



**County Durham and Darlington Area Health Protection Group**

**Terms of Reference April 2013**

**Purpose of the Group**

To provide a forum:

1. To discuss strategic and operational health protection issues.
2. To review outbreaks and incidents (local, regional and national) and learn from lessons identified.
3. To provide a forum where cross-boundary and cross- organisational issues can be discussed and solutions identified.
4. To identify local priorities alongside implementing national policy and guidance.
5. To identify any joint training and development needs

**Accountability**

The group does not have a formal accountability or governance structure.

**Membership**

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Representatives</b>
Director of Public Health for Durham County Council	Nick Springham, Consultant in Public Health
Director of Public Health for Darlington Borough Council	Miriam Davidson, Director of Public Health, Darlington Borough Council
Environmental Health Durham County Council	County Durham Health Protection Manager plus EHOs
Environmental Health Darlington Borough Council	Environmental Health Manager Darlington plus EHOs
County Durham and Darlington Infection Prevention and Control Team	Infection Control Nurse
County Durham & Darlington NHS Foundation Trust	Consultant Medical Microbiologists
Northumbrian Water Limited	Water Quality Manager
PHE Food Water and Environment Laboratory York	Heather Aird
Public Health England North East Health Protection Team	Consultant in Health Protection for County Durham & Darlington patch
Public Health England North East Health Protection Team	Senior Health Protection Nurse / Nurse Consultant for patch
PHE Newcastle / Newcastle Hospitals Laboratory	Jennifer Collins
Durham Darlington and Tees Area Team NHS England	Andy Summerbell

Other attendees as appropriate for the meeting e.g. public health trainees.

**Chair**

The group will be chaired by Consultant in Health Protection (Proper Officer) for the County Durham and Darlington patch.

**Frequency of meetings**

The committee will meet quarterly.

**Administrative support**

Administrative support will be provided by the health protection team.

**Date for review**

These terms of reference to be reviewed in April 2014.