

Subject: Vaccination/Immunisation Update
Date of Meeting: 14 April 2010
Report of: The Director of Strategy and Governance
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Wards Affected: All

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

- 1.1 When the Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee (HOSC) formulated its 2009-2010 work programme, one of the items requested was a report on immunisation/vaccination in the city. NHS Brighton & Hove has supplied information on this subject, and this is attached as **Appendix 1** to this report.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That members note the content of this report and its appendix.

3. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 Immunisation/vaccination is widely used to protect people against a variety of infectious diseases. However, treatment is optional, and vaccination rates can consequently vary from area to area as individuals (or most commonly parents making decisions on behalf of their dependant children) choose to opt out of certain treatments or fail to arrange the necessary appointments.
- 3.2 **Appendix 1** to this report contains detailed information on the range of immunisation/vaccination services available to Brighton & Hove residents, and the uptake of these services.

4. CONSULTATION

- 4.1 No formal consultation has been undertaken in compiling this report.

5. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

5.1 There are none to this report for information.

Legal Implications:

5.2 None, as the report is for noting only.

Lawyer Consulted: Oliver Dixon; Date: 01/03/10

Equalities Implications:

5.3 Members may wish to ascertain the degree to which 'poor' uptake of immunisation/vaccination services correlates with membership of specific 'communities' (e.g. BME communities, areas of deprivation etc); and if it does, what ameliorative steps are being taken.

Sustainability Implications:

5.4 None identified.

Crime & Disorder Implications:

5.5 None identified.

Risk and Opportunity Management Implications:

5.6 None identified.

Corporate / Citywide Implications:

5.7 None identified.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

1. Information provided by NHS Brighton & Hove

Documents in Members' Rooms:

None

Background Documents:

None