

Public Health Update for North East Hampshire and Farnham CCG Governing Body Meeting

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Purpose of report

This report updates North East Hampshire and Farnham CCG Governing Body on Public Health issues.

1. Delivering Public Health Advice to the CCG

- The annual workplan for delivery of the Public Health-CCG Memorandum of Understanding has been informally agreed as outlined below, but acknowledging the need for capacity for ad hoc issues. Priority areas identified were:
 - reducing premature mortality resulting from cancer;
 - cardiovascular and respiratory diseases;
 - reduction in alcohol related harm;
 - effective health promotion campaigns;
 - the alignment of CCG and public health commissioning;
 - integrated care.
- Public Health and the CCG are starting a local alcohol service review following a meeting on 2/6/14 between CCG commissioners and two Hampshire consultants. The focus will be on identifying realistic opportunities for cost savings and developing a sustainable alcohol nurse service at Frimley Park. This is in the context that all drug and alcohol prevention and treatment services are part of the commissioning responsibility of local authority public health rather than the CCG.
- Commissioning priorities for reducing the years of life lost from CVD have also been considered in detail and the most cost effective, evidence based opportunities available include: early identification and treatment of AF; six month review following stroke and encouraging GP practices to use the new Familial Hypercholesterolaemia service.
- Health Protection: The Hampshire Director of Public Health has responded to the national TB strategy consultation to recommend a consistent service approach across the country rather than a consistent service for high prevalence areas and a less explicit approach for low prevalence areas such as Hampshire and Surrey. This response mirrors that of the Association of Directors of Public Health, whom she represents on the PHE Health Protection Programme Board where this matter has also been considered.

2. General Public Health Update

New publications from Public Health England:

- New guidance on the various immunisations
https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/320026/8905_PHE_VU_216_June2014_07.pdf
- Updated advice on Middle East Respiratory Syndrome coronavirus (MERS-CoV) for people travelling to the Hajj
<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/updated-advice-on-mers-cov-for-pilgrims-planning-to-travel-to-umrah-and-hajj>
- Recommendations for people to have their health check with Diabetes at an all time high <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/diabetes-at-all-time-high-importance-of-the-nhs-health-check>
- Guidance for GP reporting for the coming winter influenza immunisation programme
https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/319694/2902494_FluVaccineUptake_GPPatients2013-14_acc.pdf
- Dental health guidance <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/dental-health-guidance-recommends-a-healthy-lifestyle-to-help-protect-oral-health>
- Regular briefings on the Bacillus Cereus issue
- Reports of a new study demonstrating the cost implications of low uptake of hepatitis C treatment <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-study-reveals-the-costs-of-low-uptake-of-hepatitis-c-treatment>

Hampshire Public Health update:

- Media briefings and interviews on alcohol, domestic violence and the World Cup.
- The revised STAC plan for the Wessex PHE Centre area has been signed off and the local Directors of Public Health continue to be on call to chair STACs if necessary.
- The procurement of public health commissioned services has commenced for the entire Drugs and Alcohol service pathway, followed by public health nursing (5-19 years). Work is in progress for sexual health services.
- Transition work has formally started to oversee a “safe” transfer of responsibility of children’s public health (0-5 years) to local authorities from NHS England by October 2015.
- Dr Ruth Milton has been elected to the role of secretary (job share) for the Association of Directors of Public Health for a 3 year term.