



**Covid-19 Health Protection Board Minutes,**

**09:30-11:00, Thursday, 24<sup>h</sup> September 2020**

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|    | <p><b>Objectives of the Board</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To set clear strategic aims and objectives for Cumbria’s ongoing response to Covid-19</li> <li>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</li> <li>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</li> <li>4. To identify required resources and oversee the deployment of multi-agency resources in support of the Board’s strategic objectives</li> <li>5. To recommend or activate the implementation of necessary enhanced countermeasures, including if appropriate local enhanced social distancing measures (“local lockdowns”) to SCG</li> </ol>   | CC  |
| 1. | <p><b>Roll Call</b></p>  <p>2020 09 24 Roll Call.pdf</p>  | AG  |
| 2. | <p><b>Introductions</b></p>  | CC  |
| 3. | <p><b>Review of Outstanding Actions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All outstanding actions reviewed, and action log updated accordingly.</li> </ul>  <p>Covid19 HPB Actions Decisions Log Review</p>  | CC  |
| 4. | <p><b>National sitrep</b></p> <p><b>PHE:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The number of cases is increasing across Europe. Increased restrictions have been imposed across parts of the NW.</li> <li>• Schools and universities returning continue to cause concerns.</li> <li>• Number of deaths and hospital admissions increasing as are cases in older people.</li> <li>• National measures may see a stabilisation rather than a reduction in numbers.</li> <li>• Barrow restrictions have been in place for one week and it is too early to see evidence of their impact. They will be reviewed next week.</li> <li>• Support grants of £500 are to be available for those on benefits. There is a concern that this does not cover parents who need to take time off due to a child self-isolating. There is an equality impact as this is likely to effect women more.</li> <li>• The local restrictions for Barrow are not currently on the national site.</li> <li>• The national position has changed with regards to grandparents being able to look after children. Informal childcare is exempt from the restrictions.</li> </ul> <p><b>ACTION: Annette Sandy to follow up if support grants are available for when children are asked to self-isolate (09.42)</b></p> <p><b>ACTION: Annette Sandy to address putting the Barrow restrictions on the national site (09:45)</b></p> | PHE |

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| <p>5.</p> | <p><b>Local sitrep</b></p> <p><b>SCG:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The SCG sat last week and this was an opportunity to gain a sitrep of wider partners.</li> <li>• The TCG has been stood back up and this will now be chaired by Nathaniel Hooten.</li> <li>• An Enforcement sub-group has been established and this will be chair by Matt Kennerley.</li> <li>• Assistance will be needed from district colleagues regarding licensing and business premises.</li> </ul> <p><b>Update from the MAIC</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overview of data from week 38 (up to 18<sup>th</sup> September) presented by Ali Wilson.</li> <li>• There has been an increase in both cases and tests including an increase in Pillar 1 positive cases.</li> <li>• 105 new cases recorded. This is an increase of 23. Barrow had the highest number of new cases.</li> <li>• Increase in patients with COVID in hospital in south Cumbria.</li> <li>• Local contact tracing key to containing the spread.</li> <li>• Testing data from BAE not included in the national data. PHE looking at ways to resolve this.</li> <li>• Barrow on national table of Local authority areas of interest.</li> <li>• Care homes continue to be monitored by OCT.</li> <li>• 91.1% attendance at schools. All but 7 schools are fully open. 19 confirmed incidents and 4 current outbreaks withing education settings.</li> <li>• Concerns regarding the BAE figures and the need to include them in the overall figures for Cumbria. The data will need to report them separately to Pillar 1 &amp; 2.</li> <li>• Discussions among the group regarding whether there is a need to consider extending the “two households” guidance from Barrow to the rest of Cumbria. Agreement that further discussion of this option will be required over the coming days before this decision can be made</li> <li>• Discussion to be included in DPH update and feedback will be reviewed.</li> </ul> <p><b>ACTION: Angela Barker to speak to BAE comms regarding releasing the testing data into the public domain (10.02)</b></p> <p><b>Update from IMH and OCT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The IMH is managing a small number of isolated cases of household transmission.</li> <li>• The IMH is staring to see a pattern of individual cases rather than them being linked.</li> </ul> | <p>AS</p> <p>AW</p> <p>CC</p> |
| <p>6.</p> | <p><b>Barrow Incident Management</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Latest meeting held yesterday to discuss cases in Barrow. No escalation of measures required at this time.</li> <li>• New escalation of national measures being introduced.</li> <li>• Current measures to be reviewed next week.</li> <li>• MTU situated in Barrow for all of October.</li> <li>• MTUs are categorised. Barrow increased to critical to review demand. More than 300 people tested yesterday in Barrow MTU.</li> <li>• The group all confirmed that they happy with the current measures in place.</li> <li>• National picture helping people to understand the restrictions.</li> <li>• Discussion among the group regarding ensuring messaging and comms reaches those who do not access social media.</li> <li>• Comms are a challenge as the restrictions are for two weeks therefore fixed advertising not cost effective.</li> <li>• Paid for media being used and working with local newspaper. The local paper is using a banner on the front page of paper and on the home page of the website.</li> </ul>   | <p>CC</p>                     |

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|    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Steph Cordon wrote to all those on the vulnerable list and this will capture some of those who don't use social media.</li> <li>• Colin attended Barrow Community Resilience Forum yesterday and shared messaging with attendees.</li> </ul> <p><b>ACTION: Kieran Barr to source messaging/media/posters for use by BAE (10.27)</b></p>   |                 |
| 7. | <p><b>Winter Preparedness (Standing Agenda Item)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scenarios document circulated for review. National modelling has been applied to Cumbria.</li> <li>• NHS colleagues have worked on this jointly with Emma Graham to produce the scenarios.</li> <li>• Contingency plans will need to be tested against the scenarios.</li> <li>• Escalation and trigger points will need to be identified. This may identify gaps in the preparedness.</li> <li>• Non-COVID cases will need to be taken into account with modelling.</li> <li>• Other winter planning modelling needed outside of NHS.</li> <li>• Media enquiries have been received regarding the use of recovery centres. NHS colleagues to agree a shared narrative.</li> <li>• Hospitals in North system are currently full with non-COVID patients. Work is ongoing to address this. A clear message for the media is needed.</li> <li>• There is a high level of commitment to continue with elective services over the winter.</li> <li>• Likelihood that critical care bed capacity will be shared regionally. There is national work ongoing to increase capacity.</li> <li>• NHSE tracking taking place against the scenarios.</li> </ul> <p><b>ACTION: Sarah Tomlinson to share regional escalation levels. (10.41)</b></p> | EG              |
| 8. | <p><b>Feedback to national co-ordination meetings (Standing agenda item)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Colin to include that discussions have taken place regarding the consideration of stepping up two household advice to the whole county.</li> <li>• Any further amendments to be fed back to Colin Cox.</li> </ul>  | CC              |
| 9. | <p><b>Update from sub groups and agencies by exception</b></p> <p><b>Test and Trace Group</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concern from ASC regarding delays in receiving test results. This is being escalated.</li> </ul> <p><b>Cumbria Community Resilience Group</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facing a different situation to first lockdown. Different support is required. Infrastructure internal to CCC need to be restructured to link in with contact tracing and calls to be triaged.</li> </ul> <p><b>ACTION: Colin Cox to raise community support at the SCG (10.52)</b></p> <p><b>Care Home Group</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting this afternoon. Key issue is communications and contact with care homes.</li> </ul> <p><b>Business Economic Response &amp; Recovery Group</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chancellor statement being made at lunchtime. Significant impacts possible.</li> <li>• LEP plan submitted to government and support received.</li> </ul> <p><b>Tactical Education &amp; Early years Group</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No update.</li> </ul>   | Subgroup chairs |

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|     | <p><b>Agencies by exception</b></p> <p><b>Sellafield</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>QR codes implemented on site. Advised staff not use NHS app whilst at work. Canteens have 100+ people at one time. Implications of a positive case discussed. Close contacts would be notified via the app.</li> </ul> |    |
| 10. | <p><b>Communications</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continuing with current messaging.</li> <li>Simplified comms used by Ireland. Kieran to gather further information.</li> </ul>   | KB |
| 11. | <p><b>Any other business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There has been a request to confirm whether or not Cumbria is writing a separate multi-agency LRF Covid plan. Discussion among the group and agreement that the current Local Outbreak Control Plan is sufficient.</li> </ul>                      | CC |
| 12. | <p><b>Next meeting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Weekly battle rhythm:</li> <li>HPB to continue at 09:30 Thursday</li> <li>SCG Thurs weekly</li> <li>TCG Thursday weekly</li> <li>LRF Chairs National Weds 14:00</li> </ul>   | CC |