



Covid-19 Health Protection Board Minutes,

09:30-11:00, Thursday, 10th 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 	CC
1.	<p>Roll Call</p>  <p>2020 09 10 HPB Roll Call v1.pdf</p>	AG
2.	<p>Introductions</p>	CC
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>	CC
4.	<p>National sitrep</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schools returning and non-compliance in young people continue to be areas of concern. • There has been a subtle change in language used by the government. Enforcement rather than encourage/compliance. • The PM announced further restrictions yesterday. Messaging is simpler/tighter. • Boris Johnson met with a number of Chief Constables to discuss enforcement. All Chief Constables were on a call with the Home Secretary yesterday for further discussions. • Police chiefs state that there needs to be a collective effort to encourage compliance. • List of exceptions unclear at this time. • Culture of finding loop holes rather than adhering to guidance. • Concerns regarding the rule of 6 and large households. Enforcement is not going to be easy. <p>ACTION– Multi agency conversation to take place to agree and approach for enforcement. (09.53)</p>	PHE
5.	<p>Local sitrep</p> <p>SCG/LRF Chairs:</p>	AS

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questions being asked regarding where the responsibility & co-ordination of the enforcement sits. • Chief Execs need to be sighted on all plans/approaches. <p>MAIC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of data provided by Ali Wilson. • Weekly summary for Week 36. 45 new cases in Cumbria. • Barrow joined Carlisle in having the joint greatest number of new cases (+11 in each area) • Barrow has highest rate of new cases. • Greatest number of new positive cases are those aged 15-29 years. • 6927 tests completed within week 36. • Increase in testing in children under 18. • New report presenting number of incidents for those within 17-21 age group. Allerdale is currently in the top 20 LAs. • Travel effecting number of positive cases. • Total number of tests data now received. Monitoring tests 0-18 years. • Schools data to be included next week. • Currently reviewing daily SCG dashboard. Prioritising case data and data from the Trusts. <p>Update from IMH and OCT</p> <p>Care Homes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 homes with outbreaks. There are a number with ongoing incidents. Challenges with testing. <p>School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 schools with confirmed cases in either staff or pupils. No outbreaks within schools. All individual cases. • Lot of pupils being isolated due to their bubbles. Substantial impact on schools and families. • Agreed to step up a separate IMH for Schools. Claire King to chair this meeting. <p>Barrow</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complex situations. • Private testing through BAE has found 6 cases. BAE have a dedicated OCT. • A Barrow focused IMH has been set up. All cases appear to be disconnected clusters with transmission suspected to be from outside of Barrow. <p>Other</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of other small incidents being managed by IMH. 	<p>AW</p> <p>CC</p>
6.	<p>Testing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There a number of challenges both locally and nationally. This is leading to increased media attention. • Lab capacity has increased but there has also been a 60% increase in demand. • Large number of people getting tested who do not have symptoms. • Nationally testing is being switched off as demand is so high. • MTU prioritised in Cumbria as they are the back bone of our provisions. • NHS to offer pillar 1 to schools pupils. Head teachers can arrange testing via the contact centre. • Couple of big labs coming online nationally. • Walk through in Carlisle only has a radius of 10 miles. This is to be changed. • Sites in other towns are being identified. • Ongoing conversations with DHSC regarding testing going forward. 	MS

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consistent MTU in Barrow for the next 4-5 days. • Lab capacity is slowing the process down. • BAE need help getting UCAS accreditation and resolving the reporting issue. Offering testing to household members of employees who test positive. • Clive Graham to look at some contacts for Angela Barker regarding UCAS accreditation. 	
7.	<p>Contact Tracing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Locally Supported Contact Tracing area proposal circulated for information. • Discussed at IMH. • National contact tracing is working better therefore it is the appropriate time to start integrating better with them. This will avoid duplication of work. • Resourcing may need to be reviewed as/when the numbers rise. Phased approach to the localisation of resources. • Proposal agreed by the Board. 	CC
8.	<p>Winter Preparedness (Standing Agenda Item)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with colleagues from CCGs to consider scenarios. • 3 scenarios being worked on. These are not a prediction. • Further information will be brought to the next Board for review. • Working closely with NHS partners to identify trigger points. • Morecambe Bay linking with the ICS. • Winter summit held in North last week. Ongoing planning and reviews. • Lancashire Care linking in with CCG. • CNTW linking through established routes. Seeing an increase/surge with COVID. 	EG
9.	<p>Feedback to national co-ordination meetings (Standing agenda item)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DPH narrative report circulated for review. • Content of report discussed throughout meeting. • Colin Cox has highlighted the need for a change in case definition. Position in schools not sustainable with current definitions. • This will be distributed on Friday afternoon to key partners as an update. • Report content agreed by members of the Board. 	CC
10.	<p>Update from sub groups and agencies by exception</p> <p>Test and Trace Group Nothing to raise.</p> <p>Cumbria Community Resilience Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerns regarding costs on low income families when children asked to self-isolate and parents cannot work. <p>ACTION: Carolyn Otley to look into what additional work is needed to support families 10.51</p> <p>Care Home Group No update</p> <p>Business Economic Response & Recovery Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Think local buy local campaign via ITV commissioned by the BERG. This will be a 30 second advert. 	Subgroup chairs

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with DWP ongoing with regards to the Kick-start programme. • Wave 5 tracker system receiving positivity about businesses reopening and reworking. <p>Tactical Education & Early years Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education IMH is welcomed. • Thank you to all of the support given to schools and heads this week. <p>Agencies by exception</p> <p>LDNP - Strong interest in October half term tourism. It's important to factor that into our considerations of the timeline. All October half times fall at the same time this year. Concerns regarding testing capacity taking into account a large number of visitors.</p> <p>ACTION: Matt Saunders to investigate the possibility of a strategic reserve MTU to be stationed in the Lake District during Oct half term.</p>	
11.	<p>Communications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus on messaging relating to new guidelines and new rules. • Social media paid activity ongoing aimed at younger people. • Support being given to schools. 	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 (Monthly) • LRF Chairs National Weds 14:00 	CC