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REPORT TITLE Health Protection Update from the Director of Public Health	
REPORT OF Director of Public Health	
FOR SUBMISSION TO Health and Wellbeing Board	DATE 8 th July 2026
<p>SUMMARY OF REPORT</p> <p>This report provides an update on health protection issues and epidemiology in Camden.</p> <p>Local Government Act 1972 – Access to Information</p> <p>No documents that require listing have been used in the preparation of this report.</p> <p>Contact Officer: Alison Quinn Senior Strategist Health Protection London Borough of Camden 5 Pancras Square, London N1C 4AG Alison.Quinn@Camden.gov.uk</p>	
<p>RECOMMENDATIONS</p> <p>The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to note the contents of the report.</p>	

Signed:



Kirsten Watters
Director of Health & Wellbeing and Statutory Director of Public Health

Date: 25th June 2026

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1. An update on health protection issues and epidemiology in Camden. Note this paper presents the latest data available as of 25th June 2026.

2. Areas of Focus

Ebola Virus

- 2.1. There is currently an outbreak of Ebola disease, caused by Bundibugyo virus, in the Democratic Republic of Congo and Uganda. The virus is spread through close contact with infected bodily fluids or contaminated materials of an infected sick or dead person, and only spreads once symptoms have started. Symptoms range from flu-like illness, vomiting and diarrhoea, to bruising and bleeding from different parts of the body, and it can be fatal in between 25 and 90% of cases. It is rare for Ebola cases to occur in returning travellers. If cases are identified, the NHS has safe procedures in places and specialist centres staff are trained to look after them. The current Ebola outbreak poses a low risk to the UK population.

Measles (1 January-1 June)

- 2.2. In the past 6 months 430 confirmed cases of measles have been reported in London. 253 of these cases have been reported in North Central London. The burden of disease has been seen in Enfield (111 confirmed cases) but cases have also been high in Haringey and Islington. During this period 18 cases have been reported in Camden with no outbreaks reported in education or childcare settings. There is ongoing work to promote Measles, Mumps Rubella (MMR) vaccination via leaflets, digital screens and a new video featuring the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the British Somali Community Centre.

MenB Vaccine Offer

- 2.3. In response to the Meningococcal B (MenB) outbreak in Kent earlier in the year and other parts of the UK, the Government has announced a time-limited MenB vaccine offer for Year 13 students and new higher/further education entrants under 25, to be delivered ahead of the 2026/27 academic year. Delivery is expected to be through community pharmacies (two doses), with national arrangements currently being finalised. The programme is expected to commence from late July to support timely protection before the autumn term. We will be promoting the programme locally when further details are available.

Adverse Weather (hot weather)

- 2.4. The Met Office and UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) triggered red heat alerts between June 23–26 which were distributed across the council and health and care system. This triggered a coordinated response across the council including a range of communications for the public, and guidance for

different sectors such as schools, adult social care, the voluntary sector, and homelessness teams. A network of 'Cool Spaces' across the borough were promoted as places people can go to cool down, including libraries and community centres. The Council has undertaken work recently to improve service resilience to severe hot weather, including an updated council plan and distribution list for alerts, a workshop held on 16th May, training videos available on the staff intranet, and a 'Making Every Contact Count' (MECC) webinar on 18th June.

3. Finance Comments of the Director of Finance

- 3.1. The Director of Finance has been consulted on the contents of the report and has no comments to add to the report.

4. Legal Comments of the Borough Solicitor

- 4.1. The Borough Solicitor has been consulted on the contents of this report and has no comment to make at this time.

5. Environmental Implications

- 5.1. There are no environmental implications to the contents of this report.

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