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**To: Coventry Health and Wellbeing Board**

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**From: Director of Public Health**

**Title: Draft Health Protection Strategy 2017 - 2021**

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## **1 Purpose**

- 1.1 The Draft Health Protection Strategy 2017 - 2021 sets out the partnership approach, specific aims and seven priorities for Health Protection across Coventry and Warwickshire for 2017-2021. 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.

## **2 Recommendations**

- 2.1 That the Strategy be approved and adopted by the Health and Wellbeing Board.  
2.2 That key areas of influence outlined in Section 3.2 are supported strategically by Health and Wellbeing Board Members, and are adopted formally by their respective organisations

## **3 Information/Background**

- 3.1 The joint Strategy covers the areas of both Coventry and Warwickshire, with joint ambitions outlined. The Strategy outlines progress made on a number of priority areas identified in the Health Protection Strategy 2013 – 2015 (in Appendix 1) and the joint ambitions for the new Strategy are outlined in the “Strategy on a Page” at the beginning of the document. The seven priorities identified in the Strategy are listed below, with a summary of the specific local focus being taken for Coventry, based on needs identified:

- *Air Quality* – the whole of Coventry is an Air Quality Management Area, and the newly established Coventry and Warwickshire Air Quality Alliance of officers from Transport, Planning, Environmental Health, Public Health and Public Health England are developing a work programme focusing on how best to improve air quality.
- *TB* – Although TB incidence has been reducing nationally and locally since 2010, the complexity of the medical and social needs of patients has increased. A new latent TB case-finding programme has also been established in Coventry/Rugby through GP practices and the Coventry Refugee and Migrant Centre.
- *Viral Hepatitis (B, C)* – Coventry has the highest incidence of Hepatitis B and C in the West Midlands and work to understand this, and expand the work currently

being carried out on this agenda is proposed, with particular reference to sexual health and drug and alcohol service users, as well as migrants from high incidence countries

- *Screening and Immunisations* – Childhood immunisation uptake remains good in Coventry. However, work is planned to address lower uptake observed among Looked after Children. Further work is also planned to consider how to address lower than optimal coverage of adult screening programmes.
- *Infection Control* – An independent infection control review has recently been conducted in health and care settings across Coventry and Warwickshire. Implementation of the recommendations of this review will be the focus of this Strategy, with a particular emphasis for Coventry on establishing robust root cause analysis processes for healthcare acquired infections that occur in the community, alongside development of an Antimicrobial Resistance strategy for the sub-region.
- *Emergency Planning* – The focus here will be on Pandemic Flu planning, furthering work that has already taken place, and ensuring multi-agency pandemic flu plans are in place and tested.
- *Excess Winter Deaths* – Reducing numbers and proportions of households in fuel poverty, alongside increasing seasonal flu uptake in all risk groups will be prioritised through actions to address this element of the proposed strategy

3.2 Within Coventry we would specifically ask Health and Wellbeing Board members to support the following objectives:

- Increasing uptake of flu vaccinations for health and social care staff who provide direct personal care, alongside promoting the role of frontline staff as important advocates for the vaccination programme for their own patients/service users
- Ensuring all frontline staff are aware of and referring vulnerable individuals to commissioned support and advice services related to affordable heating
- Working to improve air quality through championing active/sustainable travel strategies and programmes for their own organisations
- Supporting the development of a Coventry and Warwickshire-wide Anti-Microbial Resistance strategy, building on good work that is already being undertaken.

3.3 Progress against the Strategy will be monitored by the Health Protection Committee and reported (as required) annually to the Health and Wellbeing Board. The Health Protection Committee is a formal sub-committee of the Health and Wellbeing Board, consisting 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/will be developed for each of the seven priority areas.

## **4 Options Considered and Recommended Proposal**

4.1 Local population Health Protection needs have been assessed to develop the current Strategy document being proposed for approval by the Board. The strategic aims and priorities have also importantly been aligned to those of member organisations of the Health Protection Committee

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**Appendices**

Appendix A: Draft Health Protection Strategy