



Champs
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England

Thursday 10th November 2016

9.00 registration

9.30 start – 1.00pm close

Select Stadium, Lowerhouse Lane, Widnes, Cheshire WA8 7DZ

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Ensuring safe and resilient communities

Influenza – Coping with the unpredictable

Background

Seasonal influenza causes substantial illness and death, not only posing high risk to the elderly, but also to pregnant women, infants and children. The impact of flu seasons are unpredictable; while only moderate levels of influenza activity were seen in the community in the UK in 2015/16, high numbers of admissions to hospital and ICU/HDU was observed with excess mortality seen in younger adults. This is a telling reminder of the continuing challenge of influenza and the need for health and social care organisations to take seasonal influenza very seriously.

Objectives:

- To understand the wider impact of influenza, and the mortality and morbidity associated with Influenza
- To understand national policy on management of influenza and consider research and evidence relating to the public health management of Influenza.
- To understand the opportunities and challenges for vaccination against seasonal influenza.
- To understand the framework for managing and responding to flu cases, outbreaks and pandemics.

Who should attend?

Local Authority Councillors, Social care services, CCG's, NHS Trusts, Academia, Local Authority Public Health Teams (DsPH, Specialists and Consultants in Public Health), Local Authority Emergency Planners, Health Protection Practitioners, Community and Hospital Infection Control teams, Pharmacists, LHRP and LRF members and other relevant organisations.

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Draft Programme

9:30am	Welcome from the Chair – Eileen O’Meara, Director of Public Health, Halton Council and Lead Director of Public Health for Health Protection
9.40am	Introduction - Gavin Debrera, Lead, Influenza Preparedness and Response Section 2015/16 Influenza season Review of current National Guidance – evidence for antiviral use for treatment/prophylaxis
9.55am	Flu Vaccination in Cheshire and Merseyside – Achievements, opportunities and challenges - Dan Seddon and Pauline Jones, NHS England Flu vaccine for social care staff: A different approach - Helen Stott, Cheshire West and Chester Council
10.25am	Flu outbreaks in care homes - Anjila Shah, CCDC PHE North West
10.40am	Panel Q & A
11.00am	Refreshment Break
11:15 - 11:45	Group 1 – Scenario: public health management of an outbreak ILI in a special needs school
	Group 2 – Scenario: public health management of an outbreak ILI in a secondary care setting
	Group 3 – Scenario: public health management of an outbreak ILI in a care home
11:45	Feedback following the group work
12:00	Pandemic Flu - Dyfan Jones, Emergency Preparedness Manager, PHE North West
12:15	Q & A
12.25pm	Workshop – Round Table Discussions <i>What is the public health benefit of interventions :Vaccination/outbreak control interventions?</i> <i>How effective are the interventions?</i> <i>How efficiently can the intervention be performed (consider resource implications and opportunity cost)?</i> <i>Whose responsibility is it ?</i> <i>Where are the big gaps?</i> <i>What do we need to change?</i> <i>How can we work better together? How can issues be addressed?</i>
12:55pm	Closing remarks by Chair
1:00pm	Close

*Programme is subject to change

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