

Well Being and Communities Task Group
TB – Terms of Reference

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Background

Tuberculosis (TB) remains a major public health issue for Kirklees Council. Since 2004 Kirklees has seen a gradual increase in the incidence of TB. In 2011 there were 31 cases per 100,000 population (this equates to 120 cases per year). England rates are 14 cases per 100,000.

Most TB cases in Kirklees are recorded in the most deprived areas of the district. The association of TB to poverty is well established locally, nationally and globally.

TB is more common amongst people with social risk factors, particularly homelessness and drug and alcohol dependency, due to their reduced immune status and increased risk of exposure to infection. Transmission of TB in these hard to reach groups has contributed to outbreaks and clusters of TB in Kirklees.

On average, over 50% of the TB cases reported in Kirklees each year came from people who were not born in the UK, however, the majority had been living in the UK for over 5 years before developing TB.

The Well Being and Communities Scrutiny Panel included TB in its 2013/14 work programme as it recognised the importance of this issue.

Areas of Focus

- Review the approach and effectiveness of the communication around TB to local communities across Kirklees specifically in those areas with high levels of TB. To include a focus on awareness raising, health promotion and education initiatives
- Review the approach being taken to communication, treatment and management of TB by commissioners and providers (Clinicians) and how this compares with national guidance and best practice.
- To review the role of key services in Kirklees in contributing to the communication, treatment and management of TB across the district. To Include:
 - Establishing which services (including the voluntary sector) are currently involved;
 - Determining gaps in provision and support: and

- Identifying which other services need to be involved.
- To explore the approach being taken to TB in other districts, and identify where good practice exists and how this can be replicated in Kirklees.

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