

Bristol Health and Wellbeing Board

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### 1. Executive Summary

This annual health protection report covers the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 (financial year 2022–23). The report provides an overview of health protection in Bristol, highlighting areas of success and key risks requiring priority action for each of the following 11 areas:

- Immunisation
- Screening
- Sexual health
- Healthcare Acquired Infections and Antimicrobial resistance
- Tuberculosis
- COVID-19
- Environmental Health
- Global population health
- Asylum Seeker and Refugee health
- Non-communicable environmental health risks
- Emergency preparedness, Resilience and Response

#### Key successes and priorities in 2022/23

- Successful continued delivery of COVID-19 vaccination and infection prevention and control across Bristol.
- Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA) screening and breast cancer screening offer no longer impacted by COVID backlog, however staffing and capacity have impacted delivery of screening functions.
- Tackling the increase of gonorrhoea and STI cases.
- Decreased cases of Clostridium difficile, E.coli, pseudomonas aeruginosa and Klebsiella.

## Key priorities for coming year

- To increase uptake of vaccines (child immunisations, flu, COVID-19) and cancer screening offer.
- To focus on recovering the backlog of food inspections.
- Continue to strengthen our preparedness by re-establishing the Local Health Resilience Partnership in light of system level changes.
- Undertake a rapid review of TB for a robust understanding of Bristol's position and need.
- Undertake the recommissioning of integrated sexual health services.
- Increasing screening uptake with a focus on inequalities.

## 2. Purpose of the Paper

This assurance report provides information to the Health and Wellbeing Board of infectious diseases and environmental hazards across Bristol. It gives detail on key areas of work being undertaken to protect the health of Bristol's population.

## 3. Background, evidence base, and what needs to happen

Health protection covers an extensive range of exposures, risks, and disease – from air quality to port health, and cancer screening to tuberculosis.

The annual report gathers data from a variety of national and local sources to present an overview of the performance of the city in addressing health protection issues and measures against national and regional targets in line with published strategies. This enables the Health Protection Committee to agree recommendations for a workplan for the coming year across the partnership.

## 4. Community/stakeholder engagement

Contributions to this report came from the BCC Health Protection team and the wider BCC Public Health team, BCC Environmental Health, BCC Civil Protection, The Office for Health Improvement and Disparities and the UK Health Security Agency (two organisations that replaced Public Health England), the BNSSG ICB (which replaced the BNSSG CCG), and NHS England. The report has been ratified by the Bristol Health Protection Committee and will also be shared with the BNSSG ICS.

## 5. Recommendations

This report enables the Director of Public Health to provide assurance to the Health and Wellbeing Board (H&WB), that the health of the residents of Bristol is being protected in a proactive and effective way.

The board is asked to approve the report and the approach we are taking.

## 6. City Benefits

The health protection actions enable the population to be protected from infectious diseases, identify cancer at an early stage and address health emergencies, among other benefits.

Addressing inequalities and inclusion health is an integral part of protecting the health of the whole population.

## **7. Financial and Legal Implications**

Not applicable.

## **8. Appendices**

The full report is available as a separate supplement.