

DUDLEY HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

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Purpose	This report highlights how partners in Dudley work together to ensure that the health of Dudley residents is protected. It highlights current health protection issues and the action that has been taken to protect public health during 2018/19
Background	Health protection is concerned with the prevention and control of infectious diseases and environmental threats to the health of our population. Dudley Council has a statutory duty to take steps to protect public health and have oversight of the local health protection system.
Key Points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Environmental Health Team take action to protect the public from risks posed by foodborne illness, legionella, poor air quality and other risks/pollutants. Food standards Agency ratings show that 92.4% of 2,058 food premises are in the top three bands of ratings 3 to 5. • This year the Council has worked with Black Country Authorities on an Air Quality feasibility study and as a result we were awarded over £1,560,000 to deliver bus retrofit and signal optimisation in specific areas. Mobile real time air quality have been purchased so that we can more accurately identify the areas of the borough to target and to inform the measures that we can take in each specific location. • The Dudley Tb nursing service (based in the Dudley Group NHS Trust), ensure that those diagnosed with Tb are successfully diagnosed and treated, using Directly

	<p>Observed Therapy (DOTs) for up to six months. Their work was further strengthened this year by the recruitment of a community pharmacist to support those misusing drug and alcohol. Dudley continues to have the lowest Tb rate in Birmingham and the Black Country.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dudley Health Protection Team have led work to ensure that council services are resilient in dealing with a wider range of threats and hazards, through the strengthening of training, staff resources and business continuity arrangements. • Dudley Health Protection Team have worked with partners across Dudley to provide and disseminate information about the support available to help older people to stay safe and well in cold weather through the <i>Winter Wellbeing</i> campaign. • Dudley Health Protection Team led a multi-agency group across the NHS and social care to improve the care of residents with long term urinary catheters and reduce the risk of them developing serious bloodstream infections. The <i>My Personal Urinary Catheter Passport</i> was recognised by the House of Commons All Party Continence Group as an example of good practice, and was included as an example of good practice on the Unplanned Admissions Consensus Committee website. • Dudley has some of the highest immunisation rates in England and the region. However, nationally the rate of children being vaccinated continues to fall and the report highlights the work being undertaken to reverse the trend in Dudley. • Moving forward we will continue to strengthen partnership approaches to health protection and we will test the system response to health protection incidents.
<p>Emerging issues for discussion</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dudley has some of the highest immunisation rates in the region. However, nationally the number children being vaccinated continues to fall and this trend is reflected in Dudley • Air Quality continues to be a challenge The Council is currently developing a schools and air quality project. The project will work with the local primary schools to improve local air quality by encouraging a reduction in car usage for the school run.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health Protection partners are also currently exploring ways to promote community emergency planning to increase the resilience of Dudley communities
Key asks of the Board/wider system	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There will need to be a focus on immunisation if we are to reverse the falls seen in uptake nationally and prevent outbreaks locally. Work together to strength community resilience, so the people of Dudley are better prepared when incidents happen.
Contribution to H&WBB key goals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Healthy weight Reducing loneliness & isolation Reducing impact of poverty 	<p>A robust health protection system, protects the most vulnerable groups within the population of the borough who are at greatest risk from the consequences of infectious disease or environmental hazards.</p> <p>People living in poverty and those socially isolated can be more vulnerable to health threats than the rest of the community. Developing resilience across all communities must therefore be a priority for Health and Wellbeing Board partners</p>
Contribution to Dudley Vision 2030	The actions within this report help to contribute to maintaining a healthy, resilient community

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