



Covid-19 Health Protection Board, Minutes

09:30-11:00, Thursday, 3rd September 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 	CK
1	<p>Roll Call</p>  <p>2020 09 03 HPB Roll Call v1.docx.pdf</p>	AG
2	<p>Introductions</p>	CK
3	<p>Review of Outstanding Actions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All outstanding actions reviewed and action log updated accordingly. • The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as an accurate record.  <p>2020 Covid19 HPB Actions Decisions Log</p>	CK
4	<p>National sitrep</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Europe is seeing a rapid level of COVID however hospital admissions remain low. • The UK is seeing a slow rise in COVID cases. • Current risks are those returning from holiday and schools returning. PHE have produced a resource pack for schools and this is continually being revised. • The epidemiology is changing to younger people and socialisation. • The re-opening of universities is a concern due to the mass migration of young people around the country. Guidance is expected to be released. Claire King is working with the University of Cumbria and a flow diagram is being produced. Socialising outside of university will be a concern. • Testing capacity and the ability to follow up on all cases/contacts will be an issue. <p>ACTION: Claire King to ensure primary care are linked into the work with universities (09:49)</p>	PHE
5	<p>Local sitrep</p> <p>Update from SCG</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing to add by exception. 	AS

	<p>Local epidemiology: Update from the MAIC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of data pack provided by Emma Graham. • 33 new cases within the last 7 days. The greatest increase was in Carlisle. • Greatest number of new cases seen within the 15-29 age group. • New data slide showing symptomatic vs asymptomatic cases. Data collection ongoing for this. • Negative data now being received. • Hospitalisations remain low. • Outbreaks in care homes continue to be monitored by OCT. • Discussions ongoing regarding the mass testing of university students. 	EG
6	<p>Cumberland Infirmary, Carlisle</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 active case in CIC, 2 in WCH and 1 in Penrith. • Today is the last day for the two of the outbreaks on the Willow pavilion. • Remaining staff outbreak on AMU due to be declared over on 6th September. • The hospital remains to be very congested. • Local modelling ongoing. • Thanks expressed to all who have worked very hard to manage the outbreaks in difficult decisions. • Staff testing at CIC will be stepped down and it will now be considered on the basis of risk. 	CK
7	<p>Testing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft Community Testing Strategy circulated with the agenda. • The current testing infrastructure was originally set up in the height of the pandemic. The current measures need to be reviewed ahead of winter. • First version of a live document has been brought to this group for information and oversight. • There have been challenges due to the geography of Cumbria and logistics of testing sites. • Discussions ongoing regarding possibilities of testing via GP surgeries. • Testing pods are in place at the hospitals and these can be circulated. • Those who do not drive are struggling to access testing. • A clear definition is needed for testing for under 5s. • Pillar 2 provision in place for over 2 years. • Questions asked regarding the use of saliva testing. • The strategy was endorsed by the group. <p>ACTION: Clive Graham to liaise with Debra Padgett regarding saliva testing (10:31)</p>	MS
8	<p>Winter Preparedness (Standing Agenda Item)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local modelling taking place in both the north and the south. • The modelling will produce scenarios rather than a prediction of numbers. • It was noted that there are a number of wide assumptions within the data released in the worst case scenario. • Healthcare systems in the UK are very different to other countries therefore difficult to make comparisons. • The population are less compliant than they were. Older population still slightly shielding. There is a difference between attitudes of younger and older people. • Escalation and incident response processes will need to be tested against the scenarios. • The Board endorse the approach of scenario planning. • There will be continued joint working via the MAIC. 	EG/MS/HF

9	<p>Feedback to national co-ordination meetings (<i>Standing agenda item</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key points: overall cases increased but remain low cause for concern, reference to cases linked to Zante and people returning from Greece. CIC – staff outbreak due to be over 6th. Small incidents have been complex with regards to contact tracing. • Centralise co-ordination of GDPR work between councils and organisations. BAE and Sellafield waiting for CCC legal team re data sharing agreements and GDPR. • Access for testing at local level – include in the report. Extend point 3(b) • Happy to approve for admission. 	CK
10	<p>Update from sub groups and agencies by exception</p> <p>Test and Trace Group Updates covered throughout agenda.</p> <p>Cumbria Community Resilience Group Nothing to raise.</p> <p>Care Home Group Nothing to raise.</p> <p>Business Economic Response & Recovery Group Nothing to raise.</p> <p>Tactical Education & Early years Group Nothing to raise.</p> <p>Agencies by exception None raised</p>	Subgroup chairs
11	<p>Communications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The comms resource pack continues to be released fortnightly. • Key messages within the pack include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Night time economy ➢ Holidaying overseas including what to do when abroad and when returning from holiday. ➢ Asymptomatic spread ➢ Messaging regarding discouraging the unnecessary use of testing • Balanced messaging is a challenge. • Education resource pack released last week. Weekly update to be released based on current queries being received. Live issues and key changes to be highlighted. 	KB
12	<p>Any Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walk through testing sites being looked at for Barrow. • Shielding guidance to be circulated to the group. 	CK
13	<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 	CK