

**DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**MEETING WITH CABINET MEMBER, HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES**

**03 March 2015**

**Report of the Director of Public Health**

**PROVISION OF POST INFECTION REVIEW SERVICE OF 'COMMUNITY CASES' OF HEALTH CARE ASSOCIATED INFECTIONS AFFECTING GLOSSOPDALE RESIDENTS**

**1. Purpose of the report:**

To seek approval to request that the Department of Health make a Public Health Ring Fenced Grant baseline adjustment for the transfer of £10,000 from Derbyshire County Council's Health Protection budget to Tameside and Glossop Clinical Commissioning Group for the investigation of 'community cases' of health care associated infections to residents living in Glossopdale.

**2. Information and analysis:**

The implementation of the Health and Social Care Act 2012, led to the abolition of the Tameside and Glossop PCT and the transfer of its NHS commissioning responsibilities to Tameside and Glossop Clinical Commissioning Group (T & G CCG) and the transfer of its responsibility for public health, and the associated budget to Derbyshire County Council in respect of the Glossopdale area. Responsibility for public health within Tameside was transferred to Tameside MBC.

The term Healthcare-associated infections (HCAI) refers to infections that develop either as a direct result of healthcare interventions or from being in contact with a healthcare setting. Harmful HCAs include meticillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA), meticillin-sensitive *Staphylococcus aureus* (MSSA), *Clostridium difficile* (*C.diff*) and *Escherichia coli* (*E. coli*).

HCAIs pose a serious risk to patients, clients, staff and visitors, incur significant costs for the NHS and Local Authority social care services, and cause significant morbidity and mortality for those infected.

Each Clinical Commissioning Group has a number of responsibilities for HCAI including ensuring that arrangements are in place to carry out a Post Infection Review (PIR) for each HCAI for a resident within its area to identify:

- How a case occurred – what factors contributed, possible causes and lapses in care.
- Actions to prevent it re-occurring – identify best organisation to ensure improvements are taken
- Share lessons with other organisations.

The ongoing review of infection control arrangements by the Health Protection Team has identified an issue of immediate priority that needs to be resolved before the responsibility for health protection in Glossopdale is transferred to DCC from TMBC in April 2015. Across T&G CCG there is no current provision of PIR of 'community' cases of HCAI.

The Director of Quality and Nursing has confirmed that T&G CCG intends to put appropriate arrangements in place across their entire area, including Glossopdale, as soon as possible and will commission this activity from a suitably qualified provider organisation.

Based on analysis of the total HCAI cases for Tameside and Glossop for 2012/13, 2013/14 and 2014/15 to date it is estimated that there is likely to be approximately 8-10 cases per annum.

### **3. Financial considerations:**

The public health budget for Glossopdale of £1.684 million was transferred to the County Council from the former Tameside and Glossop PCT and included all funding for Health Protection functions. Funding for PIR, which should have remained with T&G CCG in April 2013, was included in the Public Health grant allocation for Derbyshire County Council. Until the end of March 2015 Derbyshire County Council Public Health hold the budget but make payments to TMBC for commissioning Public Health Services for the residents of Glossopdale on behalf of Derbyshire County Council.

T&G CCG have advised that the cost of providing a service for the PIR of community associated HCAI cases in Glossopdale is £10,000 based upon the anticipated number of cases per annum.

It is proposed that £10,000 is transferred from the Derbyshire Ring-Fenced Public Health Grant baseline allocation to Tameside and Glossop CCG to enable them to commission this service for residents living in the Glossopdale area. This will be carried out by requesting the Department of Health to make the necessary baseline budget adjustment.

**4. Other considerations:**

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: legal, prevention of crime and disorder, equality of opportunity, human resources, environmental, health, property and transport considerations.

**5. Background papers:**

None

**6. Key Decision:**

No

**7. Call-in:**

Is it required that call-in be waived for any decision on this report? No

**8. Officer's Recommendation:**

That approval is given to request that the Department of Health make a Public Health Ring Fenced Grant baseline adjustment for the transfer of £10,000 from Derbyshire County Council's Health Protection budget to Tameside and Glossop Clinical Commissioning Group for the investigation of 'community cases' of health care associated infections to residents living in Glossopdale.

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