

## Report to Gloucestershire Health and Wellbeing Board

<b>Report Title</b>	<b>Health Protection Assurance Report Annual Report 2023-2024</b>  <b>Update to the Health and Wellbeing Board</b>
Meeting Date	30 July 2024
Item for decision or information?	For information
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Organisation	Gloucestershire County Council
Background	<p>The Director of Public Health (DPH) is required to seek assurance on how local authorities and other agencies in the county, including the NHS, are planning for health protection risks and taking action to reduce impacts. To enable this, the Health Protection Assurance Board (HPAB) was established in 2012. This Board was integral to the management of Local Outbreak Management Plans and Covid Outbreak Management Funding (COMF) during the Covid-19 pandemic.</p> <p>Board members have recently agreed that this meeting will be reduced to bi-annual, with a Health Protection Assurance Report (the 'Report') produced annually to provide assurance of the systems capabilities to the DPH. Although in existing governance arrangements HPAB is accountable to the Health and Wellbeing Board, they have not historically provided structured updates. Going forwards the report will be shared in writing annually with the Gloucestershire Health and Wellbeing Board. HPAB will remain an exemplar of agility, with the ability to stand up and increase frequency as required and with immediacy.</p>
Key Points	<p>The Annual Report seeks to collate and promote the ongoing work across local authority and healthcare systems in Gloucestershire and shines a light on both the challenges, but equally the successes that our partners, Members and the public can take assurance from, and pride in.</p> <p>Six key strategic aims are described in the report, covering a breadth of health priorities for Gloucestershire and recognising the ever-changing demographics and landscape of care and health protection across the county: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Protect the population against key vaccine-preventable diseases by maximising immunisation uptake (<i>with a target of 95% coverage of all child-age immunisations</i>).</li> <li>ii. Minimise the spread of common infections through prevention and control measures (including hand and respiratory hygiene).</li> <li>iii. Minimise the transmission of Tuberculosis and Blood Borne Viruses (BBV) including Hepatitis B (HBV) and Hepatitis C (HCV).</li> </ol>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>iv. Minimise the harm caused by outbreaks and incidents.</li> <li>v. Ensure that no harm is caused by preventable health and social care associated infections and reduce harms and long-term risks from antimicrobial resistance.</li> <li>vi. Enable people to live and work in areas with good air quality.</li> </ul> <p>The Director of Public Health has examined arrangements for health protection in Gloucestershire and will share this Health Protection Assurance Report with the Health and Wellbeing Board in line with their (the DPH's) statutory responsibility to ensure that adequate arrangements are in place for the surveillance, prevention, planning, and response required to protect the health of the population of Gloucestershire.</p>
<p>Recommendations to Board:</p>	<p>To consider the full report included.</p>