
To: Health and Wellbeing Board

Date: 24th March 2025

Title: Coventry and Warwickshire Health Protection Strategy 2025 - 2030

1 Purpose of the Note

- 1.1 To inform the Health and Wellbeing Board of the development of a new Coventry and Warwickshire Health Protection Strategy covering 2025 to 2030.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 Health and Wellbeing Board are recommended to:
- A. Approve the five year strategy and respond to the priorities.
 - B. Agree the plan to deliver create a specific five year action plan for Coventry

3 Information/Background

- 3.1 The Health and Social Care Act 2012 brought Public Health related statutory functions within the remit to Local Government, including an assurance function around health Protection. Local authority health protection duties are set out in the Local Authorities (Public Health Functions and Entry to Premises by Local Healthwatch Representatives) Regulations 2013 (regulation 8). The regulations refer to arrangements to deal with:
- infectious disease
 - environmental hazards and contamination
 - adverse weather events
- 3.2 The main responsibilities for the delivery of most health protection activities sits with the NHS and UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA).
- 3.3 There is a system-wide Coventry and Warwickshire Health Protection Committee which supports the coordination of work for the delivery of these arrangements. The key strategic functions of the health protection system include:
- Outbreak and Incident response
 - Emergency Planning Preparedness and Response (EPRR) including pandemic preparedness
 - Infection prevention and control (IPC)
 - Prevention and health promotion
- 3.4 Coventry City Council and Warwickshire County Council have led the development of the updated system-wide Coventry and Warwickshire Health Protection Strategy covering 2025 to 2030

3.5 The joint strategic vision is that all people are protected from infectious diseases and environmental hazards, and when such hazards occur, the impacts are minimised.

3.6 The strategy highlights the importance of the key and also sets out four priority areas for action. These are:

1. Sexually Transmitted Infections and Blood Borne Viruses
2. Immunisations
3. Health harms from environmental hazards
4. Tuberculosis

3.7 Two cross-cutting themes underpin the strategy acting as additional drivers and facilitators for improved outcomes. These are:

- A. Health equity and inequalities
- B. Anti-Microbial Resistance.

Both themes have been considered for each priority area and business-usual arrangements. They will be embedded into the delivery plan for the strategy and where necessary, impact assessments (including the health equity assessment tool) will be used to enhance specific activities and tailor specific services delivered by system partners.

3.8 The Strategy covers 5 years with a strategic refresh point scheduled at 3 years (i.e. 2027/2028). This refresh will enable a structured update of system priorities and accommodation of any emerging health protection issues.

3.9 System-wide professional stakeholder engagement for the strategy took place in January and February 2025, including discussion at the Coventry and Warwickshire Health Protection Committee.

3.10 A detailed action plan for Coventry will be produced to accompany this strategy alongside monitoring key measures of success. The strategy and action plan are scheduled for publication at the end of April 2025.

Appendices

- *Final Draft* Coventry and Warwickshire Health Protection Strategy 2025

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