


Covid-19 Health Protection Board Agenda,

09:30-10:30, Thursday, 18th June 2020

1	<p>Roll Call</p>	AG
2	<p>Introduction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nationally there is a move into to a new phase of the pandemic. Local Government are required to produce local Outbreak Control Plans. The plan will be overseen by Health Protection Board, the Member-led Engagement Board and link with the SCG. Documents circulated are the guidance received so far from Government. All feedback welcomed as this board develops. 	CC
3	<p>Aims, Objectives and Terms of Reference,</p> <p>Confirmation and discussion of the aims and objectives from the terms of reference:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> To set clear strategic aims and objectives for Cumbria’s ongoing response to Covid-19 To establish a policy framework for the overall management of the epidemic, including approving the Covid-19 Outbreak Control Plan and overseeing its implementation To maintain an overview of the epidemiology of Covid-19 within Cumbria in order to inform decision making about local countermeasures and to inform Regional and National policy To identify required resources and oversee the deployment of multi-agency resources in support of the Board’s strategic objectives To recommend or activate the implementation of necessary enhanced countermeasures, including if appropriate local enhanced social distancing measures (“local lockdowns”) to SCG <p> Health Protection Board ToR v1.0.pdf</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conversations are ongoing to finalise the ToR including the roles and responsibilities on diction making, the Member-led Outbreak Board and the relationship between the Health Protection Board and the SCG. Higher reporting is completed on a regional level. It is expected that Cumbria will align to the NEW footprint. <p>ACTION: Andy Summerbell to pass any documentation on regional structures to aid the future governance of HPB to Colin Cox (09:36)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The SCG will be available to go into acute response phase to deliver the effect required. COVID-19 is a long term public health issue. The SCG is currently going through a transitional period. There will be a short period of dual running of both the SCG and the Health Protection Board. The Recovery Co-ordination Group is meeting this week. <p>The Terms of Reference accepted as a working document by all partners (09:45)</p>	CC

4	<p>National sitrep</p> <p>Coronavirus update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a concern regarding the number of confirmed cases rising. The national R value is below 1 for apart from the south west. • Test, track and trace being fully implemented. <p>National accountability and wiring diagram:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A wiring diagram will be created detailing national to operational level. <p>ACTION: Resilience Unit to create a wiring diagram of national/regional structures for the HPB (09:51)</p>	PHE
5	<p>Local sitrep</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local outbreak plans need to be established by the end of June. A draft plan for Cumbria has been in place for some time. • Contact tracing, testing up and running. • Daily incident management meetings taking place. Referrals ae being from the national system and cases are being identified from local testing. Complex incidents currently being managed. 	CC
6	<p>Items for urgent action</p> <p>None raised.</p>	CC
7	<p>Agree local co-ordination arrangements</p> <p>Finance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £1.7 million has been allocated to Cumbria. Conditions of the funding not clear at this time. • Community group may not need a lot of direct financial support. • Background infrastructure in place to respond when necessary. • Sexual health have the ability to support contact tracing. Environmental health have also been completing contact tracing. • The national system needs to be fully established in order to assess demand on the hub. • Long term IPC resources to be considered. • More detailed proposals for the spend will be brought to future meetings. <p>Equality Impact Assessment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is important to complete this assessment and it can be part of the Outbreak Control Plan. • Following the intense scrutiny received relating to Fixed Penalty notices there is a need for this assessment. • PHE have issued a document detailing the impact of coronavirus on BAME groups. <p>ACTION: Resilience Unit to discuss with Colin Cox the creation of an Equality Impact Assessment for the HPB (09:58)</p> <p>Exercise:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A scaling exercised will be commissioned and this will be linked into the wiring diagram. • It is important to test the independency between all of the groups and evidence that this has taken place. <p>ACTION: Resilience Unit to work with Colin Cox on a Scaling Exercise for the HPB including SCG and national involvement (10:09)</p>	CC

8	<p>Assessment of preparedness/key gaps</p> <p>Preparedness:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are 7 key points to the outbreak control plan. • A process is needed to ensure that the document is completed. The document will be updated as processes change. • Capacity and recourses will be needed to protect those shielding. • Third sector care providers will be included in the Care Home Sub-Group. • The Government is conducting work relating to the worst case scenarios of a second wave. The findings are yet to be released. • Schedule 21 plans to be included in the Outbreak Control Plan including escalation pathways. <p>ACTION: Colin Cox and Resilience Unit to continue working on a Local Outbreak Control Plan (10.11)</p>	CC
9	<p>Update from sub groups and agencies by exception</p> <p>Multi-Agency Intelligence Cell:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The MAIC has been supported of SCG and sub-groups. Currently looking at establishing an information register. There are in the region of 40 data flows relating to coronavirus. • Working with NW colleagues in modelling collaborative in relation to second wave worse case scenarios. • Consideration being given for pilot a of additional military intelligence support through MACR request. Not formally offered yet. Designed to assist MAIC and all different parties. <p>ACTION: Resilience unit to forward information to the MAIC on the outcome of a MACR request for national data links (10:19)</p> <p>Cumbria Community Resilience Group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is an awareness of more work to be done with community groups re track and trace. • IPC sub-group looking at issuing guidance regarding results of contacts. <p>Care System Group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outbreaks within care homes are seeing a plateau. • Care Home Sub-Group continues to meet twice a week. <p>Business Economic Response & Recovery Group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ever increasing unemployment figures being seen. Significant numbers for Cumbria. • Concern regarding the potential for people going off work when they are identified as contacts. <p>Tactical Education & Early years Group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aware of the challenges locally for those struggling from a poverty and financial point of view. Robust local support required to ensure they have what they need. <p>Agencies by exception:</p> <p><i>Testing Sub-Group:</i></p> <p>Concern regarding antibody testing and how this will be roll out. Exploring access for colleagues in social care. In particular care staff. This is currently not in line with Government guidance.</p>	CC Subgroup chairs
10	<p>Communications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Email HealthProtectionBoard@cumbria.gov.uk <p>An inbox has been created for queries and issues.</p>	KB

11	Next meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Weekly battle rhythm:- HPB to continue at 09:30 Thursday- SCG Thurs 10:30- LRF Chairs National Weds 14:00	CC
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