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Freedom of Information	Open			
Purpose of the Report	<p>The purpose of the report is to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Update the committee on key quality and/or safety issues related to immunisation and vaccination services following an Internal Audit Office report; 2. Inform the committee of actions to improve or mitigate against issues identified; 3. Alert the committee of risks to quality and safety associated with these services. 			
Key Issues	<p>The Internal Audit Office Report has identified 18 recommendations to improve the governance of the Strategic Immunisation Group (SIG) and mitigate against the risk of poor immunisation uptake and missing targets. It has rated the SIG as giving limited assurance to the Board. In response, an action plan has been developed and agreed by senior management and is attached in the appendix.</p>			
Specific Action Required <i>(please ✓ one only)</i>	Information	Discussion	Assurance	Approval
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Recommendations	<p>Members are asked to:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Endorse</p>			

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1. INTRODUCTION

Immunisation is one of the most effective public health interventions. Outside of school flu immunisations, all other Health Board childhood immunisation targets are currently not being met. This is documented in the Health Board's corporate risk register.

All Health Boards in Wales have a required target for childhood immunisations of 95% set by the Welsh Government.

2. BACKGROUND

The overall objective of this audit is to review the arrangements in place to monitor and promote the uptake of vaccinations and immunisations amongst the public.

This audit considered the following:

- The Health Board's Strategic Immunisation Group (SIG) has terms of reference, operates in accordance with them and is attended by representatives from relevant Health Board directorates;
- There is effective communication between the Strategic Immunisation Group and its subgroups;
- Clear plans are in place to achieve targets and objectives, and these are subject to regular monitoring and review;
- Arrangements are in place to manage compliance with national data quality requirements.

3. GOVERNANCE AND RISK ISSUES

This review has considered the Strategic Immunisation Group (SIG) and its subgroups. Following a review of performance information, particular consideration was given to governance with respect to childhood immunisations performance. The report has made a number of recommendations:

- Clear approval of group / sub group terms of reference by sponsor / parent groups (and some improvements to content)
- Development and formal approval of plans, including those of sub groups, by the Strategic Immunisation Group, in accordance with terms of reference
- Monitoring of progress against plans via written reports
- Inclusion within plans of actions to audit data quality during the year, and clear responsibilities and timeframes for making improvements to known issues.

Design of System / Controls

The findings from the review have highlighted 8 issues that are classified as weaknesses in the system/control design for Vaccination & Immunisations.

Operation of System / Controls

The findings from the review has highlighted 10 issues that are classified as weaknesses in the operation of the designed system/control for Vaccination & Immunisations.

Summary of Recommendations

The level of assurance given as to the effectiveness of the system of internal control in place to manage the risks associated with Vaccinations and Immunisations is **Limited** Assurance.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Actions to address the medium priority recommendations will be subject to business cases within the relevant directorates to resource from within existing budgets.

5. RECOMMENDATION

The Committee is asked to endorse the actions being undertaken to address the 18 recommendations detailed in the appendix as the senior management response to the report.

Governance and Assurance

Link to corporate objectives <i>(please ✓)</i>	Promoting and enabling healthier communities		Delivering excellent patient outcomes, experience and access		Demonstrating value and sustainability		Securing a fully engaged skilled workforce		Embedding effective governance and partnerships					
	✓		✓						✓					
Link to Health and Care Standards <i>(please ✓)</i>	Staying Healthy		Safe Care		Effective Care		Dignified Care		Timely Care		Individual Care		Staff and Resources	
	✓				✓				✓				✓	

Category	Score	Weight	Weighted Score
Quality, Safety and Patient Experience	85	30%	25.5

Data cleansing, reduced waiting lists, reduction of cancelled clinics, encouraging opportunistic immunisation will all help to improve access and availability of flexible immunisation services and reduce childhood inequality in uptake currently in the Health Board area.

Financial Implications

Immunisation is a WG funded programme and the service should largely be funded from the resource provision if it is prioritised for that purpose. Specific campaigns like the staff influenza and community campaigns will have to be bid to boost resources for short timescales to encourage, promote and deliver an accessible service.

Legal Implications (including equality and diversity assessment)

None expected

Staffing Implications

To be identified within relevant directorates and risk registers

Long Term Implications (including the impact of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015)

To further improve uptake of immunisation and prevent avoidable illness will require more involvement and collaboration with the public to raise awareness and understanding of immunisation amongst the population and the need for a more pro-active and integrated can-do approach within service providers.

Report History

This is the first one on improving the governance arrangements to achieve change.

Appendices

Response to Internal Audit Office Report sent 20/07/18.