

For general release

REPORT TO:	HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE SUB-COMMITTEE 12 NOVEMBER 2019
SUBJECT:	IMMUNISATION PRIORITIES IN CROYDON

ORIGIN OF ITEM:	The Sub-Committee has identified increasing the take up of immunisation as one of the key challenges local health care providers and as such has requested a review of the ongoing activities in this area.
BRIEF FOR THE COMMITTEE:	The Sub-Committee is provided with a presentation on the immunisation priorities in the borough with a view to informing a discussion on the information contained.

1. IMMUNISATION PRIORITIES IN CROYDON

- 1.1 The Health and Social Care Sub-Committee is provided with a presentation on the immunisation priorities in the borough. The presentation is set out in Appendix A.
- 1.2 The presentation is provided to inform the Sub-Committee's review of immunisation.

Appendices

Appendix A: Presentation - Immunisation priorities in Croydon

Contact Officer:

Simon Trevaskis: Senior Democratic Service & Governance Officer – Scrutiny

Email: simon.trevaskis@croydon.gov.uk

Immunisation priorities in Croydon

Rachel Flowers – Director of Public Health

November 2019

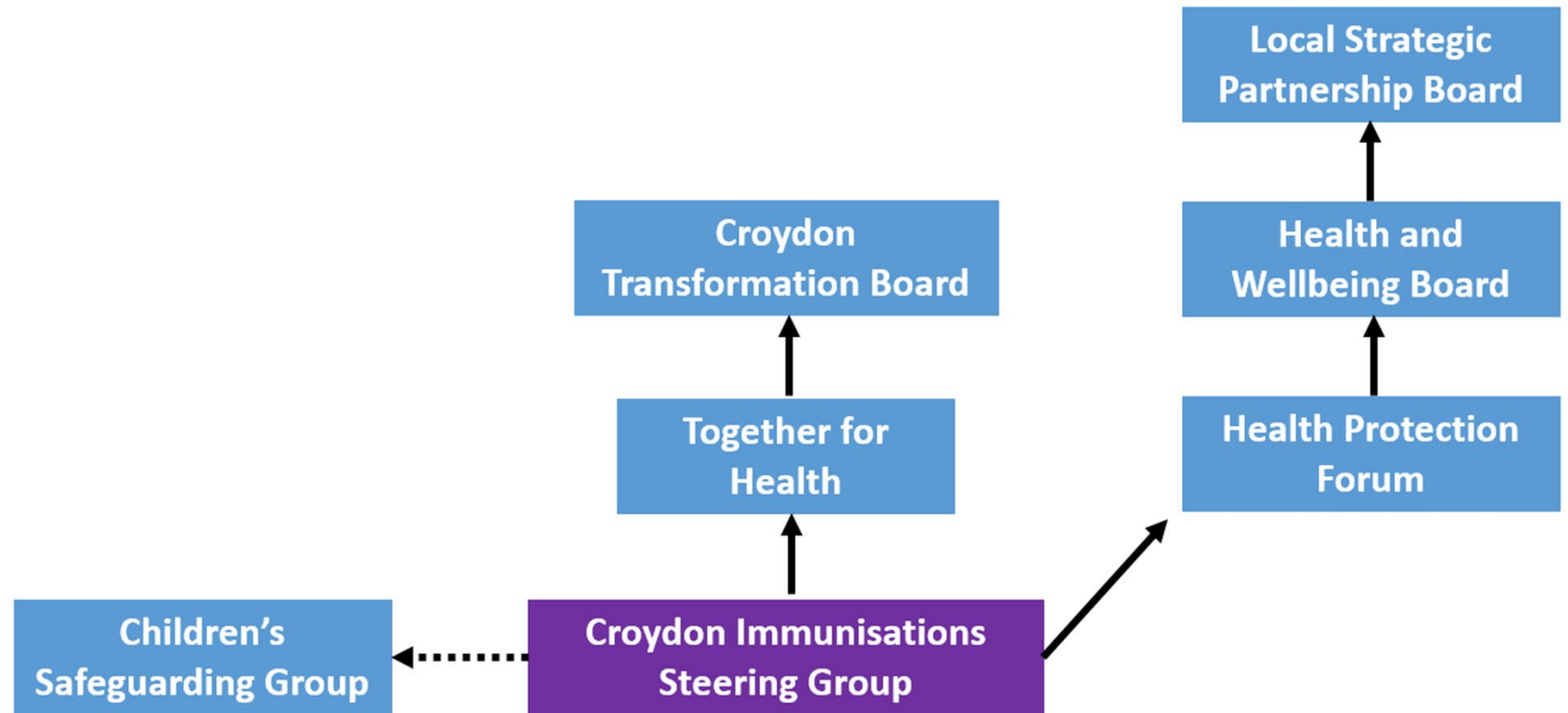
Immunisation priorities in Croydon 2019

- MMR – national priority in the context of global outbreaks, e.g. across Europe and the US. In Croydon overall low uptake of MMR as well as significant numbers of unvaccinated and partially immune adults across all age groups. In addition variation in immunisation rates across Croydon with coverage rates as low as 13%.
- Seasonal flu – variations in the uptake of flu vaccine among people 65 and over, children
- Tb and BCG – latent Tb screening pathways, BCG and latent Tb screening for Looked after children, unvaccinated high risk children as a result of the global shortage of vaccine in 2016/17
- Hep B vaccination for infants – recent changes to pathways leading to possible fragmentation, risk and opportunities around the introduction of new CHIS (Child Health Information Service)

Croydon immunisation steering group

- Established in April 2019 in response to the publication of the UK measles and rubella elimination strategy
- System wide engagement of partners (LBC across various departments, CCG, CHS, Public Health England, NHS England, South London Health Protection Team). Reporting to the Health and Wellbeing Board via quarterly Health Protection updates and reporting to One Croydon via Proactive and Preventive care board. (see Governance slide)
- Aims to identify and address local immunisation priorities and develop joint local action plans
- April – Measles elimination action plan
- June – Seasonal flu joint local action plan
- July – Tb and BCG updates on work streams (latent Tb screening pathways, changes to provision of BCG to infants and unvaccinated children as a result of global shortage of vaccine)

Croydon immunisation steering group - Governance



Croydon immunisation steering group – progress update

1. MMR

- Comprehensive action plan developed with stakeholders following recommendations from the UK Measles and Rubella elimination strategy – 4 work streams

1. Achieve and sustain $\geq 95\%$ coverage in the routine childhood programme

2. Achieve and sustain $\geq 95\%$ coverage with two doses of MMR vaccine in older age cohorts through opportunistic and targeted catch up (>5 years old)

3. Strengthen measles and rubella surveillance

4. Ensure easy access to high-quality, evidence-based information

- Action owners update regularly and action plan updated to reflect progress
- National Behavioural Insights Team engaged to conduct research into local reasons for low vaccination uptake

Croydon immunisation steering group – progress update

1. MMR continued

- Support to NHSE 10 and 11 years of age catch up, GP practices will be expected to demonstrate they have checked immunisation status.
- Letters from NHSE and DPH to schools, parents and carers to highlight the importance of immunisations
- The school nursing immunisation team visit all special needs schools including Pupil Referral Units and uses assemblies to give evidence-based information to improve pupil awareness of the importance of vaccinations.
- All young people will be given the opportunity to self-consent if there is no consent form returned from their parent and they do not have a complete history of MMR vaccination
- Vaccinations will be included in the new SRE programme (Sex and relationship education) in schools
- The CCG Practice variation team investigate the use of real-time practice data to improve analysis and information sharing and support to GPs.
- NHS England have recently started a college and university campaign. The colleges that are participating in the MenACWY and MMR campaign are Coulsdon, John Ruskin, Croydon college and CALAT Strand House.
- LBC Behaviour Change Hub - development of simplified messages delivered by front line staff
- National Behaviour Insights Team – research into local reasons for low uptake of MMR

Croydon immunisation steering group – progress update

2. Seasonal flu

- Developing joint local Flu Plan with Croydon CCG and local partners across Croydon (linking into SW London Flu Strategy Group and regional strategic conversations)
 - Support to providers of flu vaccination in schools
 - Joined up communication messages across organisations
 - Successful launch of Croydon Council flu voucher programme – LBC one of only few councils offering vaccination to all staff
 - Croydon Health Services – successful start of this years vaccination campaign resulting in record uptake by staff in the initial weeks
 - Support to care home steering board to promote flu vaccine to staff and residents in care homes

Croydon immunisation steering group – progress update

3. Tb and BCG

- Engagement of local partners to understand all aspects of Tb and BCG and coordinate local approach
- Pathway development for Latent Tb screening led by Croydon CCG – integration of services for looked after children and homeless people
- Information and shared awareness of changes to the provision of BCG vaccination to neonates to revert from universal immunisation in maternity services to risk based immunisation in the community by September 2020
- Coordination of approach to commissioning of comprehensive BCG and Tb services for looked after children in Croydon
- Exploration of ramifications of global shortage of BCG vaccine in 2016 and 2017 and ensuing unvaccinated children living in high risk families. Scoping of options for opportunistic vaccination.

Croydon immunisation steering group – progress update

4. Hep B immunisation to infants – covered by the Health Protection Forum in 2018, update to immunisation steering board

- Shared understanding of changes to pathways and provision of vaccinations
- Overview of local performance and assurance of safe levels of provision
- Shared understanding of the implementation of the new CHIS (child health information system)
- Shared access to child health records by multiple services
- Centralised call – recall function
- Following of high risk groups, e.g. looked after children to ensure comprehensive immunisation