

Agenda item 10

DERBYSHIRE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

5 October 2017

Report of the Director of Public Health

HEALTH PROTECTION BOARD UPDATE

1. Purpose of the Report

To provide an overview of the key messages arising from the Derbyshire Health Protection Board, which met on the 24 July 2017. The Board is a formal sub-group of the Derbyshire County Health and Wellbeing Board and the Derby City Health and Wellbeing Board.

2. Performance Update

Screening and Immunisation

A detail report on the performance of the bowel screening programme was presented to the board. The paper identified the programme was performing well against national quality targets. The roll out of bowel scope screening is progressing well within South Derbyshire Bowel Screening Centre. Uptake for bowel screening was reported as 62.1% for North Derbyshire and 59.8% for Southern Derbyshire, which exceeded the minimum target of 52%, and the national target of 60%.

A summary report was also discussed on the Screening and Immunisation Programmes and provided an overview of the following;

- Cervical screening turnaround time continues to be monitored locally and nationally. The board was advised NHS England had issued a mitigation plan in relation to challenges within the turnaround of cervical screening results, due national laboratory capacity. The Health Protection Board were informed NHS England were confident the testing time for samples would improve.
- MMR action plan is being undertaken to address uptake of the MMR vaccine and a flu planning meeting will take place at the end of August to discuss the local flu plan.

Infection Prevention and Control (IPC)

Southern Derbyshire CCG provided the following IPC update:

- Eight MRSA bacteraemia cases have been reported during 2016/17 related to residents of Southern Derbyshire CCG, including two cases in the final quarter. Post Infection Reviews have been completed for all cases of MRSA Bacteraemia in line with guidance. The CCG is within the expected variation rates when compared to other organisations nationally.
- The Clostridium difficile (C diff) objective for Southern Derbyshire CCG has remained at 114 cases for 2016/17. During 2016/17 a total of 111 C diff cases have been reported related to the registered population of SDCCG, which is under the projected CCG trajectory by three cases. Of these cases, 45 cases have been apportioned to the Acute Trust with the remaining 66 cases being apportioned outside of acute care. All C diff cases related to samples submitted via primary care or within 72 hours of hospital admission have a Root Cause Analysis completed by the CCG IPC team. Feedback is provided to the GP Practice and other relevant staff involved in the patient care, while lessons learnt are shared across the Health Economy via the bi-monthly Health Economy IPC meeting.
- E. coli has been recognised by Public Health England (PHE) as becoming the major cause of bacteraemia as Staph. Aureus bacteraemia declines. Mandatory reporting of E.coli bacteraemia was introduced in 2011 though cases are not differentiated between acute and non-acute cases. At the end of Quarter 4 2016/17, 448 cases have been reported related to the population of SDCCG compared to 425 in 2015/16 and 442 during 2014/15. The Health Protection Board were advised of the NHS quality premium to support reductions in gram-negative bloodstream infections including E.coli. The IPC team are currently reviewing a three month sample of E coli cases to identify any themes and trends in a piece of collaborative work. An action plan for multi-agency working had been developed.
- The Public Health Manager informed the Board that the Infection Prevention Society (IPS) Audit Tool was now been adopted within the County provider care homes, with a view to utilising this within the commissioned care settings.

Environmental Health

Air Quality Working Group

The Clean Air Day held on 15 June 2017 had been extremely successful, and supported work to raise awareness around air pollution and forge links with stakeholders. Over 20 organisations took part in the event, sharing social media messages and holding events including cycle and walk to school and work days, poster campaigns, no idling campaigns, and health professionals webinar. Over 400 leaflets were distributed across Derbyshire County Council

at events held at County Hall, as well as promotion of cycle to work, electric cycle demonstrations and low emission vehicle displays supported by a range of local businesses.

The group aims to build on links made to support wider awareness raising of air pollution, promotion of sustainable travel and low emission vehicles and improved health messages for those with chronic illness. Other key work areas of the group including planning guidance, low emission and generic air quality strategies.

Fracking

The Derbyshire County Director of Public Health is currently developing a position statement on fracking with the support of Public Health England. This position statement would include local mitigations, including air pollution and noise monitoring.

Emergency planning and response

The Board noted the Derbyshire Meningitis Outbreak Post Incident Constructive Feedback Debrief Report from Public Health England East Midlands. The key issue which had arisen was the need for clarification of roles and responsibilities in response to outbreaks at a local level, where these did not signify a major incident. NHS England was now leading on this issue. A national audit of health protection being undertaken by all Local Resilience Forums would seek to identify issues and support action planning.

The Local Resilience Forum (LRF) Pandemic Influenza Plan is currently under development and would be shared with the LRF in October.

Inequalities

Bowel screening

Approval had been given in June 2017 for a BSCP Health Equity Audit (HEA) and it is hoped this will be undertaken later in 2017.

Work was being undertaken to extend the BCSP to prisons in the eastern region of England including HMP Foston Hall and HMP Sudbury.

Incidents and outbreaks

The Health Protection Board was made aware Public Health England had issued a series of briefings concerning the public health management of Hepatitis A infection, due to an ongoing Hepatitis A outbreak primarily affecting men who have sex with men (MSM) and a shortage of Hepatitis A vaccine.

Strategic

Director of Public Health Annual Report

It was reported that the Derbyshire County Council Director of Public Health Annual Report was in a first draft stage and would focus on Health Protection and include a public facing element.

TB Strategy Update

A successful event had been held by Public Health England in June concerning the reduction of TB in under-served populations.

3. Recommendation

The Health and Wellbeing Board are asked to note this update report from the Health Protection Board.

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