

# HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD



<b>TO:</b>	Health and Wellbeing Board
<b>FROM:</b>	Director of Public Health
<b>DATE:</b>	20 June 2017

**SUBJECT: Lancashire NHS Screening and Immunisation Programmes Annual Report 2015/16**

**1. PURPOSE :** To provide an overview of the national screening and immunisation programmes across Lancashire.

## **2. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE HEALTH & WELLBEING BOARD**

To note the contents of the 2015/16 Annual Report produced by NHS England Lancashire and South Cumbria Team.

To note arrangements in place to monitor the performance, quality and safety of screening and immunisation programmes;

To request the future pan-Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Board and Pennine Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Partnership to receive regular future reports and to champion key screening and immunisation issues.

## **3. BACKGROUND**

The 2012 Health and Social Care Act introduced substantial changes to the way national immunisation programmes are commissioned and assured. For Blackburn with Darwen from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017 this is via NHS England Lancashire and South Cumbria Direct Commissioning Office (DCO)

Effective delivery of the national screening and immunisation programmes will contribute to the objectives of the Blackburn with Darwen Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy, across the life course - Start Well, Live Well and Age Well. It is therefore important for the Health and Wellbeing Board to seek regular assurance on the local performance and safe delivery of these national programmes.

A pan-Lancashire Screening and Immunisation Annual Report for 2013/14 was presented to the Blackburn with Darwen Health and Wellbeing Board in July 2015.

A Screening and Immunisation update was provided to Lancashire County Council Health and Wellbeing Board in December 2016, at which meeting a pan-Lancashire Action Plan was requested to be developed.

The pan-Lancashire Screening and Immunisation 2015/16 Annual Report is presented here. The 2017/18 pan-Lancashire Action Plan is in the final stage of development by NHS England Lancashire and South Cumbria Team and partners.

#### **4. RATIONALE**

Screening and immunisation programmes exist to protect against a range of important infectious diseases and promote early diagnosis of a number of serious health conditions. Their effectiveness and cost effectiveness depend on a systematic approach, strict adherence to quality standards, and co-ordinated multidisciplinary working.

#### **5. KEY ISSUES**

##### **a) Commissioning responsibilities**

Since April 2013 NHS England has commissioned the national screening and immunisation programmes under the Section 7A agreement, based on national service specifications produced by Public Health England (PHE).

Through its Lancashire and South Cumbria Screening and Immunisation Team (SIT), NHS England provides local system leadership to ensure the national service specifications are in place and support for the delivery of quality improvement and any required programme change. It also oversees the investigation of serious incidents and contributes to the investigation of vaccine preventable disease outbreaks.

Public Health England employ the screening & immunisation staff working in NHS England and provide them with professional support. PHE also delivers a national and regional NHS Population Screening Quality Assurance function and service. In addition, it maintains the surveillance of infectious disease and provides expert advice in the investigation of immunisation cold chain incidents through its health protection teams.

Local Authorities, through their Directors of Public Health (DsPH), provide independent scrutiny and challenge to the arrangements of NHS England, PHE and service providers in the delivery of screening and immunisation. DsPH advocate within the local authority and with clinical commissioning groups and other key stakeholders to improve programme access and uptake. DsPH also take a lead in public-facing promotional campaigns and their teams work closely with the SIT to ensure local population needs are understood and addressed.

Clinical Commissioning Groups can promote screening and immunisation programmes through local primary care improvement schemes. CCGs also work with the NHS England Area Team Nursing & Quality directorate and the SIT as part of their duties to improve quality in primary medical care services delivered by GP practices and to reduce inequalities in access to health services and health service outcomes.

##### **b) Delivery**

Service Providers ensure that all staff directly involved in screening and immunisation programmes have the required knowledge and skills to undertake their role. They work to national service specifications or, for GPs, to standards outlined in national contracts, and deliver their elements of the pathways to the required standards. They report and investigate any incidents in line with national guidance.

##### **c) Governance**

A number of pan-lancashire Programme Boards coordinate the commissioning, delivery and monitoring of all screening and immunisation programmes. These are overseen by the Lancashire Screening and Immunisation Oversight Group (SIOG), which reports to the Lancashire Quality Surveillance Group, both chaired by NHS England.

##### **d) Local Action**

A Pennine Lancashire Cancer Screening Improvement Group was established in Autumn 2015, led by the CCGs, supported by Public Health and NHS England, the three cancer screening programmes and the community and voluntary sector. It reports to the Pennine Lancashire Cancer

Steering Group and has a work programme which includes :

- 1) Development of the local evidence base through
  - a. reviewing 'what works' to increase cancer screening uptake and reducing inequalities, with particular focus on cervical screening
  - b. profiling uptake at practice level across Pennine Lancashire for all three cancer screening programmes.
- 2) Lobbied Public Health England to include cancer screening in its national 'Be Clear on Cancer' campaign. A North West regional Be Clear on Cancer campaign, aimed at increasing participation of 60–74 year olds in the NHS Bowel Cancer Screening Programme was piloted in early 2017 and is being evaluated by Cancer Research UK.
- 3) Focus on Primary Care  
Bowel Screening – supported the successful piloting across Lancashire of 'Call for a Kit' clinics, which is now being rolled out more widely, with formal evaluation.

Breast Screening – currently working with the East Lancashire programme to increase the role of GP practices in promoting uptake in women when they are invited for screening or fail to attend.

Cervical Screening – worked with the Pennine Lancashire MacMillan GP and CCG cancer commissioners to develop a Local Improvement Scheme, which commenced in April 2017 and will run for two years, focusing on young women receiving their first screening invitation.

A Pennine Lancashire Childhood Immunisation Improvement Group has recently been established by NHS England, the CCGs and Public Health, with the first meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2017.

## **6. POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

NHS England is a member of Blackburn with Darwen Health and Wellbeing Board and commissioning screening and immunisation is one of its key public health functions.

The Health and Wellbeing Board has a duty to promote local collaborative working, which is required to deliver effective screening and immunisation programmes.

## **7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

NHS England is funded directly by the Department of Health to commission National Screening and Immunisation programmes.

## **8. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

None identified

## **9. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

No additional resource implications identified

## **10. EQUALITY AND HEALTH IMPLICATIONS**

A key objective of the national screening and immunisations is the improvement of health and the reduction of health inequalities, while that of the commissioning and delivery of the programmes is to reduce inequalities in access and uptake.

## 11. CONSULTATIONS

A wide range of stakeholders, including CCGs and Local Authorities, have been involved in the development of the Action Plan.

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<b>BACKGROUND PAPERS:</b>	Pan-Lancashire Screening and Immunisation 2015/16 Annual Report

