

Warwickshire Health & Wellbeing Board

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Data Sharing Protocol

Recommendations

That the Warwickshire Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB):

- 1. Consider, note and endorse the approach taken.**
- 2. Promote the use of responsible data sharing to facilitate more detailed and robust needs assessment as part of core planning.**

1.0 Background

- 1.1 An overarching data sharing protocol for the County has recently been developed by Arden Commissioning Support Unit. The local Clinical Commissioning Groups, Warwickshire County Council (People Group and Public Health) and local Acute Trusts have all signed up to this.
- 1.2 This is the culmination of many months of discussions and represents the first stage necessary to begin accessing detailed health data for the purposes of producing more robust, timely and comprehensive needs assessments, which will form part of the wider Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) work programme.
- 1.3 The importance of information and data sharing to facilitate the improvement of services was recently highlighted in the newly adopted Warwickshire Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2014-2018.

2.0 Purpose

- 2.1 The agreement sets out the basic premise of sharing data to enable population-based epidemiological data analysis, whilst adhering to relevant legislative information governance requirements and Caldicott principles.
- 2.2 It should be stressed that this protocol does not provide the basis for the sharing of all data between partner organisations; it instead sets out the legislative requirements to which everyone agrees to abide to. The precise details of information to be shared between organisations need to be separately agreed in the form of an 'Appendix E (Data Sharing Agreement)' which is part of the overarching protocol. The Appendix E is then formally and separately signed off by the Caldicott Guardians of the participating organisations, if it meets the relevant legislative requirements and guidelines.
- 2.3 There is an expectation that partners in the data sharing protocol should achieve 'level 2 compliance' with the Health & Social Care Information Centre (HSCIC) 'Information Governance Toolkit', and Warwickshire County Council is now working towards the Local Authority version of this.

- 2.2 The ability to share data with health partners will be particularly important in our work relating to the Better Care Programme. The data sharing protocol, along with compliance with the Information Governance Toolkit, will ensure we are in a position to share the information we need to deliver further integration between health and social care.

3.0 Next Steps

- 3.1 The protocol is currently being used to progress data sharing for the Discharge to Assess programme and the Transforming Domiciliary Care programme, and further applications have also been identified.
- 3.2 It is intended that the agreement will be signed shortly by other relevant health partners across Coventry and Warwickshire. There is also an aspiration to extend the agreement to cover a broader range of other partners.

4.0 Background Papers

- 4.1 Appendix I – Data Sharing Protocol – August 2014

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