

Covid-19 Health Protection Board Minutes

09:30-10:30, Thursday, 23rd 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 23 HPB Roll Call v1.pdf</p>	AG
2	<p>Introductions</p> <p>Welcomes and introductions by Colin Cox.</p>	CC
3	<p>Review of Outstanding Actions</p> <p>Actions carried forward to the next meeting.</p>	CC
4	<p>Items for urgent action</p> <p>None raised.</p>	CC
5	<p>National sitrep</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Both Carlisle & Eden have been in the top 20 this week. • A number of other areas in the North West are also in the top 20 including Oldham, Rochdale, Bolton and Pendle. • The focus is to limit community transmission. • The national contain framework was released last week and it sets out how national and local partners will work together to manage outbreaks. The document details the different levels of outbreaks and the key roles for managing those outbreaks. • Upper tier local authorities will be the decision makers for local decisions where individual premises or events are to be closed down. Widespread lockdowns will sit with national government. 	PHE CC
6	<p>Local sitrep Update from SCG.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The SCG reviewed their aims at the last meeting. All strategic aims have been achieved or transferred to other groups. A decision will be taken today with regards to standing the SCG down or changing the format/frequency. 	AS EG CC/FM

	<p>Local epidemiology. Update from the MAIC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary provided by Emma Graham. • Number of positive cases in Carlisle and Eden are now above the national average. However, they are lower than other parts of NW. • Local contact tracing essential in identifying linked cases. • Data quality issues continue with historic data. • LOSA maps show the concentrations and locations of outbreaks • Due to algorithms Carlisle moved has to Amber on the exceedance report. Eden is red. • Response level data provided so comparisons to can be made with other areas. 	
7	<p>Carlisle Incident Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview provided by Claire King. • A timeline of events has been established. • Breakdown of confirmed cases and outbreak status reviewed. • Summary of current situation. • Next steps could include an escalation plan. 	CK
8	<p>Eden Incident Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 of the 16 attendees at a BBQ in Penrith tested positive. One further person tested positive who was a contact of one of the index cases. • Hills have all staff tested. • The granddaughter of one of the index cases has tested positive and she was in a number of pubs in Penrith over the weekend. She was not identified during initial contact tracing due to a family feud. • All various routes identified and track and trace being completed. <p>Actions Taken:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comms have been released detailing the specific pubs in Carlisle. • Concerns that the approach taken in Carlisle was informed by not having a high degree of confidence in the contract tracing by the pubs. • Naming the pubs was justifiable when contact tracing information incomplete. • A number of pubs connected to Penrith owned by same group with robust contact tracing in place. They have raised concerns about being named publically. • Any future naming of pubs would be linked to their demonstration of social distancing and contact tracing (robust/poor). • Mass texting has been used to contact those who may have been in one of the relevant pubs. <p><i>Principle agreed that future messaging will enforce the responsibilities for both pubs and people to complete contact tracing. 10.35</i></p> <p>ACTION: Further comms to be released with information regarding social distancing within business (10.37)</p> <p>ACTION: Kieran Barr to work with the LEP to issue information to wider employers. (10.38)</p>	RD
9	<p>Winter Preparedness (Standing Item)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This will continue to be a standing item. • Meetings are ongoing across the system discussing winter planning. • Flu updates to be provided in the coming weeks. 	CC

10	<p>Update from sub groups and agencies by exception</p> <p>Test and Trace Group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a tactical shift now more data received. Reviewing over next couple of week. <p>Cumbria Community Resilience Group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerns that people in low paid jobs are unwilling to get tested and self-isolating. <p>Agencies by exception:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LRF Programme Board is on 18th August. The Outbreak Control Plan will be approved at this meeting. 	CC Subgroup chairs
11	<p>Communications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comms Plan in place. • Feedback from Public Health Alliance (Outbreak Engagement Board) – good conversations with local political members engaged in those discussions. Strong support to current comms approach. Minutes to be circulates once available. 	KB
12	<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