

Report to HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

Local Operational Health Economy Outbreak Plan

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Purpose of the Report

For the board to consider Oldham's updated Local Operational Health Economy Outbreak Plan and approve the suggested changes.

Summary

The Local Operational Health Economy Outbreak Plan was developed to ensure clarity on operational roles and responsibilities for each responding organisation in the event of an outbreak in Oldham. It is intended to act as a companion to the GM Multi-Agency Outbreak Plan, providing operational detail and helping responders provide an effective and coordinated approach to outbreaks of communicable disease.

It is important for each organisation, having signed off this plan, to support staff to engage and to embed the multi-agency response to an outbreak and create familiarity over key tasks.

A recent review of the Local Operational Health Economy Outbreaks Plans across the 10 Greater Manchester Localities has led to a refresh and review of the plan for Oldham. The plan has been updated to be in alignment with other localities across Greater Manchester and contact details updated to reflect organisational change across the system.

1. Background

1.1. As part of the Greater Manchester Health Protection Reform work, a review of the Outbreak Plans for the 10 GM Local Authorities was undertaken. The purpose of this exercise was to highlight similarities and differences across the GM system to help support system improvement and cohesion.

1.2. Following analysis of all GM LOMPs, key similarities and differences were highlighted, and a list of things to consider drawn up for localities to assist with updating their plans.

2. Things to consider

2.1 The following were suggested areas of consideration for each locality to look closely at when updating their LOMP:

- Look for areas of duplication and opportunities for streamlining
- Review key contacts list and adjust/update as required.
- Consider the following for inclusion:
 - Isolation support pathways
 - Additions to common outbreak scenarios and challenges
 - Outbreak Control Team (OCT) agenda template

3. Review and update of plan

3.1 The plan was reviewed by the Local Authority Health Protection Team and a list of suggested changes presented at the most recent Health Protection subgroup of the Health and Wellbeing Board. A full list of changes is detailed below to assist the Health and Wellbeing board with reviewing and approving changes.

3.2 Acronyms have been updated to reflect current organisational changes and links to the most current up to date guidance made available in section 1.9.1.

3.2 Contents pages have been updated, with a flow chart added to Section 2.1: Detection and Coordination Roles and Responsibilities, reflecting updated organisation details.

3.3 Additional tables have been added in Section 2.2: Investigations, roles and responsibilities, Section 2.3: Control Measures and Section 2.4: communications roles and responsibilities.

3.4 Additional specific outbreaks have been added to Section 3. These are:

- Outbreaks of IGAS in a care home
- GI outbreak linked to a food premise, swimming pool or petting farm
- Hepatitis A outbreak in a care home

3.5 A section on funding arrangements has been added to section 4b

3.6 In section 4c, Scabies has been added to the table: Outbreak situations not requiring an OCT

3.7 Current Flu pathways for antiviral access and treatment have been added to the table in 4c and also Appendices 1

3.8 Contact numbers have been checked and updated in Appendices 4 with outdated telephone numbers removed. Job titles and organization names have been used rather than named individuals.

4. Issues for Health and Wellbeing board to consider

- 4.1. Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to consider the recommendations from the Greater Manchester Health Protection Reform review of the GM Local Outbreak plans, the changes proposed to the Oldham plan and provide recommendations and final sign off.