

EXECUTIVE MEMBER REPORT TO COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE MEMBER: Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health, Public Protection and Digital Inclusion

DATE OF MEETING: 29 March 2023

The purpose of this report is to provide an update to members on areas of activity within my portfolio including performance against strategic priorities.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Strategic Priority: Adult Social Care

Assurance / Care Quality Commission Inspection Framework

Update: We are pleased to report that our Directorate is making significant progress in developing a Service Improvement Programme that is fully aligned with the forthcoming CQC Assurance Framework. The overall aim of this programme is to enhance the quality and safety of our services and ensure that we meet the needs of all our stakeholders, including our clients, staff, regulators, and other key partners.

The Service Improvement Programme is being developed through a collaborative and inclusive process that involves all relevant stakeholders. We have designed the programme to focus on the following themes which are lifted from the CQC framework: Working with people; Providing Support; Ensuring Safety; Leadership. Each of these areas is expected to contribute to overall quality improvement, and the corresponding measures will help us fulfil the requirements of the Care Quality Commission when we are inspected by them in future.

To ensure that our Service Improvement Programme is aligned with CQC requirements, we are regularly reviewing and updating our policies, processes, and performance indicators. We are also using feedback from our clients, staff, and other stakeholders as inputs to guide our ongoing improvement efforts.

We are confident that our Service Improvement Programme will enable us to provide high-quality, safe, and person-centred services, and we remain committed to continuous improvement and delivering the best possible outcomes for our service users and stakeholders.

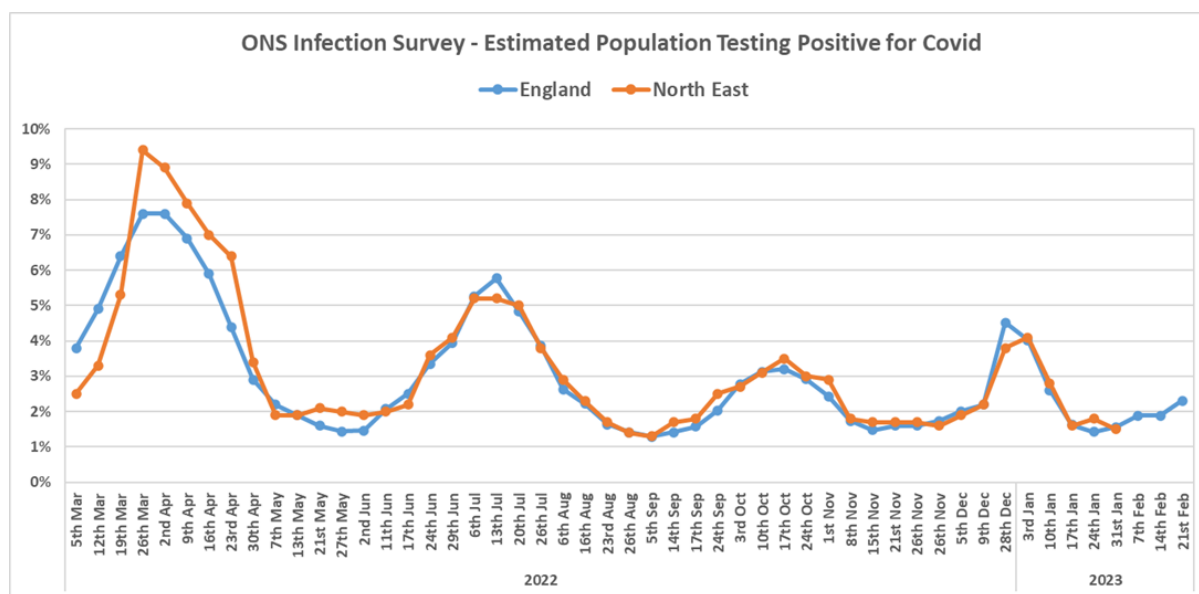
Accessing Change Together (ACT) Review

Update: The Adult Social Care component of ACT includes our housing services and domestic abuse staff teams and resources. We have recently conducted a consultation with staff on some proposed changes to the structure and these have now been implemented. These changes ensure a more effective integration between services in response to domestic abuse; substance misuse and homelessness and provides greater assurance that the Council is able to deliver its duties on adult safeguarding.

DIRECTORATE PRIORITIES

COVID-19 Update

- Cases** – Latest ONS infection survey (w/e 21st Feb) shows an estimated weekly infection rate of 2.3% (1 in 45 people) of population in England. This has seen a slight rise in recent weeks but remains low as shown in the graph below (regional data is now only available monthly). In Middlesbrough there were 49 confirmed cases in previous 7 days to 25th Feb or a rate of 35 per 100,000, compared to a rate of 43 per 100,000 in England. Both Middlesbrough and England have seen decreases compared to previous week. Since mid-January 2023, the Omicron variant BA.2.75 and its sub-lineages have comprised the largest proportion of all sequenced infections.
- Hospital Patients** - Latest data from South Tees Trust (6th Mar) shows there are 77 Covid positive patients at South Tees Trust, a decrease compared to 83 previous week. Currently 1 in critical care compared to 3 previous week.
- Deaths** – There has been 1 Covid death in Middlesbrough for the week ending 17th Feb with a total of 4 Covid deaths in the previous 4 weeks.
- Vaccinations** – The percentage of people aged 50 and over who have received an autumn booster COVID-19 vaccination in Middlesbrough was 61.1%, compared to 67.9% for North East and 64.8% for England. The spring 2023 booster is currently being planned.



Flu Update

- **Cases** – Influenza surveillance up to week 8 (2nd March 23) shows a low positivity rate of 2.4% in England, a figure which has remained low over the previous several weeks compared to the significantly high peak of cases at the end of 2023, which was an earlier peak during the season compared to previous seasons.
- **Vaccinations** – The table below shows flu vaccination uptake rates in Middlesbrough and compared to regional and national rates for the key target groups. Uptake across all groups is lower across Middlesbrough GPs compared to the regional and national rates as of February 2023.

Flu Monthly GP Collection - February 2022-23

Area	65 plus	65 plus (at-risk only)	Under 65 (all patients)	Under 65 (at-risk only)	Pregnant and NOT IN a clinical risk group	Pregnant and IN a clinical risk group	All Pregnant Women
Middlesbrough GPs	79.2%	82.2%	24.6%	47.5%	31.6%	43.6%	33.3%
Tees Valley CCG	81.3%	84.0%	25.2%	48.3%	31.9%	49.3%	34.1%
Cumbria & North East STP	82.9%	85.3%	28.2%	52.1%	33.4%	49.4%	35.6%
England	81.0%	84.0%	25.2%	50.2%	33.7%	48.4%	35.6%

Source - ImmForm Flu Data Collection

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