


Covid-19 Health Protection Board Minutes

09:30-10:30, Thursday, 16th July 2020

	<p>Objectives of the Board</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To set clear strategic aims and objectives for Cumbria’s ongoing response to Covid-19 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 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 4. To identify required resources and oversee the deployment of multi-agency resources in support of the Board’s strategic objectives 5. To recommend or activate the implementation of necessary enhanced countermeasures, including if appropriate local enhanced social distancing measures (“local lockdowns”) to SCG 	CC
1	<p>Roll Call</p>  <p>2020 07 16 HPB Roll Call v1.pdf</p>	AG
2	<p>Introduction</p> <p>Introductions and welcomes by Colin Cox.</p>	CC
3	<p>Review of Outstanding Actions</p> <p>All actions reviewed and action log updated accordingly.</p>	CC
4	<p>National sitrep</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leicester’s lockdown involved national intervention. • Current risks in the North West include Blackburn & Darwin, Rochdale, Pendle and Oldham. Measures are being stepped up locally. • National the number of cases is reducing. 	PHE
5	<p>Local sitrep</p> <p>Update from SCG</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreed that rather standing down meeting there will be an SCG next week to reflect on the outbreaks in situation. Decision will be made at that meeting regarding standing down. • Reservations received from some partner agencies to standing down the SCG. <p>Local epidemiology:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full report and redacted report included with the agenda. Overview provided by Emma Graham. • Data quality issues not being seen this week. • Data included from NHS 111. New data map shows hotspots of triages via 111. • Local contact tracing data included for awareness. • Draft public report included with the agenda. Case data included and LSOA map. • Further data will be added when available. • A narrative will be added to address queries regarding more tests leading to more positives. 	AS EG CC/FM

	<p>Update from IMH and OCT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highlight report included for review. • 5 new incidents in separate locations. • Separate Carlisle meeting established last week. • Challenge surrounding not having access to data from the national test and trace system. • Hospital data valuable for mapping the cases. • NCIC able to pick up pillar 2 sampling within the lab. Further meeting taking place tomorrow to move things forward. 	
6	<p>Items for urgent action</p> <p>None raised.</p>	CC
7	<p>Carlisle Incident Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing work to map cases in Carlisle. • Challenge of data and ability to map individuals/cases. • Seeing a rise but not near the levels to other parts of NW. • No issues for escalation to SCG or more widely. • Resources are being put into testing and tracking. • There is connectivity between hospital contact tracing and community contact tracing. • A formal request has been made to the national test and trace system for pillar 2 data and the challenges that this is causing. NHSE have it recorded as a risk at regional level. 	CK
8	<p>Outbreak Control Plan</p> <p>- The plan is out for consultation until end of the month.</p>	CC
9	<p>Assessment of preparedness/key gaps</p> <p>Resource plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work co-ordinated by military colleagues for use of the funding. • Current local contact tracing and outbreak management resources were built on business continuing for the emergency situation. Resources for the future need to be considered. • Colin Cox supports the increase in environmental health capacity. 	CC
10	<p>Winter Preparedness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This will be a standing item to reflect as moving forward. • Concerns expressed regarding assurance for flu vaccinations. Morecambe Bay have incorporated this into their winter planning. North CCG to do the same. • Schools have raised issues of timings of the flu vaccines last year. • More strategic approach to flu vaccinations required. • GPs raising issues regarding social distancing for vaccinations. 	CC
11	<p>Update from sub groups and agencies by exception</p> <p>Test and Trace Group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business as usual. • Awaiting report from PHE regarding approach to care home testing. <p>Cumbria Community Resilience Group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questions regarding what shielding might look like if local lockdown in in place. Raised back through MHCLG shielding programme. 	<p>CC</p> <p>Subgroup chairs</p>

	<p>Care Home Group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Care Home Sub-Group continues to meet. • The number of homes experiencing outbreaks is reducing. • Work ongoing to develop COVID+ capacity. • Pressure regarding hospital discharges and winter planning. <p>Business Economic Response & Recovery Group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The group continues to meet. • Claimant count 14000 fallen by 410. Fallen in all 6 districts. • Furlough data received from the HMRC. 73,000 (32%) claimed furlough in the county. The national rate is 31%. 2 highest district areas are Eden and South lakes. • Concerns regarding unemployment situation having wider health implications. <p>Tactical Education & Early years Group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schools updating consent arrangements to take into account COVID 19. • Schools told that they can ask for test results but parents/carers not obliged to disclose. • Head teachers/staff reminder to keep call centre updated regarding positive/suspected cases. <p>Agencies by exception:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None raised. 	
12	<p>Communications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fortnightly tactical plan shared with SMAC. • Outbreak Comms protocol to be brought back to this group for sign off. • Budget allocation of marketing. Proactive paid for comms. • Messages re Carlisle – increase in numbers, still a concern, advice is the same as last week, next week is critical. Review next week. Issue or not by this time next week. Re-emphasising guidelines. • Messaging for younger people. Young people can pass on the infection and not be symptomatic. • First meeting of PHA acting as Outbreak Engagement Board next week. 	KB
12	<p>Any Other Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None raised. 	CC
14	<p>Next meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Weekly battle rhythm: - HPB to continue at 09:30 Thursday - SCG Thurs 11:00 - LRF Chairs National Weds 14:00 	CC