

Roles of the 3 affected services; Neighbourhood Warden Service, Public Health Nutrition Team and Health Development Officers

Neighbourhood Warden Service

- To provide an efficient and effective warden service in designated neighbourhoods across Coventry by improving the local environment through reporting and actioning highlighted issues and defects
- To reduce the fear of crime by being a visual deterrent and a re-assuring presence
- To increase citizen's pride in their neighbourhoods leading to increased capacity building and ultimately self-service into services provided by the City Council and partners
- To patrol designated hot spot areas and neighbourhoods, as identified by data supplied by the City Council and partners
- To act as a gateway into Council Services and that of partners and to be the first point of contact for citizens of the City
- To gather information on offenders across the spectrum so as to aid other departments and partners to take the necessary enforcement activities

Public Health Nutrition Team

The Public Health Nutrition Team work to reduce obesity and improve nutritional knowledge in the City. They deliver programmes that support both Coventry's Healthy Weight and Infant Mortality Strategies. These include:

- Setting and implementing nutrition standards for under 5s
- Performing nutrition promotion work with parents and support staff in Children's Centres, Early Years settings etc.
- Providing training for the Early Years workforce including support for Healthy start programmes and Start4Life
- Delivery of healthy lunchbox sessions and promotions at primary schools in the City engaging with both parents and young people
- Moderation of healthy beating criteria for the Coventry Healthy Schools Awards
- Providing training for the adult social care workforce around healthy eating and good nutrition
- Support for pregnant mums via a 6 week nutrition focused programme
- Professional nutritionist support to the Cook and Eat Well programme
- Work with the Food Bank and communities in the City suffering food poverty

Health Development Officers

Health Development Officers in the City Council's Health Inequalities Team work across the City to reduce health inequalities, with a particular focus on communities experiencing poor health outcomes, newly arrived communities and groups or individuals who have struggled to access health services appropriately.

This includes work to support the Healthy Weight strategy, the Tobacco Control Strategy, support to Coventry Stop Smoking Service, the Work and Health programme and promotion of healthy lifestyles and Change4Life messages.

Other programmes and activities the team are involved in are:

A programme of activity working with priority communities and others on local projects co-designed and jointly led with the community, including awareness of specific health problems (Shisha, Khat, Cancer Awareness, Diabetes Awareness etc.) and 10 week programmes to promote healthy lifestyles and positive nutrition. Attendance at community events, fairs etc. to find opportunities to promote positive health messages. Other projects include allotment schemes to promote appropriate physical activity.

Support to the Coventry Men's Health Forum to develop joint plans with employers, health providers and Coventry University to raise awareness of the problems many men (particularly those in routine and manual or hourly paid work) may have in accessing health services, and promotion of screening opportunities and other appropriate interventions to support the work of the Forum.

Linked to this a programme of health promotion and screening opportunities working with major employers in the City (Peugeot, JLR etc.)

Spreading healthy lifestyle messages and promotion of early intervention and brief advice through support to the Making Every Contact Count programme, particularly working with third sector colleagues and partners (West Midlands Fire Services etc.).

Support to the Coventry Healthy Walks Programme.

Previously the team has conducted smoking cessation clinics, held health MOT sessions, and participated in other citywide screening schemes.

The team work jointly with West Midlands Fire Service on work around raising awareness of the dangers of Carbon Monoxide, and on utilisation of front line Fire Fighters in work to tackle health inequalities and promote positive health messages.