


Covid-19 Health Protection Board Minutes,

09:30-11:00, Thursday, 27th 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 27 HPB Roll Call v1.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>The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as an accurate record.</p>	CC
4	<p>National sitrep</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Europe is currently heading into a second wave. • UK still seeing over a thousand new cases per day. Deaths remaining low. Numbers in elderly remain static. • Concerns with schools and universities going back and challenges faced by education settings. 	PHE
5	<p>Local sitrep</p> <p>SCG:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The SCG met last week. No specific asks of the SCG. Work ongoing regard the impact of tourism. <p>MAIC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of data up to Friday 21st August (week 34). • 28 new cases. Notable decrease from previous week. • Fall in number seen across all districts. • 15 – 29 years have seen the greatest number of cases. This is following the national pattern. • Local contact tracing key. • Carlisle on is an area of interest again. • There has been a notable decrease in the rate of deaths. • No new patients admitted with COVID into hospital. 	AS AW CC/FM

	<p>IMH/OCT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff cases are being picked up through routine testing. Many of these are through community transmission rather than picked up with in the care home. • A relatively low number of cases being managed through the IMH. • There are changes planned for the national system of contact tracing. Further details unknown. • Enhanced contact tracing being introduced. Colin Cox is proposing that Cumbria should be put forward to follow this. This Board will be sighted on this when paper written. Board supportive of this approach. 	
6	<p>Cumberland Infirmary, Carlisle</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 active cases in within hospitals (3 in CIC and 4 in WCH). 50 people who have had COVID during their current stay. 13 people who have had COVID in their history. • Outbreak update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Willow B – 21 days since last positive case. ➤ Willow A – 27 days since last positive case. ➤ Willow C – 15 days since last positive case. 1 patient currently active. ➤ AMU – 19 days since last staff cases. No patient cases. ➤ One further death associated with the outbreak. • Managing the outbreaks have been a challenge. • Important to distinguish between having patients with COVID and having an outbreak. • Visiting remains suspended. This is an appropriate precaution at this time. Increased traffic in the hospital. • Morecambe Bay taking the same approach. Agreed across the whole ICS. • There is a hope that the increase in IPC adherence and limiting number of people on hospital sites should help with outbreaks normal to winter. • Once 28 day period met the outbreak will not be actively followed by the Health Protection Board. Support through this group will remain. 	MS/CC
7.	<p>Outbreak Control Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Outbreak Control Plan has been revised now the consultation has ended. • Key areas of change – testing, approaches with contact tracing, updates to care homes work and education settings. • It will remain a live document and be amended as and when situations changes. 	
9	<p>Winter Preparedness (Standing Agenda Item)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National SAGE worst case scenario information has been received. This has been shared with Michael Smillie and will be shared with Hilary Fordham. • The document included national assumptions rather than local. • Local modelling required. • BI team at NCIC reviewing and looking at scenarios. Michael Smillie will share once work complete. • Better model then what was released prior to first wave. • Trigger mechanisms need to be aligned. 	CC
10	<p>Feedback to national co-ordination meetings (Standing agenda item)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DPH narrative document included on agenda. • Overview of epidemiology provided within the report. 	CC

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work ongoing to integrate PHE staff into local contact tracing hubs. • Support to move forward to enhanced local contact tracing. • None issues raised by the Board. 	
10	<p>Update from sub groups and agencies by exception</p> <p>Test and Trace Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covered through other updates. • Nothing further to raise. <p>Cumbria Community Resilience Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing significant to raise. <p>Care Home Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hasn't met since last week. • Processed being reviewed and amended regarding hospital discharges. <p>Business Economic Response & Recovery Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No update • Data sharing agreement being reviewed. <p>Tactical Education & Early years Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Huge amount of work being completed in preparation for schools reopening. • Various comms activity ongoing to reassure parents/families. <p>Agencies by exception</p> <p>LDNPA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due to COVID visitor change many of our new arrivals are unaware of ticks and LDNPA are encountering many urban teenagers who think they're spikes from plants. The risk of Lyme disease is a concern. Tick Surveillance Team made aware. PHE tick awareness scheme to be used. Linking to safer Cumbria pages. <p>ACTION: Kieran Barr to pick up wider messaging relating to ticks (10.45) ACTION: Colin Cox to flag concerns regarding Lyme disease with NW DPH colleagues (10:45)</p> <p>NCCCG:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An update on the current spend and an updated resource plan requested. • Draft grant agreement to for EHO posts to be circulated to district colleagues. • Advert currently out for a public health consultant. <p>ACTION: Colin Cox to bring updated resource plan to next meeting (10.53)</p> <p>Masks and Schools:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Different stance being seen north and south of the border. A number of queries have been received. National guidance being followed. Schools can make their own decision and Colin Cox as DPH is supportive of that. 	Subgroup chairs
11	<p>Communications</p> <p>Feedback from Public Health Alliance/Outbreak Engagement Board</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Board met yesterday. Conversations took place regarding the comms approach and seeking feedback being sought from members. 	KB

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fear has reduced and social distancing vanished in some parts of community. • The approach to communicating with younger age groups needs to be revisited. <p>ACTION: Cumbria Youth Alliance 10.50 Carolyn to link with them. Push existing messages.</p> <p>Comms update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly updates continue. • Paid campaign ongoing. • How to target younger people being reviewed. 	
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