1 Appendix A – Rutland Health Protection Annual Report 2023

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