



Covid-19 Health Protection Board Minutes,

09:30-11:00, Thursday, 20th 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 20 HPB Roll Call.pdf</p>	AG
2	<p>Introductions</p>	CC
3	<p>Review of Outstanding Actions</p> <p>All outstanding actions reviewed and action log updated accordingly.</p>  <p>2020 Covid19 HPB Actions Decisions Log</p>	CC
4	<p>National sitrep</p> <p>PHE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There has been a slow increase of cases since June. • The increases in the number of positive cases in the younger generation is not being reflected in hospital admissions and deaths. The virus is resistant and not resulting in health difficulties. • Further local lockdowns being seen. • National measures are leading to a more coordinated response. • The impact of schools reopening is being raised both nationally and locally. • This week has seen the announcement of the creation of the National Institute of Health Protection. Colin Cox expresses his gratitude for the superb support received from PHE during the pandemic. 	PHE
5	<p>Local sitrep</p> <p>SCG: No update. Next SCG meeting today at 11am.</p> <p>MAIC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of data for week 33 provided by Ali Wilson. 	CC AW MS

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 55 new cases within the last 7 days. • Seeing an increase in cases in younger adults. • No changes to the existing public health advice. • Local contact tracing remains significant. • Deaths data now included. • Hospital admissions remain low. • 45 news cases logged on the MATS system and 86 contacts were identified and traced. <p>IMH/OCT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IMH seeing a small number of incidents. Individual cases being reviewed with fewer moving to an outbreak. • Both continue to meet daily. 	
6	<p>Cumberland Infirmary, Carlisle</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The situation is now more stable. • Both Willow B & Willow C are due to re-open this weekend. • No escalations required at this time. 	MS/CC
7	<p>Winter Preparedness (Standing Agenda Item)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerns raised regarding shielding being reintroduced and the impact of this on vulnerable people. • A number of those who have been shielding have been furloughed by their employer. The impact of furlough ending in October will need to be taken into account. Employers should be encouraged to complete robust risk assessment to give their employees confidence about returning to work. • Concerns have been raised by school employees who have been shielding and their return to work in September. <p>ACTION: Furlough data (down to district level) to be raised with the BERG (10.28)</p> <p>ACTION: IPC sub-group to consider role related guidance for those who have been shielding (10.20)</p>	CC
8	<p>Feedback to national co-ordination meetings (Standing agenda item)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of narrative report provided by Colin Cox. • CCC used powers under the contain framework for the first time last week. • Engagement ongoing with hospitality industry including pub watch. Wider engagement required. • Colin Cox has been sharing the narrative with a wider audience but there may be times when this is not appropriate. • Data gained via the national surveillance system is fed into test and trace systems. • All partners confirmed they are comfortable with content of narrative report. 	CC
9	<p>Update from sub groups and agencies by exception</p> <p>Test and Trace Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conversations are being had with PHE regarding contact tracing. Sexual health ill no longer be supporting after this month. • Comprehensive testing strategy for Cumbria being put in place. Setting up testing sites rather than MTUs. Suitable sites to be identified. Offers received from BAE and CNTW. 	Subgroup chairs

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Outbreak Control Plan is to be updated to reflect changes to processes. <p>Cumbria Community Resilience Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Questions are expected with regards to the safety of children returning to school. <p>Care Home Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update provided throughout the meeting. <p>Business Economic Response & Recovery Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next BERG on Tuesday 25th August. No further updates. <p>Tactical Education & Early years Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Colin Cox having conversations with education partners tomorrow. Processes for test and trace and outbreak management to be discussed. <p>Agencies by exception</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None raised. 	
10	<p>Communications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comms for taxi drivers is being progressed. Standard sitrep to be released after today's meeting. Kieran Barr to join Education meeting with Colin Cox. Standard messaging ongoing regarding health advice. Concerns regarding transmission once grandparents recommence childcare in September. National/local awareness required. The impacts of the schools in Scotland to be monitored. 	KB
11	<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