

MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM 4

HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL

26 FEBRUARY 2013

CHILDREN WITH COMPLEX NEEDS – EVIDENCE FROM PUBLIC HEALTH RELATING TO CHILDHOOD IMMUNISATION

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1. To introduce senior representation from the Directorate of Public Health, in attendance to provide information relating to Childhood Immunisation in Middlesbrough.

RECOMMENDATIONS

2. That the Health Scrutiny Panel notes the information relating to Childhood Immunisation programmes and incorporates the evidence into the overall review.

Consideration

3. At a previous meeting, evidence was submitted by the Directorate of Public Health, which suggested that two of the most significant determinants on infant health are low birth weight/pre-term delivery and immunisation take up.
4. The Panel will recall that at its meeting on 5th December 2012, senior public health staff presented a paper to the Panel, outlining key data around low birth weight/pre-term deliveries in Middlesbrough. To develop that information around the determinants of child health, senior Public Health professionals will be in attendance at the meeting today to present a paper on Childhood Immunisation in Middlesbrough, which is a crucial element when considering infant health in Middlesbrough.
5. As a starting point, the Directorate of Public Health was asked to consider the following questions and address them in the attached paper.

- 5.1 *For a child born today in Middlesbrough, what is the programme of immunisations it would normally be offered? I.e. When would the child be immunised and for what?*
- 5.2 *What, in your professional view and according to evidence, are the dangers of people not being immunised according to the national schedule asked about in question 1? Both to the individual and the wider population level health? Could it cause a significant strain to local health services?*
- 5.3 *What are the immunisation rates, for the past three years, for children in each electoral ward in Middlesbrough? Does that data exist?*
- 5.4 *Where does Middlesbrough rank, relating to the national average for immunisation uptake?*
- 5.5 *The Panel has already heard that Middlesbrough may, in some areas, have low uptake of immunisation programmes. What has been done previously to combat this?*
- 5.6 *What, in your view as DPH, should be done to improve engagement with, and uptake of, immunisation programmes?*
- 5.7 *What, in your view as DPH, would constitute an acceptable rate of immunisation uptake?*
6. It is anticipated that representatives of the Directorate of Public Health will initially speak to the attached report, before addressing questions from the Panel. At the conclusion of the discussion, the Panel is asked to incorporate the evidence received into the overall review and consider whether it opens up any other avenues of potential enquiry.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

7. Please see attached paper from Directorate of Public Health.

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