

**UPDATE ON CHILDHOOD IMMUNISATIONS**

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**Purpose of Report:**

To update the Health and Wellbeing Board on uptake of childhood immunisations and action being undertaken to increase the uptake of routine childhood immunisations.

**1. Present Situation**

- 1.1 Data showing the uptake for vaccinations at 12 months, 24 months and 5 years is shown at the attached **Annex**. RAG rating is based on national targets.
- 1.2 Despite the pandemic, uptake of vaccination has remained at similar levels, or even slightly improved.
- 1.3 Uptake of Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, and polio by five years remains below 90% (Red RAG rating); but has improved. Uptake of the second MMR was below 90% (Red RAG rating); but is now slightly improved being 90.2%) and now Orange RAG rated.

**2. Action to Increase Uptake**

- 2.1 Every practice receives a monthly list of their registered children who have missing vaccinations - MMR, Preschool boosters, Rotavirus.
- 2.2 Practices are tasked with updating the list if a child has received a vaccination or inviting the child for vaccination.
- 2.3 Letter invites have been sent to all children aged 3 years and 6 months to 4 years and 6 months missing one or more MMRs.
- 2.4 There has been increased engagement with primary care around increasing MMR uptake:
  - (a) training of children centre staff; school nurses and health visitors has raised awareness of current immunisation programme and improved confidence in delivering the immunisation message in key staff with substantial parent contact. Training delivered in September 2020;
  - (b) training for receptionists, care navigators, social prescribers and pharmacy counter staff to ensure parents are not turned away from surgeries when requesting immunisation for their child, ensuring immunisation is understood and promoted in a positive manner by all

practice and pharmacy staff has been delivered via MS Teams over the summer of 2020; and

- (c) all practices have been offered structured input through data cleansing, training, and a focus on practices with lower uptake.

### **3. Recommendations**

- 3.1 That the Health and Wellbeing Board support the work being done to address them.