# Population vaccination coverage – Flu (65+ years)

Percentage of eligible adults aged 65+ who have received the flu vaccine

#### Introduction

Vaccination coverage is the best indicator of the level of protection a population will have against vaccine preventable communicable diseases. Flu (or influenza) is a highly infectious illness caused by the flu virus. It spreads rapidly through small droplets coughed or sneezed into the air by an infected person. Studies have shown that flu vaccines provide effective protection against flu. The reduced effectiveness of one of the elements of the flu vaccination in 2014/15 was due to the virus having changed - a very unusual occurrence.

### Population vaccination coverage - Flu (aged 65+), 2011/12 to 2015/16

	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
Warwickshire	74.6%	74.1%	75.1%	75.2%	71.9%
West Midlands	72.6%	72.2%	72.4%	72.3%	70.4%
England	74.0%	73.4%	73.2%	72.8%	71.0%

Source: Public Health England

## GP practice seasonal flu vaccination uptake by Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs)

	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
Coventry & Rugby CCG	73.0%	73.2%	69.5%
South Warwickshire CCG	77.4%	77.6%	74.2%
Warwickshire North CCG	72.0%	72.2%	69.2%

Source: Public Health England

Updated 28/11/16

### **Current** position

- Warwickshire exceeds the national target and is the second best perfoming upper tier authority across the West Midlands.
- Flu vaccinations were provided in 42 pharmacies and through the 76 GP practices aligned to the three Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) in 2015/16.

### **Current activity**

• Campaign underway for 2016/17 across Coventry and Warwickshire.

