



## HEALTH & WELLBEING BOARD

**Subject Heading:**

Health Protection Forum Annual Report  
2017-2018

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**The subject matter of this report deals with the following themes of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy**

- ☒ Theme 1: Primary prevention to promote and protect the health of the community and reduce health inequalities
- ☒ Theme 2: Working together to identify those at risk and intervene early to improve outcomes and reduce demand on more expensive services later on
- ☒ Theme 3: Provide the right health and social care/advice in the right place at the right time
- ☒ Theme 4: Quality of services and user experience

### SUMMARY

The Director of Public Health (DPH), on behalf of the local authority, must ensure that there are preventative strategies in place locally to tackle key threats to health. The DPH is mandated to provide leadership for health protection and has a responsibility to be absolutely assured that arrangements to protect the health of the community are robust and implemented appropriately; escalating concerns as necessary.

The Havering Health Protection Forum (HPF) supports the Council DPH in discharging this duty; by contributing to surveillance and challenge of local health protection arrangements. This annual report summarises the work of the HPF during 2017/18 and priorities for 2018/19 and is the result of collaboration and input from key partners, including Public Health England, NHS England, Clinical Commissioning Group, Havering Borough Resilience Forum, BHRUT, NELFT, and LBH Public Protection.



Overall, as the report illustrates, partners continue to work well together. Some parts of the health protection system have been strengthened over the past year, such as the adoption of an Air Quality Action Plan, and the establishment of a sub-regional Antenatal and Newborn Screening Board.

The HPF has a work programme for 18/19, which is included as an appendix in the report. The work programme has been developed in response to the identification of priority issues that require improvement or closer scrutiny, or where the HPF considers that there is value in partner organisations coming together to look at existing arrangements and considering whether there is anything further that could be done to make improvements locally (see page 4 of the report).

The style of this report has been changed following feedback in 2017 that the report was heavily detailed.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to

- note the report, requesting further information/clarification on any aspect of the content
- comment on the style of the report, and whether the presentation is helpful

## REPORT DETAIL

As attached

## IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

No further risks in addition to those already managed by relevant organisations that are responsible for health protection functions.

## BACKGROUND PAPERS

None