

## Screening & Immunisation Programmes in Lancashire

### Update for Directors of Public Health September 2014

The Screening & Immunisation Oversight Group has met quarterly since March 2014. It is chaired by the Director of Commissioning, Lancashire Area Team, and has invited representation from all key stakeholders. The group was set up as a sub-group of the Lancashire Quality Surveillance Group and, as such, receives reports on performance and quality; areas of risk; and serious incidents affecting any of the programmes.

Key issues for each group of programmes are given below. The fuller reports referred to above are also available.

#### Screening Programmes

##### Bowel Cancer Screening

- 2013/14 uptake in Lancashire ranged from 48.17% (Blackpool) to 57.25 (Fylde & Wyre) .
- Highest positivity rates were seen in the two areas with lowest uptake: Blackpool and Blackburn with Darwen.
- 75% of cancers diagnosed by the programme in 2013 were early stage (Dukes stages A and B), with only 6% diagnosed as Duke D (palliative care).

##### Bowel Scope screening

- The Lancashire bowel scope programme started in December 2013 with the first scopes undertaken in Blackpool in February 2014. A phased roll out across Lancashire will be completed in 2016.

##### Breast screening

- Coverage is declining annually in most CCGs and addressing this is a priority for the Lancashire area team. Coverage is lowest in Blackburn with Darwen and Blackpool CCGs and highest in Lancashire North and Fylde & Wyre.

##### Cervical screening

- Coverage (25-64 yrs) is declining annually in most CCGs and none now achieve the national target of 80%. HSCIC information is still by PCT and ranged in 2012/13 from 74.3% in Blackburn with Darwen to 79.2% in North Lancashire PCT.
- Improving breast and cervical screening coverage is a key priority and the Area Team will be working with the programme providers, general practices and health inequalities group in the lower uptake areas to try to encourage more women to accept the screening offers.
- The screening & immunisation co-ordinators have recently begun a series of targeted visits to practices to offer support to those with poor performance against a range of KPIs.

##### Diabetic Eye Screening

- A lack of confidence in the ability of two programmes to provide assurance on pathway performance and/or affordability has led to a decision to re-procure diabetic eye screening services across East and Central Lancashire.

### **Antenatal & Newborn Screening Programmes**

- Newborn Bloodspot test. Most maternity units have reduced the number of avoidable repeat tests over the past year and continue to monitor levels closely. The expansion of this programme (from 5 to 9 tests) will be rolled out nationally this year.
- Pulse oximetry testing on all newborns will be introduced in pilot areas in 2015.

### **Child Health Information System (CHIS)**

- Lack of a fully functioning CHIS system is limiting the ability of the Area Team to ensure the accuracy of reporting on screening and immunisations for under 5s and school age children. It also provides an ineffective failsafe for newborn screening and primary immunisations.

### **Immunisation Programmes**

#### **0-5yrs**

- 2013/2014 uptake figures were generally good across Lancashire.
- There are on-going data reporting and recording issues in East Lancashire CCG which are currently being addressed and an action plan is in place to rectify them.

#### **Pre-school booster and MMR**

- Uptake is a concern across all the areas of Lancashire with a significant number of children starting primary school with incomplete immunisations.

#### **Antenatal Pertussis**

- Building on its success in reducing neonatal deaths from pertussis, the antenatal pertussis programme has been extended for an additional 5 years.
- The reported uptake in Lancashire has been poor so far (approximately 50%), due to a mixture of problems in recording; confusion about the appropriate timeframe in which to give the vaccine and responsibility for administration. The Area Team will discuss ways to improve programme uptake by clarifying the roles of general practices, maternity services also possibly community pharmacies.

#### **Shingles**

- The uptake figures across Lancashire steadily increased since the programme began in September 2013 and are close to 70%
- In 2014/15 the programme is been offered to patients aged 70, 78 and 79 years old.

#### **Adolescent Meningitis C**

- From 2014/15 the Adolescent Meningitis C vaccine will be offered to children in school year 10 in all schools in Lancashire.
- The programme began in 2013/14 in Blackpool and North Lancashire schools.
- In 2014/15 schools in all other areas of Lancashire will also be offering a catch-up programme for children in year 11.

#### **Human papillomavirus (HPV) Programme**

- The HPV schedule will be changing from 3 to 2 doses from September 2014. It will be offered as one dose in Year 8 and a second dose in Year 9.

- HPV uptake figures across Lancashire currently meet the national target of 90%.

## **2014/2015 Seasonal Influenza Programme**

### **Primary Care**

- The majority of the seasonal influenza programme will be delivered in primary care
- As from September 2014 all children aged 2 to 4 years will be offered the nasal influenza vaccine
- The target groups will include people aged 65 years and over, those aged under 65 years old in clinical risk groups, carers and pregnant women.

### **Community Pharmacies**

- The Area Team is commissioning community pharmacies to immunise those in the clinical risk groups (18yrs to <65yrs) and pregnant women from September to November 2014, and 18years and over and pregnant women from December 2014.
- Over 60 pharmacies have expressed interest in taking part

### **Pregnant women**

- Coverage remains <50% with no appreciable improvement since 2011.
- A co-ordinated effort is required to target pregnant women by working closely with maternity services and community pharmacies across Lancashire

### **Childhood Flu pilot**

- The Area Team is piloting the implementation of flu immunisation to school years 7 and 8 using different methods of delivery to inform best practice for the national roll out.
- Lancashire Care Trust will deliver the programme to 76 schools between October and December 2014

## **Incidents and Significant Events**

34 incidents and significant events have been notified to and investigated by the Lancashire screening & immunisation team between April 2013 and July 2014. 10 of these incidents met the threshold for reporting on STEIS. A report on new and ongoing and recently closed incidents, is made to the Screening & Immunisation Oversight Group each quarter. Incident action plans are overseen by the relevant programme boards.

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