

Health Protection Highlight Report

September 2022

Update for:	Health and Wellbeing Board	Period Covered	November -March 2023
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Work area	Priority objectives	Progress this period	Planned activities for next period
Outbreak support	Manage outbreaks of communicable disease, including respiratory & new and emerging infections	<p>Ongoing support provided to care homes, schools and other settings to manage COVID</p> <p>Visits made and information provided to higher risk settings to reduce risk of monkeypox transmission</p> <p>Support provided to care home to manage an outbreak of invasive Group A streptococcal infection</p> <p>Support to Care Providers with Winter Illnesses such as Flu, Covid, and Gastro-Intestinal Illnesses</p>	<p>Continue to work with UK Health Security Agency to monitor risks and respond to outbreaks</p> <p>Deliver training sessions to support the home with GAS/IGAS outbreak. Topics to be covered</p> <p>Hand Hygiene and Moments of Care Mask Wearing and PPE Decontamination and Cleaning Working in a team during an outbreak</p> <p>Continue with local response to outbreaks as and when it is required.</p>
Infection prevention & control in high- risk settings	Maintain and progress with an audit programme of high -risk settings GP Practices and Care Homes and Early Years settings	<p>IPC Audit for Care Home April - September 2022 Overview</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 Audits have been undertaken by IPC team, of which 8 had action plans • 5 Self-audits have been returned to date, with more expected to be returned for review • There are no outstanding face to face care home audits for this period • Visits to 4 Care Homes due to concerns raised, ongoing support in relation to IPC practices and audit requirements <p>IPC Audit for GP Practices April - September 2022:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 Audits have been undertaken by IPC team, of which 3 had provided action plans • 9 Self-audits have been returned to date, with more expected to be returned for review • There are no outstanding face to face GP audits at this time 	<p>IPC Audit plan for October 2022 - March 2023:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Care Homes will require re-audit December 2022 (or earlier if action plan completed) • 0 GP practices will require re-audit • 15 Early Years Settings will require IPC Audit to be completed by IPC team <p>Ongoing support visits to Care Homes where concerns are raised to support with IPC practice, provide training and resources to meet audit requirements</p>

		<p>IPC Audit Early Years Settings April - September 2022:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •5 audits in Early Year settings have been undertaken 	<p>Training sessions are being delivered on- line to support improvements with IPC practices on- line</p> <p>Monday 31st October-Friday 19th October and then monthly thereafter</p> <p>Topics are: Hand Hygiene and Moments of Care Cleaning and Decontamination Winter vaccines Working in a Team during an outbreak</p>
Flu	Increase uptake of flu vaccinations among all priority groups and manage outbreaks effectively	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attendance at monthly covid and flu programme meetings • Raising awareness of the importance of winter vaccinations at provider forums, locally and across the GM Health Protection Network • Supporting Care Home staff with vaccine hesitancy 	<p>Delivery of key immunisation messages to Oldham LA Engagement Team on Winter Flu Vaccinations</p> <p>Seeking to obtain the minimum standards for immunisation (Anaphylaxis Packs/PGD and Cold Chain resource) in order to deliver winter vaccination to at risk staff</p>
Healthcare Acquired Infections (HCAI) & Anti-microbial resistance (AMR)	Provide support to prevent and reduce risks associated with HCAI and AMR	<p>Along with the audit programme the Health Protection Team deliver a Certificate of Excellence training programme. The programme is for Care Home, Care at Home Staff and GP Practices and is delivered to reduce infections in our high-risk care environments.</p> <p>The following sessions have been delivered between April and September 2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •27.6.22 - Care Home staff - gastrointestinal illness (including outbreak management) •29.6.22 - GP practices - Back to Basics IPC including IPC audit •7.9.22 - Care Home staff - Oral Hygiene and respiratory illness including aspiration pneumonia •21.9.22 - GP Practices - HCAIs, AMR, Respiratory Illness/Vaccines, Sepsis <p>Future training:</p> <p>Monthly facilitation of the HCAI Review meetings with the ICS, reviewing clostridium difficile cases or bacteraemia's in line with National Guidance.</p>	<p>Certificate of Excellence Training planned for October 2022-March 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •13.01.2023 - Care Home staff - catheter management: reducing harm •25.01.2023 - GP practices - relevant topic area to be confirmed, in addition to reviewing the role of the IPC link worker and undertaking IPC self-audit. Implementation of catheter care pack for Nursing staff to support reduction in CAUTI and related issues

		Identifying avoidable and unavoidable cases and providing feedback to prescribers	Continuation of the HCAI review meetings
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