

Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee Report – 30th July 2025

One item on the agenda

Routine Immunisation

- Worcestershire has a high level of population protection against vaccine preventable diseases, and it is important that uptake is maintained or improved.
- The committee were told that Worcestershire's vaccination uptake in the selected vaccination programme was consistently higher than for Midlands and England. The members asked how it compares within Worcestershire in various districts and likewise in another neighbouring county. They will return with answers.
- Measles is one of the most infectious diseases known with each case able to infect up to 15 others if the expected population is unvaccinated. Members asked what happens when residents of Worcestershire go into Birmingham to work and catch these diseases and how NHSE is going to prevent this cross infection?
- MMR uptake in Worcestershire is high compared to the national figure. Their ambition remains to improve the figure from 90.8% significantly for 2 doses at 5 years of age to achieve the highest level of herd immunity.
- Winter planning – NHSE would like to see the start of winter with as many children and adults protected against vaccine preventable diseases.