

**MINUTES OF THE
WIRRAL HEALTH PROTECTION GROUP MEETING
WEDNESDAY 4 JUNE 2014 2-4pm
ROOM 517 OLD MARKET HOUSE**

Present

Fiona Johnstone, Director Policy, Performance & Public Health, Wirral Council
 Fiona Reynolds, Consultant in Public Health
 Colin Clayton, Environmental Health Manager, Wirral Council
 Stacy Evans, Screening & Immunisation Co-ordinator, CWW Area Team
 Helen Pedder for Mark Camborne, Head of Emergency Planning, Wirral Council
 Gill Marshall for Dr Joanna Cartwright, Consultant in Health Protection, Public Health England

Apologies

Julie Webster, Head of Public Health, Wirral Council
 Heather Thomas, Health Protection Programme Manager, CHaMPs

Absent

CCG

In attendance: Elaine Burfield, Senior Admin Officer

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| 1. | <p>Welcome & Apologies</p> <p>Apologies were noted.</p> <p>Fiona welcomed the group and explained she would meet with CCG around the importance of their attendance at future meetings.</p> | <p>Action</p> <p>FJ</p> |
| 2. | <p>Minutes and matters arising:</p> <p>Minute amendments:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Correct spelling of Surjit Tour's name. 3. Stacy did send papers for last meeting but glitch in system meant they were not received by group. CCG – no report available CHaMPs – no report available Environmental Health – alternative narrative Colin is working through the changes associated with the recent implementation of Environmental Health Modernisation budget option which included the delivery of workshops and key areas of training. <p>Minutes were now agreed as an accurate record.</p> | <p>EB</p> |

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| 3. | <p>Update terms of reference:</p> <p>Group to feed into Fiona Reynolds regarding the terms of reference if updates need to be made.</p> | |
| 4. | <p>Update from key programme areas:</p> <p>Next meeting to focus on strengthening the key programme areas dealing with any issues and making sure the correct responses are in place.</p> <p><u>Immunisation</u></p> <p>From September HPV will be going from 3 immunisations to 2 and will be continued to be delivered by School Health. Autumn Year 8 dose 1 then Autumn Year 9 dose 2. Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio currently delivered in Year 10 will be delivered Year 9 from September 2014.</p> <p>CHiS is still a major concern due to outdated and limited capacity the system is unable to identify practice specific data. National specification is that all CHiS are working towards this re NHS England by May 2015. Re-procurement is due by February 2015 but Wirral will not achieve this due to cost implications. Fiona Johnstone stated that the Public Health Directorate gave a significant sum of money for the sole purpose of data transfer and will now not be happening due to lack of funds. The Group agreed that we need clarity on what happened to this funding. Stacy confirmed the Area Team have a working group with CHiS.</p> <p>Next steps are to implement the expansion of Paediatric Flu to 2 year olds.</p> <p>Implement the expansion to the shingles cohort 70, 78 and 79 years.</p> <p>School Health is to redesign the delivery of adolescent immunisation delivery.</p> <p>Look at developing the Traveller's policy, a meeting on 13 June with Council and Irish Care Community around housing and other issues this is currently a work in motion.</p> <p><u>Screening</u></p> <p>CWW Breast review is continuing.</p> <p>Breast screening delivery is to remain in the existing localities. Cheshire and Wirral will merge with the teams from these localities meeting to discuss the merger.</p> <p>Bowel Scope is in discussion with CCG Wards once all consulted development and implementation will take place. Q4 data has just been received and it's very varied throughout the locality.</p> | |

Looking at the Cytology uptake in 25-29 year old women only 4 surgeries have reached target.

Fiona Johnstone to take report to CCG to illustrate the variability as CCG has requested them to note all variations and get support. It was decided that a Health Protection Report be taken to CCG every September highlighting areas that are performing well and areas that are not.

AAA - is now established across the Wirral and has no issues.

DESP – an audit has been done and inclusion onto practice profiles where it can be seen clearly on the dashboard which practices are struggling.

Infection Control

Wirral's performance on Clostridium Difficile for the last financial year was 60 cases in total, four cases below the target set (64). 25 were hospital acquired and 35 were community acquired. There are data issues in identifying which hospital was involved in the hospital acquired infection.

Target for 2014/15 is 64 again but Wirral University Teaching Hospital's target is 24. For April 2014 there were 8 cases of C. Difficile – 5 of which were hospital acquired and 3 were community acquired. This number of cases is above the set trajectory. (This has, since the meeting, been shown to be 4 cases in WUTH with 1 in Clatterbridge).

Wirral CCG has reported a MRSA Bacteraemia; this is to be followed up by the Wirral CT Infection Control Team. However, the Public Health Team have also been alerted to a MRSA outbreak on a ward at Wirral University Teaching Hospital where there has also been a MRSA Bacteraemia. It is not clear yet whether these are the same care or two separate incidents. (This has since been clarified – there is one case, not two).

ACTION: Fiona Reynolds to contact the CCG to discuss the action plan in response to this number of cases. The monthly trajectory will continue to be monitored.

The service specification for Infection Control Service with Wirral Community Trust has been agreed and will include the additional activity which includes audits of half of the nursing care homes and the eight intermediate care facilities this year.

It was agreed to establish a Healthcare Acquired Infection Group/Infection Prevention and Control Group which will look at infection control issues across the whole of the Wirral Health Economy.

This will be chaired by Wirral CCG though supported by the Public Health Team and Public Health England. The group will be attended by commissioners and providers to review issues and explore best practice.

Key risks are around data access. Wirral CCG have been struggling to access information and Public Health analysts report that they can no longer obtain a breakdown of data according to which provider has had specific C. Difficile cases attributed.

ACTION:

1. Identify and scope the impact of data access issues across Wirral. Everyone is asked to share issues with Fiona Reynolds.
2. Identify any key risks that need to be escalated up to health & Well Being Board.

Emergency Planning

National Pandemic Flu Exercise Cygnus due to take place in September. Wirral does not link into the Merseyside footprint. No exercise is currently planned for Wirral but looking into developing plans for the future.

A register needs to be compiled of all current plans giving a clear view of what plans we have in place, which are in need of an update so assurance can be given at all times.

Environmental Health

A draft report of the 2014 Air Quality Progress report for Wirral Council has been prepared which is required as part of the Council's Local Air Quality Management obligations under the Environment Act 1995. In the executive summary of the report there have been no significant changes since the last assessment. However, the detailed contents of this draft report may be of further interest and relevance to the finding of the Public Health England report "Estimating Local Mortality Burdens Associated with particulate Air Pollution" which ranked Wirral 4 out of 5 Merseyside Local Authorities for attributable deaths in 25 year old plus. had literally just been released which identified Wirral has having 4 out of 5 cases attributed to death against air quality. Colin needs to understand the report more and will report back his considerations at the next meeting.

Skin Piercing

Although moving very slow progress had been made approval by Members has now been agreed which moves on to the next stage of non-statutory consultation which required advertising new By-Laws. Subject to no objection approval is then needed from the Secretary of State.

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| | <p><u>Sunbeds Regulation</u> Progress has been made and Wirral Council have now adopted the Sunbeds Regulation Act 2010. The main purpose of the Act is to prevent the use and hire of Sunbeds on commercial business premises by children and young people under the age of 18.</p> <p><u>Food Safety</u> The key priority is to inspect 100% of high risk food premises in each financial year this has been achieved for 2013-2014; there was a slight dip in April 2014 but now back on track. Fiona Johnstone made it clear that if there is any area in need of support she is happy to help where she can.</p> <p><u>PHE</u> WUTH has experienced a period of increased incidence of patients colonised with MRSA and one bacteraemia. The Trust has taken all appropriate actions to address this. In addition, there have been 4 babies on SCBU colonised or infected with pseudomonas. Two of these babies were very premature and died with their infection. WUTH has held an incident meeting and put control measures in place and is investigating further. Further testing has shown 2 of the cases are indistinguishable strains of the bacteria.</p> <p>There is no cause for concern from the systems point of view.</p> <p><u>Champs</u> No report received, Fiona Reynolds will meet with Heather Thomas on Friday and will ask her to report on the wider issues of Champs</p> <p><u>CCG</u> No Report</p> | |
| <p>5.</p> | <p>Frameworks – assurance, risk register and dashboard:</p> <p>The dashboard needs to be updated at every meeting and a risk register adopted.</p> <p>The register of plans needs to be built and include updates across Cheshire, Warrington and Wirral this can then be used as each meeting to provide an update.</p> <p>We have to assure systems are working for the Wirral population and have things in place, will be useful to present as issues/risks the simpler the better, once complete can drop off the list. Need to explore the idea of a shared folder with a password with the potential to update as required. Key risks need to be identified where assurance is needed e.g. Poor Data flow.</p> <p>Action: Submit risks to Fiona Reynolds</p> | <p>ALL</p> |

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| | <p>Health Protection Indicators could be streamlined with a simply summary of the Public Health Outcomes Framework and how they are performing against national standards. This could be a forum for information exchange</p> | |
| 6. | <p>Minutes of other meetings (for information)</p> <p>The group need to define which meetings may need somewhere to go if things need escalating up, possibly Infection Control as there may be something of significance to take on to Health & Well Being Board. As a group they cannot afford to be tasked with reading lots of sets of minutes.</p> | |
| 7. | <p>AOB</p> <p>Need to collate together all the data issues on all the various systems and write a collective letter that things need to be fixed locally as well as nationally. We need to be clear what the issues are and the potential solutions, the key issues need to be raised with Vision 2018</p> | |
| 8. | <p>Next Meeting:</p> <p>5th September 2014, 10:00am – 12:00 Noon Room 517, Old Market House</p> | |