

## **Health and Wellbeing Board**

**22 March 2017**

### **Health Protection Strategy 2017-2021**

#### **Recommendation(s)**

That the Strategy be approved and adopted, and that key areas of influence are supported strategically by Health and Wellbeing Board Members, in particular:

- Increasing uptake of flu vaccinations for health and social care staff who provide direct personal care, alongside promoting the role of frontline staff as important advocates for the vaccination programme for their own patients/Customers.
- Working to improve air quality through championing active/sustainable travel strategies and programmes for their own organisations.
- Supporting the development of a Coventry and Warwickshire-wide Anti-Microbial Resistance strategy, building on good work that is already being undertaken.
- Ensuring all frontline staff are aware of and referring vulnerable individuals to commissioned support and advice services related to affordable heating.

#### **1.0 Key Issues**

- 1.1 The Health Protection Strategy 2017-2021 sets out the partnership approach, specific aims and seven priorities for Health Protection across Coventry and Warwickshire for 2017-2021. The strategy supports the local authority statutory duty to “ensure there are plans in place to protect the health of the population” as defined in the Health and Social Care Act 2012.
- 1.2 The Strategy outlines progress made on a number of priority areas identified in the Health Protection Strategy 2013 – 2015 and the joint ambitions for the new Strategy are outlined in the “Strategy on a Page” at the beginning of the document.
- 1.3 Progress against the Strategy will be monitored by the Health Protection Committee and reported (as required) annually to the Health and Wellbeing Board. The Health Protection Committee consists of partners from Public Health England, CCGs (Infection Control), Environmental Health, NHS England (Screening and Immunisation Teams), as well as Public Health. Action plans and work-streams/partnership boards (both formal and informal) are currently in place/will be developed for each of the seven priority areas.

## Options and Proposal

- 1.4 Local population Health Protection needs have been assessed to develop the current Strategy document being proposed for approval by the Board. The strategic aims and priorities have also importantly been aligned to those of Committee member organisations.
- 1.5 The Health Protection Strategy can be delivered within existing financial resources of Warwickshire County Council and does not require investment in order to implement per se. As it is a partnership document and does require the commissioning of some frontline services/providers by all partners it is expected and assumed that each individual commissioner/organisation will agree and procure any services within their own organisation's agreed financial capacity, and this is the whole responsibility of that commissioning organisation. There may also be options for partners to apply for external funding to support some of the strategy objectives.
- 1.6 With regard to Equality Impact Assessment (EIA), this is a partnership strategy. As such, the strategy makes a number of proposals, and it is the responsibility of all partners involved in commissioning services, or developing policy related to implementation of strategy recommendations to undertake EIAs as appropriate for their organisation and service areas.

## 2.0 Timescales associated with the decision and next steps

- 2.1 If duly approved by the Health and Wellbeing Board on March 22nd 2017, the Strategy will be presented to the Health and Wellbeing Executive on April 13th 2017 for discussion regarding implementation.

## Background papers

1. Draft Health Protection Strategy 2017-2021 (for approval by Board)

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