

Board of Director

Item 3.2

Subject: LHCH Systems Support: Primary Care
Date of Meeting: 27th September 2023
Presented by: Jonathan Develing, Director of Strategic Partnerships
Purpose of Report: To Note

BAF Reference	Impact on BAF
BAF 8	The paper contributes to assurance against the risk that priorities of the emergent ICS are uncertain and may present tensions for our strategic plans and collaborations and divert leadership capacity.

Level of assurance (please tick one) <i>To be used when the content of the report provides evidence of assurance</i>					
X	Acceptable assurance Controls are suitably designed, with evidence of them being consistently applied and effective in practice	<input type="checkbox"/>	Partial assurance Controls are still maturing – evidence shows that further action is required to improve their effectiveness	<input type="checkbox"/>	Low assurance Evidence indicates poor effectiveness of controls

1. Executive Summary

The following briefing is a snapshot of the work of respective groups that specifically support Primary Care Networks. Primary care being defined as the whole primary care team not solely general practice.

2. CVD Prevention Group (CVD-P)

This is a multidisciplinary group made up of operational and clinical leads. Organisationally these leads are from British Heart Foundation, Heart Research UK, Innovation Agency, CHAMPS, Public Health NHS England and from the Nine respective Places of Cheshire and Merseyside.

- The group is also supported with four clinical network primary care leads (all GPs) who disseminate programme information accordingly – Dr Sue Kemsley, Dr Paul Bishop, Dr Lesley Appleton and Dr Mubeen Ahmed
- The group is attended by 9 CVD Place Leads who disseminate and discuss programme with PCN's/GPs (lead names can be provided if required) within local Cardio Vascular Disease (CVD) Prevention forums.

- CVD Prevention Group has an active education series that is currently live aimed at primary care (GPs) to educate on all aspects of CVD management/ CVD programme/ CVD prevention group and purpose. 4 sessions held to date across Cheshire and Merseyside (C&M) and next session is due in September 2023.
- The group is supported by a series of steering groups e.g., Hypertension task and finish group, that look at specific programme workplans to accelerate prevention efforts. Hypertension group is chaired by Dr David Baker, Wirral GP.
- There are also mature working and relationships with the Local Pharmaceutical Committee / Network given the expanding role that pharmacy can offer with the CVD Prevention space.
- As CVD presentations are synonymous with Long Term Conditions the program connects with Kidney, Stroke and respiratory networks given the predisposition of disease.
- The recognises the role of Voluntary Sector in delivery of the CVD Prevention in supporting opportune screening and general checks in local settings and a workshop is scheduled for October 2023 to explore this further.
- The group supports the delivery of the National ABC targets with enhanced pilots that embrace innovative working such as: BP automated pilots.
- The Happy Hearts Website is both public and professional facing with a dedicated tab for the management of CVD Prevention in primary care.
- Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service are also planned to deliver c. 25,000 BP tests across Cheshire, Halton and Warrington as part of the Safe and Well visits.
- Dr Dan Bunstone – Warrington Place, Dr Amar Patel – Formby both leading an automated BP pilot on behalf of CVD prevention group.

3. Cardiac Board (CB)

The Cardiac Board has sponsored the uptake of the primary care heart failure service – delivered in partnership with Inspira health this a recognised service of excellence (Health Service Journal awards) that risk assess primary care heart failure and supports MDT (multi disciplinary team) management in practice with secondary and tertiary care consultants.

- Targeted healthy heart and lung (THL). Targeted at areas of inequality these GP practices in areas of health inequality the THL supports primary care with risk assessed patients over 55 with a history of smoking. Following risk assessment, a chest CT is offered, and full care package developed prior to handing back to primary care for ongoing management.
- The C&M wide Heart Failure Pathway is now supported with an application that provides guided decision making in primary care.
- The Cardiac Board has acted as the Design Authority for the CIPHA CVD Dashboard, overseeing changes to metrics as and when they arise.
- The Cardiac Board endorsed the now local implementation of Well Point Kiosks. This having positive uptake and outcomes in the community.

- The Cardiac Board has supported health check pilots in Halton, Wirral, and Chester. Key focus of the pilot was on prevention of CVD and addressing health inequalities. Key learning including strengths and challenges identified were shared with group to support scale up of this work.
- The Cardiac Board also links with NWS colleagues who presented findings from the hypertension case finding pilot delivered in Greater Manchester which included sharing North West Ambulance Service obtained Blood Pressure data with local Primary Care Networks. The pilot was found to be worthwhile providing useful data and the group discussed the potential to deliver a similar pilot in C&M. Collaborative work between NWS and CVD Prevention Group will continue to progress to support similar pilot delivery.
- The Cardiac Board is the sponsor for the development of a new Lipid Pathway describing best practice from prevention through to end of life. This includes familial hypercholesterolemia for which there is currently no commissioned service in C&M.

4. Recommendations

The Board of Directors are asked to note the extensive support that the Trust offers across the system and specifically in relation to primary care.