


Covid-19 Health Protection Board Minutes,

09:30-11:00, Thursday, 13th 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 | Roll Call | AG |
| 2 | Introductions | CC |
| 3 | <p>Review of Outstanding Actions</p> <p>All outstanding actions reviewed and action log updated accordingly.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>2020 Covid19 HPB Actions Decisions Log</p> </div> <p>The minutes from the last meeting to be amended to state the Sellafield plan has been shared and agreed.</p> | CC |
| 4 | <p>National sitrep</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incidents slowly increasing in the UK and across Europe. Quarantine restrictions expected to be imposed on people returning from France. • There is a slow upward trend across the UK. • It has been announced that there are to be changes to the national contact tracing system. The number of national contact tracers is to reduce. Some will be assigned to local teams. No further details have been released at this time. | PHE |
| 5 | <p>Local sitrep</p> <p>SCG:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Now meets fortnightly. Nothing to raise. <p>MAIC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of data provided by Emma Graham. • The data presented is for week ending 7th August. • 55 new cases in Cumbria. • No change to the existing public health advice. • Large number of contacts identified on 8th August. | AS AW CC/FM |

| | | |
|---|--|-------|
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carlisle and Eden have a high level of testing. • Cumbria is currently plateauing but at a higher level than previously. • The majority of positive cases are coming through pillar 2. • Eden still noted as an area of concern on National Situational Report. • There has been an increase in the number of people being admitted to hospital in the North. • Local contact tracing added 32 cases onto the system and 106 contacts were identified. • The national epidemiology is changing. More younger people are getting the virus but it is not spreading to older people. • More care homes with outbreaks due to staff rather than residents. No death for some time. No evidence of transmission within care homes. | |
| 6 | <p>Cumberland Infirmary, Carlisle</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 21 patients currently in hospital with COVID. 180 deaths to date. • Willow B – 7 days since active case. • Willow A – 13 days • Willow C – 7 days • Further incident declared relating to 4 staff members on the emergency care unit. No patients associated with this outbreak. Staff all live in shared accommodation. High risk contacts have been excluded. • Enhanced cleaning monitoring ongoing throughout the Trust. Additional audits in place. Daily outbreak control meetings. • The 3 nurses linked to the incident are agency staff who live in shared accommodation when working at CIC. • Index case identified through pillar 2. Believed to be community based. Two work nights and 1 works days. Domestic staff work days. • Work ongoing regarding delayed transfers. • Intention to re-open Willow A on Friday with a reduced bed base. The beds will be re-provided the beds elsewhere in the Trust. • No areas requiring escalation at this time. | MS/CC |
| 7 | <p>Managing local events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increasing number of events are being planned across the County. • Engagement ongoing between district colleagues and organisers to manage the event effectively and safely. • Current discussions ongoing regarding two events in Allerdale & Barrow where districts are not confident with the current risk assessments. • Discussions taking place regarding utilising Cumbria County Council powers to put constraints or restrictions on the event. • If the risk assessment are improved sufficiently there won't be a need to use the powers. • Further detailed discussions taking place regarding events in Barrow and Allerdale on the afternoon of Thursday 13th August. • Sgt John Chambers confirmed police would be engaged in discussions. • BERG trying to collate a comprehensive list of events and applications so a consistent approach can be applied. • Districts keen to have a consistent approach. Conversations taking place today. • CNTW to included comms regarding events through their operational comms. | CC |
| 8 | <p>Testing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pillar 2 testing data now accessible. • Work ongoing with DHSC regarding where to place MTUs. | CC |

| | | |
|----|---|-----------------|
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional site being moved from Penrith. Carlisle Airport a possibility. There is an importance of having a regional testing site. It is also the staging site for MTUS. Options for local testing centres being explored. Looking at 5 across Cumbria. Local testing centre to be set up in Penrith. | |
| 9 | <p>Winter Preparedness (Standing Agenda Item)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NCIC to raise issue regarding staffing of refrigeration units with the SCG. Multi agency collaboration required. Work ongoing with education, schools, TUs and others regarding testing for school children. A&E delivery board is in process of developing plans. Summit planned for Sept. Information can be shared after this. NHSE winter planning event taking place tomorrow. <p>ACTION: Jonathan Burgess to raise refrigeration units with his team as they are writing papers on this issue (10.31)</p> | CC |
| 10 | <p>Feedback to national co-ordination meetings (Standing agenda item)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> National bronze/silver/gold make decisions regarding areas of concerns. Colin Cox feeds into this. Colin Cox will routinely bring draft feedback to this meeting before submitting it. Matters to be added to current document: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ National advice regarding going back to work after 48 hours. ➤ Lack of data relating to negative cases. ➤ Impacts on local travel restrictions. Agreement by the group that subject to the above amendment the document can be submitted. | CC |
| 10 | <p>Update from sub groups and agencies by exception</p> <p>Test and Trace Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local test and trace needs a restructure. Sexual health will be ending their support for contact tracing. <p>Cumbria Community Resilience Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engagement with BAME community required. Large percentage of Muslim community work in high risk environments. <p>ACTION: Colin Cox and Carolyn Otley to have conversation engagement with BAME communities (10.44)</p> <p>Care Home Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outbreaks and incidents continue within care homes. Provider concerns re covid positive continue but low numbers from a discharge perspective. Care home sub group continues looking at wider recovery and future market <p>Business Economic Response & Recovery Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Good progress being made with the Restart, Reboot, Rethink document. Unemployment numbers concerning for Cumbria. Hospitality an ongoing challenge. <p>Tactical Education & Early years Group</p> | Subgroup chairs |

| | | |
|----|--|----|
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anticipation regarding TU level of concerns as move to open schools. • Focus on how schools will respond. Looking at hub model previously used. How to support if there is a second wave. • Testing of children a concern. <p>Agencies by exception</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publication of worst case scenario modelling expected soon. It will cover to March 2021. • CNTW seeing more referrals into mental health services. Impact on social economic factors. Anxiety linked to COVID. Struggling after shielding. Planning for a mental health surge. | |
| 11 | <p>Communications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SMAC meeting this afternoon. • Pushing narrative report to a wider group. | 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 (Fortnightly) • LRF Chairs National Weds 14:00 | CC |