

Department of Public Health

Jacob's Well
Nelson Street
Bradford
BD1 5RW

To: Senior Management Teams – Early Years and
Childcare Settings

Tel: (01274) 433908
Fax: (01274) 432109
Email: philip.hargreaves@bradford.gov.uk

Date: 27 August 2014

Dear Colleague

RE: Ebola: advice and risk assessment for educational, childcare and young persons' settings

There is currently an outbreak of Ebola occurring in West Africa. With this in mind I write to make you aware of recently published guidance from Public Health England (PHE) on Ebola risk assessment for educational, childcare and young persons' settings.

With children likely to be soon returning, or having already returned, to childcare and early years services at the close of the summer holidays, new guidance on Ebola Virus Disease from PHE is particularly relevant for those establishments that may have children returning from countries affected by the Ebola outbreak.

All staff or those with contact with children should already be aware of what to do if a child falls ill and there is general guidance (referred to in the enclosed PHE document) on infection control in school and childcare settings.

The enclosed guidance document includes an algorithm to inform the assessment of unwell individuals in childcare settings and I would ask that senior members of childcare and early years services and other members of staff, as appropriate, familiarise themselves with the guidance. The guidance can also be accessed at the following link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/ebola-advice-and-risk-assessment-for-educational-childcare-and-young-persons-settings>

I should also like to emphasise that, at the time of writing, PHE and the Department of Health still class this as very low risk for the UK.

continued/.....



Anyone who has concerns is encouraged to get in touch with the West Yorkshire PHE Health Protection Team – Tel: 0113 386 0300 (duty desk) or 0114 304 9843 (out of hours) and ask for public health on-call.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A. M. Parkin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial 'A'.

Dr Anita Parkin
Director of Public Health,
City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council

Enc: Public Health England - Ebola: advice and risk assessment for educational, childcare and young persons' settings