

Briefing Note for Health and Wellbeing Board

Summary of Health Protection Forum Discussions and Actions 2016

(Edited details from meeting notes)

April 2016

- Terms of Reference.
 - Bring back to the Forum on an annual basis to check they remain fit for purpose
- Prevention and control of communicable diseases
 - A programme for Latent TB Infection testing (to detect TB prior to it reaching a clinical stage) is to be developed for East Timorese migrants in Crewe, as this group is at increased risk of developing tuberculosis
 - Continue to monitor implementation of the ICNet system upgrade, a surveillance programme used by infection prevention teams to input data and monitor activity
- Vaccination against infectious diseases
 - The childhood Immunisation JSNA section highlighted particular age groups and areas where immunisation rates need to be increased. The JSNA was sent to CCG's and General Practices to improve awareness about immunisation
- Environmental hazards including air quality, contaminated land, and noise
 - The HPF took the decision to set up an Air Quality Steering Group

July 2016

- Prevention and control of communicable diseases
 - The DPH to take action to promote flu vaccination, including for front line staff and carers. Information to be distributed via various routes including Adult Social Care, libraries, children's centres and pharmacies
 - A Care Home Hygiene Awards pilot scheme has enabled staff from a number of homes to complete infection control training. A report is being written and the scheme will then be extended
 - The Clinical Lead for Pathology gave a presentation on antimicrobial resistance and how the reduction in use of antibiotics in both the community and hospital settings has had a positive impact. The information will be shared with GPs for use at a CPD session
- Emergency planning and response including extreme weather events
 - An improvement plan relating to the NICE guidance is being developed to support those identified with needs, prior to the referral service being reviewed and then relaunched

November 2016

- Prevention and control of communicable diseases
 - Public Health England have updated their Care Home Influenza Outbreak Response pack, and information about prescribing of anti-virals
- Vaccination against infectious diseases/ National screening programmes
 - Uptake of nasal flu vaccine in 2, 3 and 4 year olds to be added to indicators framework
 - An Immunisation Steering Group to be set up (draft Terms of Reference agreed by the Health Protection Forum)
 - The draft cervical cancer control JSNA was brought to the meeting. It was noted that HPV vaccination uptake had fallen, and there had been a rise in the incidence of invasive cervical cancer in South Cheshire CCG
- Emergency planning and response
 - A presentation was given covering the types of emergencies that the team respond to, and ongoing planning including learning from local and national incidents