



City of Westminster

Westminster Health & Wellbeing Board

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Title:	Measles Mumps and Rubella (MMR) vaccination in Westminster
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1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 The attached report, submitted by NHS England, provides information on the position of the measles mumps and rubella vaccination (MMR) in Westminster.

2. Key Matters for the Board's Consideration

- 2.1 The Westminster Health and Wellbeing Board are asked to:
- Note the role roles and responsibilities of organisations in relation immunisation programme
 - Note the local data for the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea
 - Consider the approach set out by NHSE England to improve uptake in immunisation programmes and what partner organisations should do to support this; and
 - Support the continuation of an evidence-based approach to joint working in the future to ensure that sustainable improvement in MMR (and the remaining childhood vaccinations) uptake can be realised.

3. Background

- 3.1 Prior to the Health and Social Care Act 2012, immunisations were commissioned by Primary Care Trusts (PCTs) and delivered by local providers to local populations. As of the 1st April 2013, the changes to the health services landscape have meant that the roles and responsibilities relating to immunisations programmes have changed.
- 3.2 The Department of Health is responsible for national strategic oversight, policy and finance for the national screening and immunisation programmes. This includes overall system stewardship.
- 3.3 Public Health England is responsible for supporting DH and NHS England with system leadership, national planning and implementation of immunisations programmes as well as providing specialist advice and information to ensure consistency across the country
- 3.4 NHS England is responsible for commissioning the local provision of immunisation services and the implementation of new programmes through general practice and other providers.
- 3.5 Locally, local Government has responsibility for taking steps to improve the public's health and has responsibilities that relate to health protection. Clinical Commissioning Groups have a duty to put and keep in place arrangements for the purposes of monitoring and improving the quality of health care.

Opportunities

- 3.9 The new configuration of the health system has created various opportunities to improve the quality of commissioning, service provision and uptake of vaccination programmes.
- 3.10 In London, NHS England has a single commissioning team for immunisations which has enabled the development of robust processes for contracting, commissioning and monitoring providers of immunisations. This supports a consistent approach to driving up quality and improving uptake. NHS England has also developed strong governance arrangements, such as the London Immunisations Board, that have clear lines of accountability through to the national oversight group. These governance arrangements enable timely identification of issues and concerns and support a consistent approach to address underperformance.
- 3.11 A number of projects and actions are also underway in London to help improve uptake which will have an impact within Westminster. This includes projects in primary care, improving data flow and the use of data to improve quality and system wide projects to ensure good oversight and the sharing of best practice.

3.12 However, there are various opportunities for NHS England, CCGs and local authorities to collaborate to ensure sustainable improvements in uptake rates.

3.13 Central and West London Clinical Commissioning groups have a role to play in:

- Endorsing systems and robust data flows such as the data linkage from primary care to the Child Health Information System (CHIS).
- Advocating commitment to Continuing Professional Development within primary care.
- Facilitating communication between NHS England and general practice
- Addressing local issues in collaboration with NHS England relating to practice delivery of immunisations

3.14 The local authority has a role to play in:

- Facilitating the development of relationships between commissioners of NHS and local authority services e.g. children's services
- Supporting information sharing about immunisations through other local authority commissioned services
- Sharing public health intelligence with NHS England and Clinical Commissioning Groups to understand how to reach underserved population cohorts
- Signpost and raise awareness of Public Health England national immunisations resources.

4. Legal Implications

4.1 None

5. Financial Implications

5.1 N/A

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APPENDICES:

Appendix A: NHS England Report, “Measles Mumps and Rubella Vaccination in Westminster”