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| Report To: | Coventry Rugby CCG Governing Body |
| Report Title: | Public Health Update – Health Protection |
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| Date: | 20 th March 2019 |
| Previously Considered by: | N/A |

Action Required (*delete as appropriate*)

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| Decision: | | Assurance: | | Information: | ✓ | Confidential | |
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Purpose of the Report:

To provide an update on activity relating to health protection activities across Coventry and Warwickshire

Key Points:

A summary of key areas of activity can be found below:

Wider Determinants

- Air Quality – In Warwickshire, Public Health continue to work with District and Borough colleagues on their Air Quality Action Plans, and are refreshing the Choose How You Move active travel campaign (also operating in Coventry), alongside undertaking a “commuter polluter” pilot, using personal wearable air quality monitors to look at personal exposures whilst commuting by various different modes of transport. Public Health in Coventry have been working alongside Transport, Environmental Health, and a range of other internal and external partners to support the development of the Local Air Quality Plan for Coventry, which has been submitted to central government for approval (plan implementation will cost £83m). The plan includes a range of measures, from road infrastructure changes, to city-wide travel planning and campaign work, cycle infrastructure implementation and fleet improvements (buses, taxis and other fleets). Comments on the plan are very welcome as part of the current engagement process: http://www.coventry.gov.uk/downloads/file/29314/air_quality_local_plan_summary_leaflet
- Fuel Poverty – Public Health are working with Affordable Warmth team colleagues in Coventry, and with hospital discharge teams, care providers and the carers network to support vulnerable people with heating and insulation measures. In Warwickshire, Warm and Well in Warwickshire (fuel poverty services), currently provided by Act on Energy are in the process of being retendered. Warwickshire County Council is also leading a collaborative bid (with Coventry City Council, Worcestershire County Council, Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council and Act on Energy) for an “Energy Outreach Scheme”, to support referrals of vulnerable people into fuel poverty services, as part of evolving social

prescribing models. We have been through a second stage interview, which went well, and outcomes are expected on 25th/26th March 2019.

Reactive

- Significant work has been undertaken alongside a range of NHS partners, and PHE to address the gap that has emerged with respect to primary care/clinical public health action in the event of an outbreak, or in response to a single case of disease across Coventry and Warwickshire. A seasonal flu pathway has been developed. However, wider work is required in relation to a range of organisms/potential scenarios. It is understood that this may also now be being considered by NHSE primary care leads nationally
- Ongoing management of a complex TB cluster in Coventry, among our sex working/substance misusing/homeless communities, continues. A screening event was recently undertaken among a particularly high risk cohort, with a 20% positivity rate for latent TB.

Communicable Disease Control Programmes

- Blood Borne Virus testing – 15 GPs in Coventry have been trained to identify patients at risk of HIV and Hep B and C through the Sexual Health in Practice (SHIP) programme. Available data suggests that testing numbers in 2018/9 will double from the 2017 baseline. 5 patients have been diagnosed with Hep C, 4 with Hep B and 3 with HIV. 7 further GPs are scheduled to be trained in May 2019. 6 pharmacies continue to provide point of care HIV testing in the city. The online HIV testing self-sampling service also continues
- The Latent Tuberculosis Infection (LBTI) case finding programme will be resumed in 2019/20 for the Coventry and Rugby area, led by the Community TB service, working in partnership with CRCCG and Public Health.
- The team are actively contributing to the development of a Coventry and Warwickshire-wide Antimicrobial Resistance strategy, and will also be developing a Blood-borne Virus strategy and creating a stocktake report regarding screening and immunisation programmes across Coventry and Warwickshire

Commissioning

- The sex worker support service has been recommissioned (Turnaround West Midlands were the successful provider), with a focus on supporting on-street sex workers to exit the industry, alongside targeted support for non on-street sex workers
- Oral Health Promotion Service for Coventry (CWPT) – recommissioning is underway, with a focus on improving oral health in older peoples care homes and in children under 5yrs
- Oral Health Promotion Service for Warwickshire (GEH) – partnership work has been undertaken to implement an Oral Health action plan, with a focus on early years in Warwickshire.
- The team is co-leading on the development of an asylum seeker and refugee specialist mental health service funded by CRCCG.
- The team has supported CRCCG in the procurement of the specialist asylum seeker/refugee and homelessness primary care services for Coventry, as well as Termination of Pregnancy Services for Coventry and Warwickshire

Wider work

- Public Health in Coventry will be leading a World TB Day campaign (25th March 2019), alongside the Community TB service, and would welcome the support of CCG communications in delivering this campaign. We will also be supporting the CRCCG-led cervical cancer awareness campaign
- Work is underway to embed modern slavery identification and reporting across all Public Health commissioned services in Coventry.
- Work will be undertaken across Coventry and Warwickshire to consider Fentanyl incident planning

Recommendation:

To note the range of activity undertaken by Public Health's Health Protection team across Coventry and Warwickshire, and identify areas for further collaborative action

Implications

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| Objective(s) / Plans supported by this report: | Health Protection Strategy 2017 – 2021: http://hwb.warwickshire.gov.uk/2017/04/06/health-protection-strategy/ | | | | | |
| Conflicts of Interest: | Not applicable | | | | | |
| Financial: | Non-Recurrent Expenditure: | Not applicable | | | | |
| | Recurrent Expenditure: | Not applicable | | | | |
| | Is this expenditure included within the CCG's Financial Plan? (Delete as appropriate) | Yes | | No | | N/A |
| Performance: | Not applicable | | | | | |
| Quality and Safety: | The commissioning of high quality services and development of appropriate health protection-related strategies will protect individual and populations from single cases of infectious disease, incidents and outbreaks, and non-infectious environmental hazards and radiation. | | | | | |
| Equality and Diversity: | General Statement: The CCG is committed to fulfil its obligations under the Equality Act 2010, and to ensure services commissioned by the CCG are non-discriminatory on the grounds of any protected characteristics. Policies/decisions may need to be adjusted in line with any equality analysis or due regard. Any decision that is finalised without being influenced by appropriate due regard could be deemed unlawful. | | | | | |
| | Has an equality impact assessment been undertaken? (Delete as appropriate) | Yes (attached) | | No | | N/A ✓ |
| Patient and Public Engagement: | Patient and public engagement is undertaken, where relevant, prior to commissioning services. The public are also engaged with through communication campaigns run by the team. | | | | | |
| Clinical Engagement: | As appropriate to the strategy/programme | | | | | |
| Risk and Assurance: | Risks currently relate to gaps in clinical outbreak support. | | | | | |