

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

**11.00 – 12.00, Thursday 9th 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	<p><b>Roll Call</b></p>  <p>2020 07 09 HPB Roll Call v1.pdf</p>	AG
2	<p><b>Introduction</b></p> <p>An additional Incident management meeting has taken place this morning due to issues emerging in Carlisle.</p>	CK
3	<p><b>Review of Outstanding Actions</b></p> <p>All outstanding actions reviewed and action log updated accordingly.</p>	CK
4	<p><b>National sitrep</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Each area being reviewed. Areas with a high exceedance are flagged up and appropriate measures are put in place.</li> <li>• Nationally, areas with high exceedance are areas with crowded housing, deprivation and a <b>high percentage of BAME population.</b></li> <li>• Carlisle is currently being flagging as a red area.</li> </ul>	PHE
5	<p><b>Local sitrep</b></p> <p><b>SCG:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• July 4<sup>th</sup> went by quieter than expected.</li> <li>• Objectives of SCG transferred to Health Protection Board and the SCRG.</li> <li>• Recommending to suspend SCG for now as the strategic objectives being delivered elsewhere.</li> </ul> <p><b>MAIC:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overview of weekly report provided by Emma Graham. Report circulated with the agenda for review by group members.</li> </ul>	CK

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Incidents in Carlisle are higher for Cumbria but not higher in the context of North West.</li> <li>The MAIC have received case data broken down into Pillar 1 &amp; 2 and into districts.</li> <li>Test data received has data quality issues so will be revised.</li> <li>Data is only released on a Monday and this is causing issues.</li> <li>John Astbury expressed frustrations at the delays for Cumbria data being received and the quality of the data.</li> </ul> <p><b>ACTION: Emma Graham to send outline of data required to John Astbury to escalate.</b> <b>ACTION: NCIC testing data to be shared with MAIC.</b></p>	
6	<p><b>Items for urgent</b></p> <p><b>Carlisle:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A number of outbreaks emerged over the last couple of weeks within CIC. At present 30 staff who are off positive/self-isolating.</li> <li>There is evidence of onward transmission.</li> <li>A previous spread into Dumfries &amp; Galloway lead to an outbreak which resulted in political involvement.</li> <li>Concerns regarding community onward spread.</li> <li>Emma Graham to work with Helen Musker to cross reference data to identify community and hospital cases.</li> <li>Staff based data has been shared.</li> <li>Sources of outbreaks need to be identified.</li> <li>NCIC moved their outbreak meetings to daily.</li> <li>Carlisle focused incident management meeting scheduled for 9am tomorrow.</li> <li>Aggressive track and trace will assist in containing the outbreak.</li> <li>Further work to be done regarding messaging.</li> <li>Concern regarding the proximity to Scotland who have aspirations to have zero cases.</li> </ul> <p><b>ACTION: Emma Graham to work with Helen Musker to identify hospital/community cases.</b> <b>ACTION: Alison Goodfellow to send out invites to Carlisle Incident Management Meeting.</b> <b>ACTION: Comms to be agreed during Carlisle Incident Group</b></p>	CK
7	<p><b>Outbreak Control Plan</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The draft plan is currently out for consultation.</li> <li>Areas being reflected on include arrangements for border management of outbreaks and learning from other outbreaks across the country.</li> <li>Outbreak control plans from large organisations to be reviewed.</li> </ul> <p><b>ACTION: NCIC and MBHT to share outbreak control plans with the Health Protection Board.</b></p>	CK
8	<p><b>Assessment of preparedness/key gaps</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Environmental health leads have met to discuss the resource plan and have identified that there is a need for additional resources.</li> </ul>	CK
9	<p><b>NHS System Winter Planning</b></p> <p><b>NCIC:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Overview provided by Michael Smillie.</li> <li>A strategic response is needed in preparation for a second peak.</li> <li>Considering the use existing partnerships to generate immediate contingency</li> </ul>	HF/MS

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conversations taking place early next week. If this doesn't result in increased confidence there will be a need to escalate.</li> </ul> <p><b>UMBHT:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How to manage general COVID work and underlying work through the winter is being reviewed.</li> <li>10 point plan structure presented by Gary O'Neil.</li> <li>Priorities identified from whole system perspective.</li> <li>7 day working and prompt decision making are key.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concerns regarding the high number of excess deaths during the in first wave. Provisions are needed for those dying outside of the system who haven't accessed health care.</li> <li>Lancashire &amp; South Cumbria ICS are taking a lead in preparedness for the Bay</li> <li>Capacity being addressed across the system so recovery centres aren't required.</li> <li>Both the Health &amp; Wellbeing Board and the A&amp;E Delivery Board will have oversight of the winter preparedness.</li> </ul>	
10	<p><b>Update from sub groups and agencies by exception</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Test and trace</b> – continue to see issues with availability of community swabbing. Lack of access to pillar 2 results. Trying to keep pillar 1 swabbing in place.</li> <li><b>Community resilience</b> – planning for winter pressures. Increase level of poverty and financial pressures will lead to people finding it harder to self-isolate and follow government guidance.</li> <li><b>Care System Group</b> – Positive that no outbreaks in care homes and outdoor visiting has opened up. The practicalities and impacts of whole home testing is a concern. Practicalities and impacts.</li> <li><b>Business Recovery Group</b> – Major discussion areas are reopening activities in the Lake District, the reduction of VAT to 5% and the job retention scheme.</li> <li><b>Education</b> – Area of concern regarding testing for young children. Concern that start of autumn term when ordinarily there are a lot of temperatures and coughs.</li> </ul>	<p>CK</p> <p>Subgroup chairs</p>
11	<p><b>Communications</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Draft comms plan discussed with SMAC and open for feedback. It will be formally added to Outbreak Control Group.</li> <li>Comms protocol regarding how we communicate outbreaks to be addressed.</li> <li>Proactive comms regarding Carlisle required.</li> </ul>	<p>KB</p>
12	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Study from ONS provided for information. 60% people in the study were positive with no symptoms.</li> </ul>	
13	<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 14:00</li> <li>LRF Chairs National Weds 14:00</li> </ul>	<p>CK</p>