Introduction

This update is intended to support the sharing of key messages across the Improving Population Health Programme. The update provides a consolidated place for partners to receive useful information, including the sharing of good practice. It also provides shortcut links to sharable content to support consistency and efficiency.

You are receiving this information so we can help to support the local response to COVID-19. Please do let us know if you’d rather not receive this update or if we’ve missed any contacts.

You can find previous editions of this newsletter and the resources referenced in them [here](#).

Please note this information has **not** been produced for the public. It is intended for internal use only.

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**Improving Population Health Programme Board – 12th June 2020.**

We provided the Programme Board with updates on progress of these key programme areas:
- health inequalities
- prevention
- climate change
- violence reduction
- health and housing
- diabetes

We also provided a finance update and discussed whether we would like to reprioritise areas of spend for the programme. We discussed additional investment in health inequalities grant funding allocations, programme communications, climate change and funding to support a reduction in inequalities for BAME groups.
Improving Population Health Covid-19 Reset and Stabilisation Network – Update from second meeting 17 June 2020

The network came together to continue discussion around the health inequalities and prevention impacts and measures of COVID-19.

Key points from the meeting include:

- **Prevention update**: thematic work, violence reduction work stream and the recent work being undertaken (in partnership with the Public Health Lead from the Yorkshire Ambulance Service (YAS) with the Tri Service (Fire, Police, YAS) Steering Group to embed a Public Health approach.
- **Health Inequalities update**: included a presentation from Pippa Bird (Public Health Registrar, IPHP Programme) on the Health Inequalities Prevention Pathway. This approach will support programmes and partners to work through and break down the big ambitions of the partnership to reduce health inequalities into smaller manageable, specific and measurable actions that can be taken forward.
- **System approach to screening and immunisations (S&I)**: the West Yorkshire and Harrogate Health & Care Partnership (WY&H HCP) Senior Leadership Executive Group have agreed the establishment of a system level group with a dedicated Senior Responsible Officer (SRO) to scope and respond to the potential impact of C-19 on S&I. This is in response to conversations that have been taking place across the system and programmes in relation to concerns around S&I and potential future outbreaks. The group will consider what elements can be delivered together across the system.
- **Improving Population Health Programme Director Sarah Smith** provided an update on the discussions that took place between WY&H HCP Programmes and place planners as part of the World Café event. Key outcomes from this included the need to work closely with programmes and West Yorkshire Association of Acute Trusts (WYAAT) to embed a prevention approach in secondary care pathways and how trusts can support and respond to the increasing health inequalities facing our population.

If you would like further information about this meeting or would like to attend the Network please contact Emm Irving or Sarah Smith.

**Prevention Network**
The Prevention Network is launching three themed groups:

**Public Health and the Night Time Economy Task (NTE) and Finish Group (T&FG):**
This group will bring together colleagues from across the system to:

- understand and respond to the potential impact on population health as a result of reopening the NTE
- work together and develop resources to deliver key public health messages before, during and after the reopening
- share good practice and where appropriate deliver at scale across the partnership to respond to the potential impacts.

**Complex Childhood Trauma T&FG:**
In partnership with WY&H HCP Children and Young People’s Programme and the WY&H HCP Mental Health, Learning Disabilities and Autism Programme.

This group will bring together partners to join up action(s) between organisations, understand the current context, provision, gaps in provision and challenges in relation to childhood trauma. Share learning and good practice; develop strategies to address the changing needs of children and young people facing adversity. Our priority is to ensure that children and young people across WY&H have
access to the support they need to have positive experiences, feel safe and be healthy; both physically and emotionally.

**Sustainable and Resilient Communities T&FG:**
Communities are important for physical and mental health and well-being. The physical and social characteristics of communities, and the degree to which they enable and promote healthy behaviours, all make a contribution to social inequalities in health (Institute of Health Equity: Create and Develop Healthy and Sustainable Communities, 2020).

This group will explore the attributes and elements that enable sustainable and resilient communities, drawing on good practice already being delivered across the system which will include (but is not limited to) the following areas:

- improvement in health and wellbeing outcomes (linking with Personalised Care)
- the role of volunteers and the voluntary sector
- building on assets (personal, social, community and neighbourhood)
- focus on equality and narrowing inequalities
- health and housing
- coproduction and social action.

If you would like further information or would like to be involved in any of the groups above please contact Emm Irving, Manager for Improving Population Health.

**Health Inequalities Grant Fund**
The West Yorkshire and Harrogate Health Inequalities Grant Fund closed for applications on Monday 8th June. We have received 81 applications from across the partnership targeted towards a variety of population groups that have been disproportionately affected by the impacts of COVID-19. We will notify all applicants on the outcomes and award successful applications by the end of June. The quality of applications is strong and we will look forward to working with and learning from successful applicants over the coming months.

**Supporting access to health and care**
Digital tools are helping more people to access health and care across West Yorkshire and Harrogate. You can read more about this work in this press release.

**Diabetes**
**New online diabetes services**
We have officially released details of three new online services for people with diabetes, as outlined in the letter shared last week.

To help local teams promote these services to their patients, the national diabetes team has developed the packs on MyType1Diabetes and DigiBete which are both available now. These packs include FAQs for healthcare professionals and patients, template letters for service users and assets to promote the services online including copy for bulletins, twitter images and promotional videos.

Materials to help teams promote Healthy Living will be made available once the service is live later in the year.

Please use these resources across your own channels and forward on to any comms colleagues who will find these resources useful.
Coronavirus and policing
West Yorkshire Police have now updated their Easy Read document, explaining some of the changes which have taken place in the last week.

New Climate Change Lead
Frank Swinton has joined the programme as Climate Change joint lead alongside Yannish Naik to help deliver our regional ambition to be global leaders in responding to the climate emergency. Frank is also a Consultant Anaesthetist at Airedale NHS Foundation Trust.

To join our climate change network you can email Frank on frank.swinton@nhs.net.

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