

# Health and Wellbeing Board

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## Coventry and Warwickshire Health Protection Strategy 2017-2021 Update

### Recommendation(s)

1. That progress in Warwickshire in relation to the Coventry and Warwickshire Health Protection Strategy 2017 – 2021 is noted.
2. That Health and Wellbeing Board Members consider providing enhanced support in some key areas where there are ongoing risks and opportunities. In particular:
  - Working not only to improve air quality as Anchor Institutions through championing active/sustainable travel strategies and programmes for their own organisations, but considering the development of a system-wide response to the environmental sustainability challenge.
  - Ensuring appropriate staff are taking an active role in the local, sub-regional and regional work that has been initiated to support the uptake of childhood/adult screening and immunisation programmes, as well as requesting the support of health and wellbeing partnerships in public engagement and campaign activities.
  - Supporting the progress of the Coventry and Warwickshire-wide Anti-Microbial Resistance Strategy through ensuring appropriate senior level support for this area of work, recognised as a priority in the NHS long term plan, and in our local 5 year plan.
  - Commitment to the development of appropriate system-wide public health emergency plans (including pandemic flu), as well as ensuring appropriate organisational and frontline support for outbreak responses.
  - Ensuring all frontline staff are aware of and referring vulnerable individuals to local authority commissioned support and advice services related to affordable heating, with a particular focus on young people and families, alongside older people.

## 1.0 Key Issues

- 1.1 The Health Protection Strategy 2017-2021 set out the partnership approach, specific aims and seven priorities for Health Protection activities across Coventry and Warwickshire for 2017-2021 (see background papers). 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. The priorities and ambitions for the Strategy are outlined in the Strategy on a Page.
- 1.2 Progress against the Strategy is monitored by the Coventry and Warwickshire Health Protection Committee and as required to the Health and Wellbeing Boards. 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 and working to support the seven priority areas. Progress against the priorities is summarised in the table below, and the Health Protection Dashboard can be found here:  
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<b>Priority</b>	<b>Update in Warwickshire</b>
<b>Air Quality</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• NO2 levels in Warwick District, Rugby and Nuneaton and Bedworth are still exceeding national legal objectives at a number of locations. However, between 86 and 100% of all NO2 monitoring sites in Warwick District, Stratford District and Rugby have seen reductions in NO2 levels. This figure is 79% for Nuneaton and Bedworth and 45% for North Warwickshire Borough Council.</li><li>• A Coventry and Warwickshire “Choose How You Move” active travel campaign was established in August 2017, and has since expanded and supported additional initiatives e.g. Warwick District used the campaign branding to enhance Park and Stride and active travel incentivisation initiatives in Leamington.</li><li>• The Coventry and Warwickshire Air Quality Alliance, a partnership of transport, environmental health, planning and public health teams, continue to meet and identify areas for collaborative action – this has included the development and adoption (now in final phases) of air quality planning guidance in all authorities.</li><li>• Warwickshire County Council has recently applied to DEFRA for air quality grant funding to enable targeted active travel work to be undertaken with schools and employers near and within air quality management areas in Warwick District, Rugby and Nuneaton.</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A range of new cycle schemes have been announced in Warwickshire.</li> </ul>
<b>TB</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TB incidence in Warwickshire is low and decreasing (as it is nationally).</li> <li>• Proportion of TB cases completing full course of treatment is 76.7% (reaching 92% if deaths are excluded)</li> <li>• There is a persistent outbreak of TB in neighbouring Coventry region in homeless, substance using population which is being pro-actively managed.</li> <li>• The Coventry and Warwickshire Community TB Service was re-tendered in 2018 by Warwickshire Public Health and Coventry Rugby CCG.</li> <li>• Regional work led by Coventry/Warwickshire Public Health has resulted in the development of a risk share arrangement among 4 high incidence CCGs (including Coventry Rugby CCG) for the funding of housing for patients with TB with No Recourse to Public Funds</li> </ul>
<b>Hepatitis B/C</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hepatitis B/C incidence is reducing in Warwickshire and is below England average.</li> <li>• Warwick has the highest number of reports of Hepatitis C, followed by Rugby. Stratford on Avon has highest number of reports of Hepatitis B, followed by Warwick. There is likely unmet need in the north of the County.</li> <li>• A Blood-borne Virus Needs Assessment has been undertaken with recommendations produced around: awareness raising, increasing testing in high risk groups including substance misusers, and addressing the current risk associated with contacts not being screened or vaccinated.</li> </ul>
<b>Screening and Immunisations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bowel, breast, cervical coverage is above England average in South Warwickshire and North Warwickshire CCG areas, but lower than the England average in Coventry Rugby CCG.</li> <li>• Breast and bowel cancer screening levels have been decreasing over time in all 3 CCG areas. Cervical screening now experiencing an increase following a period of decrease. Aortic Aneurysm screening levels are consistent, and above the national average (for Warwickshire as a whole).</li> <li>• There is work currently being undertaken through the Coventry and Warwickshire Cancer Board to increase cancer screening, and address inequalities in uptake</li> <li>• MMR vaccination levels (alongside other childhood and adults immunisations) are currently falling in Warwickshire, as they are nationally. National, regional and local work is being undertaken to support in uptake – a small local working group involving the CCGs PHE and local authority Public Health is currently in place.</li> </ul>
<b>Infection Control</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Coventry and Warwickshire Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) Strategy has been developed (see Background Papers), focusing</li> </ul>

	<p>on: good infection control, reducing inappropriate prescribing and professional and public engagement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This year the group delivered an AMR campaign, alongside wider winter flu and cold weather campaigns with a focus on communicating key messages to a range of clinical and non-clinical audiences, including primary and secondary care, as well as schools and the general public.</li> </ul>
<b>Emergency Planning</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pandemic flu plans have been refreshed for both Warwickshire and Coventry City Councils, and a local authority Pandemic Flu Exercise for Coventry, Warwickshire and Solihull is planned for January 2020.</li> <li>• NHS pandemic flu plans are due to be refreshed with Public Health support.</li> <li>• A large multi-agency Outbreak Summit was held in the summer of 2018 to address emerging gaps specifically in primary care responses to cases and outbreaks of communicable disease. Flu outbreak responses have been strengthened. There is some ongoing work to address gaps in other responses, yet this remains a system risk.</li> </ul>
<b>Excess Winter Deaths</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fuel poverty in Warwickshire has decreased from 13% to 10.1% of households between 2011 and 2017, recognising that definitions have also changed over time. This equates to a total of over 5000 households. The largest decrease has been seen for Nuneaton and Bedworth.</li> <li>• However, Warwickshire has the second highest percentage of households living in fuel poverty within the group of authorities with similar deprivation levels, showing ongoing potential for improvement</li> <li>• The Warm and Well in Warwickshire service was re-commissioned by Public Health in 2019, with a focus on younger people and families, as well as older people, due to historical low uptake from younger cohorts.</li> <li>• Flu vaccine uptake for 2018/19 showed that less than 50% of pregnant women and people under the age of 65 in clinical risk groups took up the offer in Coventry Rugby and Warwickshire North CCG areas (figures just over this for South Warwickshire CCG).</li> </ul>

## 2.0 Options and Proposal

2.1 The Health Protection Strategy is an overarching strategy that encompasses a wide range of multi-agency programmes and strategies. As it is a partnership document and requires commissioning of some frontline services/programmes, individual commissioner/organisations agree and procure any services within their own organisation's agreed financial capacity, and this is the whole responsibility of that commissioning organisation. There are also options for partners to apply for external funding to support some of the strategy objectives.

- 2.2 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. For example, EIAs were conducted for both the retendering of the Community TB Nursing Service and the Warm and Well in Warwickshire Service. Screening and Immunisation promotional work is very much taking into account equality perspectives.
- 2.3 Please see recommendations to the Board outlined at the beginning of this paper

### **3.0 Financial Implications**

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### **4.0 Environmental Implications**

- 4.1 Warwickshire County Council declared a Climate Change emergency in July 2019, in response to the national declaration made in May 2019. One of the priorities of the Health Protection Strategy is Air Quality, which is inextricably linked with the wider sustainability agenda, and indeed, one of the recommendations to the Health and Wellbeing Board directly relates to widening out the scope of this priority to include the wider sustainability agenda. Public Health will be championing this recommendation, and asks for the support of the Board, including, but by no means limited to, considering sustainability implications as part of all procurement/commissioning work that is done, including that which relates to this strategy.

### **5.0 Timescales associated with the decision and next steps**

- 5.1 It is requested that Board Members consider the recommendations in this report, and to identify opportunities and key members of their organisations to support taking the work forward by the end of March 2020. The Board is also asked to recommend in which fora consideration of these recommendations should be considered.

## Background papers

1. Coventry and Warwickshire Health Protection Strategy 2017-2021:  
<https://apps.warwickshire.gov.uk/api/documents/WCCC-630-1096>
2. Coventry and Warwickshire Health Protection Dashboard 2017-2021:  
[https://warwickshiregovuk-my.sharepoint.com/:x:/g/personal/nadiainglis\\_warwickshire\\_gov\\_uk/EVZN93zoNLxRLG1arh4i-UIBxx6Q0-Ki98SLRNlqp\\_lxQQ?e=ZVBrIq](https://warwickshiregovuk-my.sharepoint.com/:x:/g/personal/nadiainglis_warwickshire_gov_uk/EVZN93zoNLxRLG1arh4i-UIBxx6Q0-Ki98SLRNlqp_lxQQ?e=ZVBrIq)
3. Coventry and Warwickshire Antimicrobial Resistance Strategy 2019-2021 (awaiting full sign off of all key partner organisations)  
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4. Coventry and Warwickshire Screening and Immunisation Review – being finalised and available on request
5. Coventry and Warwickshire Blood Borne-Virus Needs Assessment – being finalised and available on request

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