KIRKLEES HEALTH & WELLBEING BOARD

MEETING DATE: Thursday 30 June 2016

TITLE OF PAPER: Health Protection Board Update

1. Purpose of paper

This is a planned update to the Health and Wellbeing Board on the work of its subcommittee, the Health Protection Board. The last update was made in October 2015.

2. Background

Following issues given in previous reports, the Health Protection Board would like to update on the following areas:

- Tuberculosis
- Screening and immunisation
- Antimicrobial Stewardship

3. Proposal

3.1 Tuberculosis (TB)

TB has also been considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Panel for Health and Social Care, with its most recent update and discussion in April 2016.

Latent TB Screening

The TB strategy recommends latent TB infection (LTBI) testing and treatment for 16 to 35 year olds who have recently arrived in England from countries where the TB incidence is 150/100,000 population or over. NHS England has made funding available to support the implementation in areas with a high TB incidence. Kirklees was one of the six CCG areas across Yorkshire and the Humber that could submit a bid. NHS Greater Huddersfield CCG and NHS North Kirklees CCG were both successful in obtaining funding. LTBI can be diagnosed by a single blood test and is usually treated with antibiotics to prevent active TB disease in the future. LTBI testing and treatment of new entrants is supported by National Institute of Health and Care Excellence.

Kirklees CCGs received funding from NHS England and started testing people eligible for this programme in February of this year via existing community TB service providers. The two CCGs were also recently notified that this funding will be continued in the next financial year (2016/17), and it is expected that this funding will continue for the lifetime of the strategy.

TB Control Board

In order to ensure clear responsibility and accountability arrangements, TB Control Boards have been established to serve defined geographical areas. The TB Control Board serving Kirklees covers Yorkshire and Humber and North East of England (YHNE). The group is a high level Board chaired by the PHE TB lead for Yorkshire and Humber, supported by a TB Programme Manager.

The role of the YHNE TB Control Board is to plan, oversee, support and monitor all aspects of local TB control. It covers clinical and public health services, workforce planning, and the appropriate commissioning of TB services. Through collaborative working and the use of existing accountability arrangements, the TB Control Board will hold providers and commissioners to account.

Greater Huddersfield CCG is the lead CCG representative on the board. The board also includes representation from PHE, NHS England, local authority directors of public health and social care, the NHS (primary and secondary care, adult and paediatric TB specialists and front line nursing representation) and

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the third sector.

Kirklees TB Strategy Group

Kirklees TB Strategy Group is chaired by the Director of Public Health. This group brings together partner organisations, services and stakeholders locally and sets a clear direction for improved services. The principle purpose of the group is to bring together representatives from across the health and social care economy to help ensure effective commissioning and development of services locally, in order to support work to reduce the incidence of TB.

3.2 Screening and Immunisation

A screening and immunisation improvement plan has been developed for Kirklees. This has been partnership work done with NHS England, CCGs and Kirklees Council Public Health. It aims to address issues such as the continuing decline in cervical screening uptake, and included initiatives/media messages around the cervical screening awareness week in June.

The Diabetic Eye Screening Programmes (DESP) have been recently out for tender. The service has been procured in two lots:

- Lot 1 (Leeds, Wakefield, North Kirklees) awarded to Mid Yorkshire Hospitals Trust
- Lot 2 (Calderdale, Greater Huddersfield, Bradford and Airedale) awarded to Emis Care Ltd. Both services will mobilise to begin delivery on 1st April 2017.

NHS England is responsible for commissioning the screening and immunisation programmes. It established West Yorkshire Screening and Immunisation Oversight Group (WYSIOG) to provide assurance and a strategic overview across West Yorkshire. This group is now meeting regularly, it has Kirklees Council Public Health representation and the concerns that have previously been raised at HWB are no longer an issue. Staff in NHS England/PHE screening and immunisation team continue attending the Health Protection Board and other local meetings as needed to develop work in Kirklees.

3.3 Antimicrobial stewardship

This was a major focus at the December HPB meeting, with updates from both CCGs, Locala, MYHT and CHFT. Much is being done in all the different organisations to address this important priority. Connections have been made with the Area Prescribing Committee (Calderdale, Kirklees and Wakefield) work as it was being reviewed, and also PHE.

North Kirklees and Greater Huddersfield CCGs have adopted a system wide approach to promoting and monitoring the use of antimicrobials. Both CCGs have made significant reductions in the last few years in the volume of Cephalosporin and Quinolone antibiotics used and have managed to maintain levels well below the England average for over two years.

Antibiotic campaign

In April 2015 a multi-disciplinary working group across Calderdale, Kirklees and Wakefield was set up to develop an antibiotic campaign starting in September 2015. This aimed to reduce unnecessary prescribing of antibiotics by raising the awareness of the risks of over-prescribing and antimicrobial resistance. It targeted GP practices, pharmacies, members of the public and CCG staff. The focus was three key messages:

- 1. Become an Antibiotic Guardian.
- 2. Antibiotics don't work on self-limiting conditions.
- 3. Promote self-care.

Engagement with community pharmacy was through partnership working with Community Pharmacy West Yorkshire (CPWY). Posters and scratch cards, designed to be used as a fun way of engaging the public in conversations about antibiotic resistance, were sent out to all pharmacies in WY. A competition was funded

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by Y&H Academic Health Science Network for pharmacies demonstrating innovative ways to use the campaign resources.

Public messages included:

- A live radio broadcast on Al-Mubarak radio (based in Batley) was aired on the 18th November. The station has an active social media presence and 70% of the listeners are in Yorkshire. The antibiotic guardian video was played on their news feed and sent out the links via their twitter account. The broadcast covered flu, staying well over winter, self-care and antibiotics and was delivered by a North Kirklees GP, Public Health Head of Health Protection and a Community Pharmacist.
- One of the North Kirklees pharmacists also delivered several educational sessions in local mosques.

Awards

The multi-disciplinary working group entered for the national 2016 Antibiotic Guardian awards. The collective group (GHCCG, NKCCG, Calderdale CCG, Wakefield CCG, Community Pharmacy West Yorkshire and Kirklees and Wakefield Infection and Prevention Control Team) won the Collaborative Stewardship Category Award. NKCCG were also highly commended in the Community Category.

Clostridium difficile infection

A Clostridium difficile infection (CDI) summit was held on 19th April 2016 across the MYHT footprint with a partnership approach to reduce CDI infections and agree future work and actions. Antibiotic exposure is the major risk factor for the development of CDI. We are looking to replicate this summit across the CHFT footprint also.

4. Financial Implications

Nil

5. Sign off

Rachel Spencer-Henshall, Director of Public Health 16th May 2016

6. Next Steps

The Health Protection Board plans to continue meeting quarterly in order to maintain an overview and gain assurance of health protection issues in Kirklees on behalf of the HWB. This also facilitates working relationships across organisations and enables partners to progress needed work more effectively.

7. Recommendations

- 1. The Health and Wellbeing Board notes the information given above
- 2. The Health and Wellbeing Board encourages partner organisations to continue working together, and in particular look at developing even closer ongoing co-ordination in the area of antimicrobial stewardship.

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