

## HEALTH & WELLBEING BOARD

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

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>The wider determinants of health</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase employment of people with health problems or disabilities</li> <li>Develop the Council and NHS Trusts as anchor institutions that consciously seek to maximise the health and wellbeing benefit to residents of everything they do.</li> <li>Prevent homelessness and minimise the harm caused to those affected, particularly rough sleepers and consequent impacts on the health and social care system.</li> </ul>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Lifestyles and behaviours</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The prevention of obesity</li> <li>Further reduce the prevalence of smoking across the borough and particularly in disadvantaged communities and by vulnerable groups</li> <li>Strengthen early years providers, schools and colleges as health improving settings</li> </ul>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>The communities and places we live in</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Realising the benefits of regeneration for the health of local residents and the health and social care services available to them</li> <li>Targeted multidisciplinary working with people who, because of their life experiences, currently make frequent contact with a range of statutory services that are unable to fully resolve their underlying problem.</li> </ul>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Local health and social care services</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Development of integrated health, housing and social care services at locality level.</li> </ul>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>BHR Integrated Care Partnership Board Transformation Board</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Older people and frailty and end of life</li> <li>Long term conditions</li> <li>Children and young people</li> <li>Mental health</li> <li>Planned Care</li> </ul>

Cancer  
Primary Care  
Accident and Emergency Delivery Board  
Transforming Care Programme Board

## SUMMARY

The Havering Health Protection Forum (HPF) supports the Director of Public Health (DPH) in fulfilling their statutory duty to protect the health of Havering’s residents, by both supporting and constructively challenging local health protection arrangements.

Over the past year, our resilience, dedication, and adaptability have been tested as we navigated emerging health threats, sustained efforts against longstanding challenges, and advanced initiatives to promote equitable access to health protection measures. This 2024 Annual Report highlights our ongoing commitment to proactive preparedness, effective response, and continuous improvement in public health outcomes.

Overall, health protection arrangements in Havering continue to function effectively. Throughout the year, we have seen strong partnerships that have enhanced our capacity to prevent, detect, and mitigate health risks. Through vaccination programmes, disease surveillance, community engagement, and environmental health monitoring, these collaborative efforts have played a vital role in protecting and promoting public health across the borough.

Each section of the report outlines how the local health protection system operates in relation to a particular topic, provides key data trends or a visual system overview, summarises current concerns or notable developments, and highlights significant actions underway.

We have reviewed the actions arising from the 2022/23 Annual Report and outlined the progress made. In addition, proposed actions for 2025 are included (see pages 6 to 9).

It is intended that this report will be presented to the Borough Partnership for further discussion on strengthening health protection arrangements across Havering.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

For the Health and Wellbeing Board to note the contents of the report, including proposed key topics of focus for 2025, and Health Protection Forum plans to present the report to the Borough Partnership to consider where local health protection arrangements may be further strengthened

## REPORT DETAIL

As attached.

## IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS



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There are no additional risks beyond those already addressed by the relevant organisations responsible for health protection functions.

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None