
 Brent  North West London	Brent Health and Wellbeing Board 12 January 2023
	Report from the Director of Public Health and NHSE
Childhood Immunisations	

Wards Affected:	All
Key or Non-Key Decision:	Non key
Open or Part/Fully Exempt:	Open
No. of Appendices:	Appendix 1 – Childhood Immunisation Programmes in Brent 2018-2022
Background Papers	None
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1.0 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 The report describes current arrangements for childhood and school aged immunisations including responsibilities for commissioning, delivery and quality assurance. The paper outlines how immunisation coverage statistics are produced and contains the most recent *published* data. Immunisation rates in Brent are consistently below the 95% recommended by WHO for primary immunisations and MMR in order to achieve herd immunity. Rates of school-aged immunisations were impacted by the COVID pandemic and remain low.
- 1.2 Finally, the report discusses action underway to improve childhood and school aged immunisation rates. These include efforts to improve the immunisation offer from primary care (where the majority of primary immunisations are given), to address data quality issues in routine data, to improve communications and to make the school aged immunisation offer more efficient with the provision of catch up clinics

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 Members of the Brent Health and Wellbeing Board are asked to note and support the work that system partners across London, including NHSE (London) the local authority and the ICB are doing to increase vaccination coverage and immunisation uptake in Brent

3.0 Detail

- 3.1 This is contained within the paper from NHSE

4.0 Financial Implications

- 4.1 There are no financial implications arising directly from the report

5.0 Legal Implications

- 5.1 The report describes the legislative arrangements which underpin the commissioning and delivery of childhood immunisations

6.0 Equality Implications

- 6.1 Unfortunately, routine data does not allow for the examination of inequalities in immunisation at a borough level by deprivation, ethnicity or physical / learning disability. Recent experience with COVID vaccination did show such inequalities and action to improve childhood immunisation rates recognises the need for universal *and* targeted immunisation offers, using the learning of partnership work during COVID and local action to address health inequalities through Brent Health Matters.

Report sign off:

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