

**Covid-19 Health Protection Board Minutes,**

**09:30-10:30, Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2020**

	<p><b>Objectives of the Board</b></p> <p>Confirmation and discussion of the aims and objectives from the terms of reference:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To set clear strategic aims and objectives for Cumbria’s ongoing response to Covid-19</li> <li>2. To establish a policy framework for the overall management of the epidemic, including approving the Covid-19 Outbreak Control Plan and overseeing its implementation</li> <li>3. 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</li> <li>4. To identify required resources and oversee the deployment of multi-agency resources in support of the Board’s strategic objectives</li> <li>5. To recommend or activate the implementation of necessary enhanced countermeasures, including if appropriate local enhanced social distancing measures (“local lockdowns”) to SCG</li> </ol>	
1	<b>Roll Call</b>	AG
2	<p><b>Introduction</b></p> <p>Introductions and welcome given by Colin Cox.</p>	CC
3	<p><b>Items for urgent action</b> (<i>Item moved up the agenda due to Colin Cox having to attend incident meeting</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There has been a small outbreak in Dumfries and Galloway which is connected to the Cumberland Infirmary in Carlisle. Scotland are taking this very seriously and an incident meeting with the deputy first minister this morning. Colin Cox to attend this meeting so matt Saunders will take over as Chair.</li> <li>• This will generate a lot of attention and a high profile media response.</li> </ul>	CC
4	<p><b>Review of Outstanding Actions</b></p> <p>All outstanding actions reviewed and action log updated accordingly.</p>	CC
5	<p><b>National sitrep</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The national curve of the pandemic is flattening off. Moving into low level with a number of local outbreaks.</li> <li>• The outbreak being experienced by Leicester has clarified queries regarding local decisions.</li> <li>• An improved data flow is expected.</li> <li>• There is a commitment by the Government to share all data at a local level.</li> <li>• Modelling data for a second wave is still to be released.</li> <li>• There are three potential inflection points: (i) the easing of lockdown; (ii) schools returning in September and (iii) winter.</li> </ul>	CC
6	<p><b>Local sitrep</b></p> <p><b>SCG:</b></p>	CC/MS

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The current focus of the SCG is the 4<sup>th</sup> July including businesses opening safely and the opening of pubs/bars/restaurants.</li> <li>This week's national LRF chairs meeting focused on the Leicester outbreak including the effectiveness of local lockdown.</li> <li>It would be beneficial to have modelling data even if it is estimates.</li> </ul> <p><b>Epidemiology:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Weekly summary produced and circulated with the agenda.</li> <li>This is a first draft and there are significant caveats which need to be considered when looking at the data.</li> <li>Test data for both Pillar 1 &amp; Pillar 2 has been received down to post code level. This is test data not case data. Data for cases at this level is expected.</li> <li>Breakdowns for Cumbria and Districts included.</li> <li>Data reporting for contact tracing in development.</li> <li>Data will be published widely.</li> <li>Test data may provide confusion when published. Case data would be more beneficial.</li> </ul> <p><b>IMH:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Highlight report included with the agenda.</li> <li>A small number of incidents being managed including cases connected to schools with sympatric staff/pupils.</li> <li>The Outbreak Control Team has seen a significant reduction in the number of outbreaks in care homes.</li> </ul>	
7	<p><b>Outbreak Control Plan</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The plan has now been published for consultation.</li> <li>Comparisons are ongoing with the plans published by our neighbouring counties.</li> <li>The vulnerable groups section of the plan is to be strengthened by Claire King and work is ongoing in terms of approaches.</li> </ul>	MS
8	<p><b>Assessment of preparedness/key gaps</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Draft resource plan circulated for review. This details the resources required for test and trace. Military planners have assisted in pulling this documents together.</li> <li>Infection prevention and control will need to be collectively resources as CCGs will struggle with capacity when people go back to their substantive roles.</li> </ul> <p><b>ACTION: Environmental health to have discussions regarding resourcing levels (10:16)</b></p> <p><b>ACTION: Feedback for the resource plan to be fed back to Matt Saunders (10:16)</b></p>	MS
9	<p><b>Update from sub groups and agencies by exception</b></p> <p><b>Test and Trace Group:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The two groups have now merged.</li> <li>Experiencing issues with resilience in communities. There is a need to maintain a system in place in event of second wave.</li> </ul> <p><b>Cumbria Community Resilience Group:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concerns being expressed by those who are shielding returning to work. Concerns regarding safety measures being in place.</li> </ul>	CC  Subgroup chairs

	<p><b>Care Home Sub-Group:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Huge improvement in number of homes with outbreaks. There have been 2 deaths this week.</li> <li>• Ongoing challenge regarding care homes who are prepared to work with covid positive cases.</li> <li>• We can't compel providers to take covid positive people.</li> <li>• Concerns about further pressures on hospital capacity. Work is ongoing to secure alternative accommodation.</li> <li>• National modelling ongoing for hospitals. High occupancy rates in the hospital will see an impact sooner. Discussions need to be moved forward before usual winter pressures take effect.</li> </ul> <p><b>Tactical Education &amp; Early years Group:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Positive feedback received from the head teacher in relation to the call centre.</li> <li>• Some people have been sent out of area for testing.</li> <li>• High level of anxiety regarding returning in September and how this will look.</li> <li>• Vacs and imms programme for schools is a concern. Staff experiencing resistance from schools to progress with the programme.</li> </ul> <p><b>Agencies by exception</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None raised.</li> </ul>	
10	<p><b>Communications</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Draft comms plan circulated for review. This will sit alongside the Outbreak Control Plan.</li> <li>• Open for comment and feedback.</li> <li>• Discussions ongoing regarding using some of the budget for paid advertising.</li> <li>• Work needed to address how specific outbreaks are responded from a media perspective.</li> <li>• Comms messages reinforcing the need for people to "do their bit".</li> </ul>	KB
11	<p><b>Next meeting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Weekly battle rhythm:</li> <li>- HPB to continue at 09:30 Thursday</li> <li>- SCG Thurs 11:00</li> <li>- LRF Chairs National Weds 14:00</li> </ul>	CC