



Health Protection Forum Update

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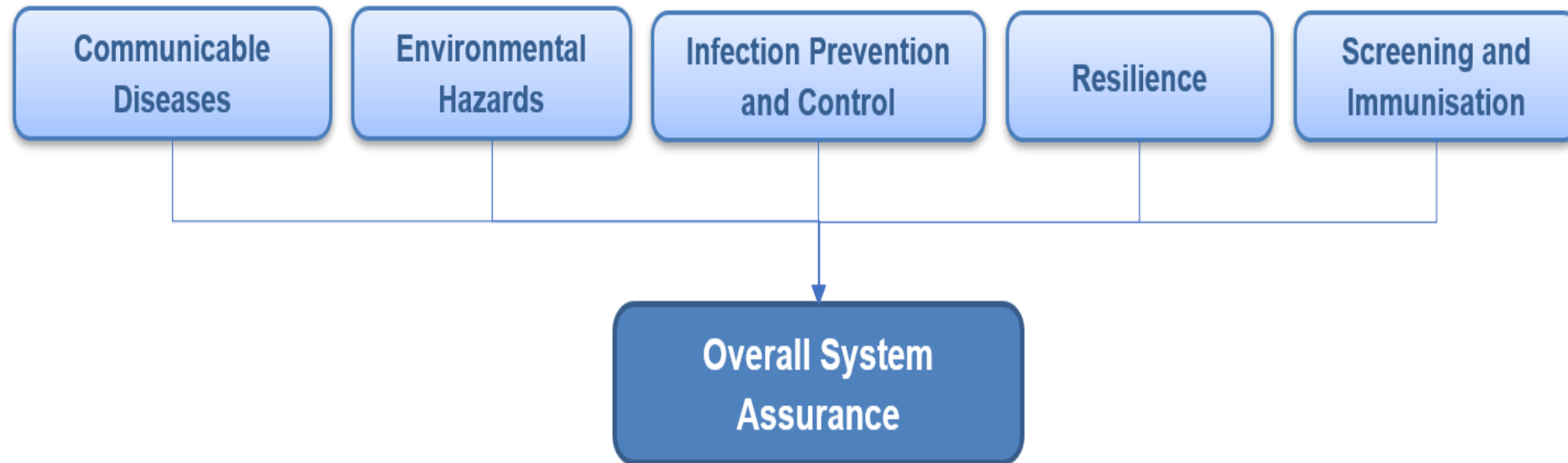
Somerset

Somerset West
and Taunton





Health Protection Priorities





Priority 1: Communicable Diseases

Ensure robust communicable disease incident and outbreak response arrangements are in place and embedded across the Somerset system

What we have done:

- Revised and updated **Memorandum of Understanding**
- Somerset CCG progressing work to include operational arrangements for communicable disease outbreaks.





Priority 2: Environmental Hazards

Ensure initiatives to reduce or mitigate the impacts of environmental hazards on population health are supported and prioritised.

What we have done:

- **Water Quality** – Project to identify and replace lead piping and fittings in Somerset Schools and Nurseries. Planning for the next 5 years.

35 Schools = Zero lead exceedances





Priority 2: Environmental Hazards

- **Air Quality** - In February 2019, Somerset County Council declared a climate emergency. There is a significant overlap between air quality and climate change, air quality will be incorporated into the climate change plan.



Priority 3: Infection Prevention and Control

Ensure infection prevention and control priorities address local need and reflect national ambition.

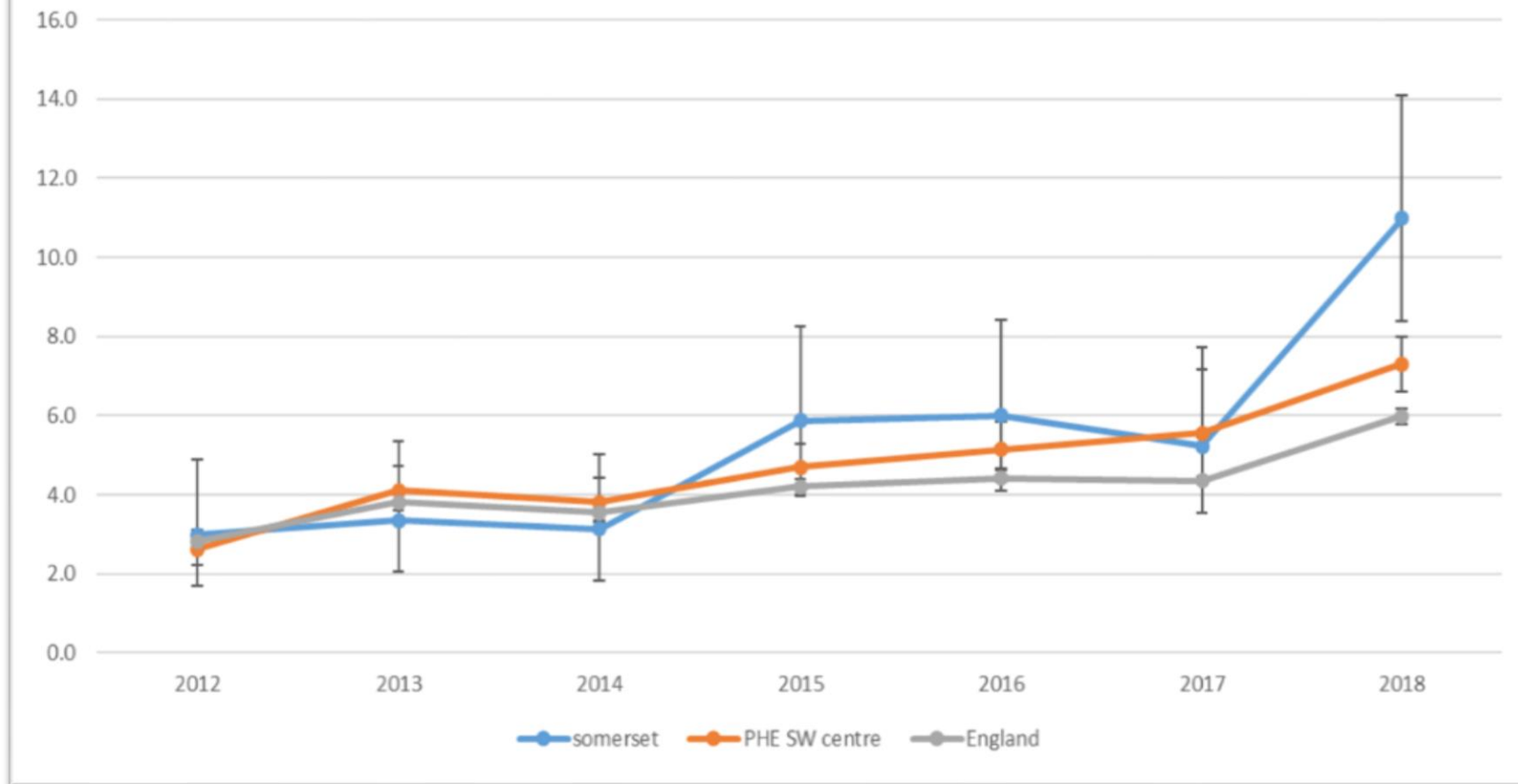
What we have done:

- Somerset experiencing higher levels of **Invasive Group A Streptococcal (IGAS)** infections





Rates and Poisson Confidence Intervals of confirmed and probable iGAS cases in Somerset, PHE South West Centre & England 2012-2018





Priority 4: Resilience

Ensure local and regional emergency response arrangements are in place to protect the health of the population.

What we have done:

- Winter pressures – best defences
- Stay Warm and Well
- Flu vaccination



Priority 5: Screening and Immunisations

Ensure screening and immunisation programmes meet national standards and where work is required to increase uptake, reflect local priorities to achieve national standards.

What we have done:

- **Health Equity Audit** – Breast Cancer screening and uptake
- **Flu Vaccination Planning**
 - Internal Staff Offer
 - Frontline Health and Social Care Staff
 - At risk populations



Conclusion



Are you satisfied with the progress we are making?

How can you help?

- Raise awareness of the flu vaccination and encourage people to access this, especially if they are in an at risk group
- If you are a leader within an organisation ask what your organisation's performance is for the staff flu vaccination – we aim for greater than 70%