


<p>London Borough of Hammersmith &amp; Fulham</p> <p><b>HEALTH &amp; WELLBEING BOARD</b> 9<sup>th</sup> February 2016</p>	
<p><b>FLU VACCINATION: UPDATE</b></p>	
<p><b>Open Report</b></p>	
<p><b>Classification - For Information</b></p> <p><b>Key Decision: No</b></p>	
<p><b>Wards Affected: All</b></p>	
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## 1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1. Hammersmith and Fulham systems immunisations group has been meeting throughout the flu season. Membership includes Local Authority Public Health, Hammersmith and Fulham CCG, Children's Services, NHS England and CNWL.
- 1.2. The latest nationally published data available is for December 2015. Across London uptake of flu immunisations has dropped in all groups. Hammersmith and Fulham has shown an improvement in uptake among pregnant women, and 3 year olds. The decrease in over 65s and under 65 at-risk groups has been in the context of a London-wide drop.
- 1.3. While the detailed activities of this flu season was described to the board in a November paper, further community engagement, a flu pilot and three flu sessions hosted by three practices offering extended hours access to all registered patients have been undertaken following this.

## 2. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 2.1. Uptake of flu immunisations in Hammersmith and Fulham has been low in previous flu seasons. This year a systems immunisations group has been

convened which brings together the Local Authority, Hammersmith and Fulham CCG and NHS England. This group aims to look at been working to establish reasons and solutions to the poor uptake of flu immunisations in Hammersmith and Fulham, with a particular focus on the 2, 3 and 4 age group.

- 2.2. A full report of the activities around the flu vaccination was submitted to both the Hammersmith and Fulham Health and Wellbeing Board and the Policy and Accountability Committee. The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the latest published flu data, and some notes on the activities of the group since the last paper. A full lessons report on lessons learned and plan for next flu season is planned for March 2016, once the final data is available from Public Health England.

### 3. DATA

Data is published monthly. The latest nationally published data available is for December 2015. Overall, in London there has been a drop in every area. However, Hammersmith and Fulham had shown increased uptake in pregnant women and in 3 year olds, and a much lower drop in 2 and 4 year olds. This may reflect the focus of the systems group which has been on 2, 3 and 4 year olds.

	<b>2 years</b>	<b>3 years</b>	<b>4 years</b>
LBHF Sept-Dec 2014 <sup>1</sup>	25.1%	22.0%	18.9%
<b>LBHF Sept-Dec 2015<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>24.0%</b>	<b>25.1%</b>	<b>18.6%</b>
% Change	-1.1%	+3.1%	-0.3%
London Sept-Dec 2014 <sup>1</sup>	28.4%	30.8%	22.1%
London Sept-Dec 2015 <sup>2</sup>	24.6%	26.8%	20.5%
% Change	-3.8%	-4.0%	-1.6%

	<b>Over 65s</b>	<b>Under 65 'At Risk'</b>	<b>Pregnant Women</b>
LBHF Sept-Dec 2014 <sup>1</sup>	59.2%	36.9%	30.5%
<b>LBHF Sept-Dec 2015<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>56.2%</b>	<b>31.8%</b>	<b>32.2%</b>
% Change	-3.0%	-5.1%	+1.7%
London Sept-Dec 2014 <sup>1</sup>	66.9%	46.6%	38.3
London Sept-Dec 2015 <sup>2</sup>	64.6	41.9	37.2
% Change	-2.3%	-4.7%	-1.1%

Final data for the flu season will not be published until March 2016.

### 4. ACTIVITY UPDATE

The previous report to the Hammersmith and Fulham Health and Wellbeing Board provides a comprehensive list of activities. Below are updates of some actions taken since the last HWBB.

#### **4.1. Flu Pilot in Children's Centres**

Public Health, CCG, NHSE and Children's Services worked together to deliver a flu pilot based in 2 Children's centres in the borough. The pilot was delivered by Vanessa Andrae in four clinics across two Hammersmith and Fulham Children's Centres (Melcombe and Randolph Beresford). 71 children in total were immunised. Promotional activity prior to this (of both the flu vaccine and the pilot), including flyering nurseries, pharmacies and GP surgeries, asking GP surgeries to text patients, distribution by the children's centres and early help teams working in the area were asked to promote the flu vaccine. However the vast majority of immunisations were still opportunistic of children who attended the onsite nursery.

#### **4.2. GP session uptake**

There are three practices in the borough that have been commissioned to provide extended hours services to all H&F registered patients. The commissioned service includes a requirement to immunise eligible patients for flu. In order to maximise uptake across all eligible age groups, each of the three hubs hosted a three hour flu immunisation clinic on a Saturday morning (31<sup>st</sup> October, 28<sup>th</sup> November, 19<sup>th</sup> December and 30<sup>th</sup> January). A total of 217 flu immunisations have been administered to patients at 'weekend plus' hubs this season. Details publicising the January session was issued to all Children's Centres with a view of further maximising uptake amongst the 2-4 year olds.

#### **4.3. Community Engagement Activities**

A flu question and answer session was offered to local residents, community champions and local voluntary sector organisation, it aimed to particularly look at questions related to the porcine gelatine content of the children's flu nasal spray. It took place in Parkview Surgery, adjacent to the White City Estate. There was poor attendance at this event, however this is something that could be considered next season in an alternative location. Some information was gained around potential strategies for engaging the Muslim population in discussion around the children's flu immunisation in future seasons. There was CCG representation at the carers' network event and flu vaccinations were delivered at this event. In addition Public Health have attended Age UK and housing fora to promote the flu immunisation directly to residents.

#### **4.4. School Immunisations**

Local Authority Public Health and Children's services have worked with CNWL, the provider of the school vaccinations service to engage schools in the flu immunisation programme, and those schools which had not engaged were contacted by both CNWL and the local authority to encourage them to agree to a session.

## 5. CONCLUSION AND FUTURE PLANS

- 5.1. The immunisation campaign will continue during February until the end of the vaccine availability. Final uptake data for the 2015/16 season will be published in March 2016.
- 5.2. The systems immunisation group's working has evolved and improved throughout the season. The group will continue to meet and a 'wash-up' session is planned for March, following this years' flu season. Learning from this season has led to a timetable for the flu season 2016/17 already being put in place; the first meeting is planned for June 2016, to begin activities for next year's flu season.
- 5.3. While improvements have been small, this is against a background of a drop in uptake in every eligible group across London. It is hoped that this year's work will be built on next year and Hammersmith and Fulham will see continued improvement in uptake of flu immunisation across all groups.
- 5.4. Many of the actions taken to promote the flu vaccine are also applicable to other immunisations. The group plans to ensure that best practice and the learning from the flu campaign, is expanded to include all immunisations. This will be discussed in further detail in May's systems group.

### **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2000**

#### **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS USED IN PREPARING THIS REPORT**

No.	Description of Background Papers	Name/Ext of holder of file/copy	Department/ Location
	None.		

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