



Covid-19 Health Protection Board Minutes,

09:30-11:00, Thursday, 6th August 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 08 06 HPB Roll Call v1.docx.pdf</p>	AG
2	<p>Introductions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcomes by Colin Cox. 	CC
3	<p>Review of Outstanding Actions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All actions reviewed and action log updated accordingly.  <p>2020 Covid19 HPB Actions Decisions Log</p>	CC
4	<p>Items for urgent action</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None raised. 	CC
5	<p>National sitrep</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No change in the national epidemiology. Changes have been seen across the NW. There have been dramatic increases across some areas. There is both a national and local response to control the virus in these areas. • R is above 1 as a whole across the country. There is a sense of growth. • Conversations ongoing regarding impact of schools returning in September. 	CC/PHE
6	<p>Local sitrep</p> <p>Update from SCG</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing to raise. The next SCG follows this meeting. <p>Local epidemiology: Update from the MAIC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of data given by Ali Wilson 	AS AW CC/FM

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The data presented is up to and including Friday 31st July. • 59 new cases within the last 7 days. This is an increase from the previous week. Carlisle has the highest number of new cases and the highest rate. • There has been an increase in the number of contacts being traced and added onto the system. Local contact tracing remains significant to situational awareness. • Current public health advice remains the same. • Increase in Pillar 2 positive cases. • South Lakeland seeing gradual increase. This is being monitored. • An occupancy percentage will give a more meaningful figure in relation to hospital capacity. • 47 cases logged on local system within the last 7 days with a further 114 contacts identified. • Increases in testing within homes is leading to an increase in the number of homes with confirmed or suspected outbreaks. • Distinction between cases and tests is important as there is no knowledge if people are immune. Emphasis of importance of tracking new tests/cases. • The county is still on a slight upwards trend. <p>Update from IMH and OCT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The IMH continues to meet daily. A number of incidents have been closed down. The main incident is the ongoing outbreak at CIC. • The OCT also continues to meet daily. Increasing number of care homes with confirmed/suspected outbreaks. 30 in total at this time. 24 of these relate to a single case associated with staff members. Conventional definition of two cases being an outbreak is to be used by PHE. Only 6 care homes in Cumbria come under this definition. • The number of outbreaks is having an impact on admissions and adding pressure on the system. 	
7	<p>Cumberland Infirmary, Carlisle (CIC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update provided by Michael Smillie. • Number of cases within CIC are continuing to rise. • Outbreak control process in place and meetings are taking place daily with partners involved. • The outbreak in Ophthalmology has concluded. • Willow A, B & C continue to have outbreaks. Positive cases to date for each ward: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Willow B – 28 positive patients and 3 staff. 2 days since last patient case. ➢ Willow A – 16 positive patients and 6 staff. 6 days since last patient case. ➢ Willow C – 20 positive patients and 18 staff. 2 days since last patient case. • A number of high risk contacts being tracked. • Impact on staffing levels due to staff self-isolating. • All 3 wards closed to admissions meaning there are 17-18 beds are unable to be used. • IPC measures in place. Regular audits are producing positive results. • Limited transmission between staff and patients. Transmission occurring between patients. • Closing to admissions will help to implement further distancing. • All clinical services staff are being tested weekly. This is proactive in finding cases relating to community transmission. Contact tracing being completed on those testing positive. • The hospital has a large number of DTOCs and the highest occupancy across the region. • NCIC welcomes the HPB input. Not escalating to SCG at this time. • A number of patients have been transferred to COVID positive wards at West Cumberland Hospital. • NHSE have called an urgent call this afternoon to address matters. The focus of the meeting will be the high level of DTOCs. • There is a commitment from the Health Protection Board to support the trust. 	MS/CC

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andy Slattery noted that the SCG is happy to take whatever role required. • NCIC grateful for all of the support from the Health Protection Board and partners. 	
7	<p>Carlisle & Eden Incident Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The number of incidents in both Carlisle and Eden are reducing. • The Carlisle Incident Management meeting has been stood down. It will be reinstated if and when required. 	CC
8	<p>Testing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mobile Testing Units have been operated by the military but are moving to a private company. The transition is proving challenging. • Local command and control of testing is required. • The Deloitte unit in Penrith will be moving next month. Ongoing conversations regarding where to locate this unit. • A walk in unit being looked for a car park in Carlisle. This will be in place for a number of months. • Pillar 1 testing remains stable. • Testing for schools is to be picked up at a specific meeting. 	CC
9	<p>Morecambe Bay Response Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview provided by Tim Arnold. • Comments and feedback regarding the plan are welcomed. • There is an opportunity to share best practice. • Morecambe Bay currently have a bed occupancy of near 80%. There are currently 5 COVID positive patients in Furness General Hospital. • Breast screening, antenatal services and walking for therapy have all restarted. • Pressures are being seen in primary care. • Mental Health services are seeing pressures with bed capacity. An estates capacity plan is being put in place and this will be fed into the A&E delivery board. 	TA
10	<p>Sellafield Response Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A member of staff tested positive this week. After a retest they were confirmed as negative. This was a valuable test of the track and trace processes and feedback will be built into future versions of the plan. • All contacted within the work place are identifiable. • Working with community contact tracing. • GDPR an issue. • There is an importance of local information sharing. 	AB
11	<p>Winter Preparedness (Standing Agenda Item)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flu Plan from Morecambe Bay to be circulated to the group. • School delivery, primary care and regulated care will be challenging. • Planning to start vaccinating in Sept. 	CC
12	<p>Update from sub groups and agencies by exception</p> <p>Cumbria Community Resilience Group</p>	CC Subgroup chairs

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The number of requests for support dropping off, those that are coming through tend to be more complex recovery issues (e.g. need for debt advice) and not directly relevant to HPB. <p>Care Home Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated covered throughout meeting. <p>Business Economic Response & Recovery Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grant Thornton report indicates that Cumbria may be one of the worst affected counties. Feedback has been given to them that this report may be misjudged. BERG have issued news release to encourage businesses/premises to keep records for contact tracing. Significant events a concern across the county. <p>Tactical Education & Early years Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plans for the wider opening of schools being put in place. Meeting with unions this week to discuss. A weekly planning meeting is in place. The key concern at this time is educational attainment gap for children. <p>Agencies by exception</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None raised. 	
13	<p>Communications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communication messages to be confirmed with Colin Cox outside of the meeting. 	KB
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