

EAST RENFREWSHIRE COUNCILCABINET16 August 2018Report by Director of EnvironmentNHS GREATER GLASGOW AND CLYDE JOINT HEALTH PROTECTION PLAN 2018-2020**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. The purpose of this report is to advise the Cabinet of the contents of the NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde Joint Health Protection Plan 2018 – 20. Approval is also sought to be a signatory to the Agreement to promote the aims and implementation of the Plan.

RECOMMENDATIONS

2. It is recommended that Cabinet:
- (a) Notes the Environmental Health Service's participation in the Public Health (Health Protection) Liaison Working Group;
 - (b) Notes the work plan contents of the Draft NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde Joint Health Protection Plan 2018 – 2020 (Appendix 1); and
 - (c) Delegates to the Director of Environment to act as signatory to the Agreement.

BACKGROUND

3. The Public Health Oversight Board (a body chaired jointly by the Scottish Government and COSLA and charged with delivering the new Health and Social Care Delivery Plan for Scotland) is leading on the creation of a new Scottish national public health body in 2019, with new local joint public health partnerships thereafter.

4. However, in the interim, a (draft) NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde Joint Health Protection Plan 2018 – 20 (JHPP) has been prepared following the requirements set out in the Public Health etc. (Scotland) Act 2008.

5. The Joint Health Protection Plan is a document prepared by the Public Health (Health Protection) Liaison Working Group which is drawn from Greater Glasgow and Clyde NHS, the Environmental Health Services of the 6 Councils within the Board's area and other organisations with a specific responsibility for public health matters. In the future the Public Health Oversight Board, will be responsible for prioritising areas for public health action, including health protection

REPORT

6. The Joint Health Protection Plan (JHPP) provides an overview of health protection for communicable disease and environmental health priorities along with provision and preparedness across the NHS Board area. It has been prepared in accordance with Scottish Government guidance.

7. The purpose of the JHPP is:-

- To provide an overview of health protection priorities, provision and preparedness for NHS GGC and partner local authorities;
- To outline the joint arrangements which NHS GGC and partner local authorities have in place for the protection of public health;
- To improve the level of “preparedness” to respond effectively to a health protection incident and emergency;
- To clarify the priorities for the period of the plan 2018 – 2020;
- To develop “learning” across the agencies;
- To provide a mechanism for reviewing and recording outcomes and achievements.

8. It is proposed that the plan will be available to the public once signed by all parties. It will be reviewed annually by representatives from Environmental Health and Health Protection and any necessary changes made and reported to the Public Health Oversight Board. However, the Plan will only be formally changed and updated every 2 years in accordance with legislative requirements.

9. The JHPP covers the following topics:

- Health protection planning & infrastructure;
- Health protection activities;
- Unique health protection risks & challenges in NHSGGC;
- Significant incidents & outbreaks in recent years;
- Health protection service capacity & resilience;
- Health protection public involvement & feedback;
- Outline work plan, (attached as Appendix 1 to this report).

10. All of the above are matters part of the core service provided by East Renfrewshire Council Environmental Health Services. However, due to the implications of any major public health issue arising in the Greater Glasgow and Clyde area, a joint and co-ordinated response is preferable to ensure that the public are protected as far as possible. The JHPP also provides for common training opportunities and sharing of best practice across the area and can be used in conjunction with our existing resilience plans. The work plan in Appendix 1 aims to strengthen these objectives.

FINANCE AND EFFICIENCY

11. The activities associated with the JHPP outline work plan can be contained within the normal work plan of Environmental Health Services and there is no requirement for additional resources anticipated at this stage.

CONSULTATION

12. There are no consultations required.

PARTNERSHIP WORKING

13. The JHPP has been prepared by the Public Health (Health Protection) Liaison Working Group (PHLWG) which is drawn from Greater Glasgow and Clyde NHS, the Environmental Health Services of the 6 Councils within the Board's area and other organisations with a specific responsibility for public health matters. Once it has been signed by all parties it will become finalised, be a public document and available online.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE PROPOSALS

14. There are no implications of the proposals specifically in terms of staffing, property, legal, IT, equalities and sustainability.

CONCLUSIONS

15. As Scotland moves towards the creation of a new national health body in 2019 public health provision and protection will remain high on the agenda and strengthened partnership working at this stage will be beneficial as new local arrangements are developed. The JHPP will assist with this and provide a sound basis to move forward. Therefore continued support from the Council for the Public Health (Health Protection) Liaison Working Group to progress and implement the JHPP work plan should remain one of our priorities.

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APPENDIX 1

EXTRACT FROM DRAFT NHS GREATER GLASGOW & CLYDE JOINT HEALTH PROTECTION PLAN 2018 – 2020

Outline work plan

In addition to the day-to-day strategic and reactive health protection work undertaken by the partner agencies, which have been outlined in this plan, the following list outlines activities will be taken forward over the life of this plan by the partner agencies and the wider “Med-Vet” group. The Med-Vet group will develop detailed plans and timescales for each of these objectives.

- Exercise, review and update the area Outbreak Control Plan, its supporting documents and procedures
- Similarly, to review the enteric protocol and generic enteric form, to ensure they are aligned to current practice, and audit performance in management of enteric cases
- Implement any recommendations from the publication of VTEC Action Plan final report and the updated *E. coli* public health guidance
- Develop regular individual and team training and other learning opportunities to support the development of environmental health and public health protection workforce
- Strengthen and harmonise where possible mechanisms for patient and public involvement in health protection activity
- Work with Health and Social Care Partnerships to ensure all parties are aware of the process for mobilising response to outbreaks or incidents.
- Carry out preparatory work as appropriate as we move to a new national public health body in 2019, and develop new local arrangements by 2021 as laid out in the Scottish Government Health and Social Care delivery Plan.
- Review any changes necessary to this plan, ways of working or other activities to ensure alignment with the new public health priorities when published
- Review the JHPP after one year and a produce a final report at the end of the lifespan of this plan to demonstrate progress against these activities.

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