Covid-19 Health Protection Tactical Oversight Group Minutes,

09:30-11:00, Thursday, 5th August 2021

	Objectives of the Tactical Oversight Group 1. 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 2. To advise the Health Protection Board regarding the development of strategy and policy related to responding to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic 3. To identify required resources and oversee the deployment of multi-agency resources (including the Contain Outbreak Management Fund) in support of the Health Protection Board's strategic objectives 4. To recommend the implementation of necessary enhanced countermeasures, including if appropriate local enhanced social distancing measures ("local lockdowns") to the Health Protection Board.	CC
1.	**Roll Call**	AG
2.	**Introductions** None made, attendance from participants.	CC
3.	**Review of Outstanding Actions** *No outstanding actions.*	CC
	Epidemiology and Situation Reporting	
4.	**National sitrep** Update from PHE • National rate of 275 per 100 000 • Falling trend. • Cumbria falling significantly. • Hospitalisations falling slightly, may fall and rise again. • Deaths continue to rise with around 100 per day. • ONS data indicates around 93% antibodies in adults. • Vaccination of 16/17 year olds.	PHE
5.	**Local sitrep** Local epidemiology: Update from the MAIC • Noticed increased testing rate across country. • Mid July saw highest positivity rates. • 47,400 tests last week, 10,000 drop from previous week (average positivity of 2.9%) • 27,500 LFT going through the system. • Fall in cases across all districts, Copeland remains highest case rate. • Cumbria average is currently 205 per 100,000 (below national average). • Barrow and Copeland remain above national average. • Highest case numbers in 30-39 year olds. • Highest rate in 19-24 year olds. • 79% of cases in under 50. • Rate 3.3 times higher than over 50's.	AW

	• 60+ population is 67 per 100,000 across Cumbria (noted Barrow and Copeland remains high). • Contact Tracing continues to decline (national system). • Around 1,000 people self-isolating. • Hospitalisations – Admissions seem to have a peaked in the North and now falling, but in the South appear to be peaking currently. Noted not following the same trend. • Overall confirmed positive patients have started to decrease slowly. • Mortality – still seeing an increase of excess deaths (maximum of 8 covid related deaths in one week). • Care Homes – 16 outbreaks currently • Contacts with helpline continue to fall. Colin Cox, DofPH, confirmed cases peak was seen on the 19th July. • Incidents of note: Update from the Incident Management Hub Nothing raised.	JB
	Strategy Implementation	
6.	**Vaccinate** • Data update • Data used is local PHE Data opposed to Nationally published data, which is eligible population (GP registrations) opposed to approximate population. • To date 1st dose is 86% of eligible population (15+) and 2nd dose is 74% of eligible population (15+). • Eligible population 442,000 • Seeing younger cohorts with more unvaccinated and more males. • Also seeing lower vaccine rates in most deprived areas. Update from Louise Mason-Lodge (North Cumbria CCG) • Request for confirmation on the pop up vaccination site for Appleby Horse Fair. • Large national campaign for vaccination of pregnant women. **09:53 ACTION** – Robert Docherty, EDC – Understand arrangements had been made for Salt Tip Corner, Appleby but EDC will confirm. Colin Cox, DofPH, confirmed that a pop up vaccination would be available for Appleby but not advertised. • North system – action to reach the remaining unvaccinated groups Nothing raised. • South system – action to reach the remaining unvaccinated groups Nothing raised	AW
7.	**Prevent (lockdown/restrictions)** • Update and issues for discussion Nothing raised	CC
8.	**Case/incident/outbreak response**	
	Test • Update and issues for discussion Nothing raised	MS

	Trace • Local contact tracing and outbreak response model Nothing raised	JB
	Isolate • Update and issues for discussion Nothing raised	JB
9.	**Treat** • Update and issues for discussion Nothing raised	NW/CG
10.	**Communicate** • Update and issues for discussion Nothing raised	KB
	Other Key Business	
11.	**Feedback to national co-ordination meetings** *(Standing agenda item)* • To agree key feedback points (draft attached) Nothing raised.	CC
12.	**Update from sub-groups and agencies by exception** Nothing raised	Subgroup chairs
13.	**Any other business** Carolyn Otley, Community Sub Group, – What do the changes in self-isolation from 16th August actually look like? Colin confirmed Claire King is looking into this and will feedback. Clive Graham, North Cumbria – Commented it would be useful to have a similar document to previous released for industry around the changes from the 16th August. **09:56 ACTION** CCC Public Health Team to Pull Together guidance explaining change on the 16th August. Graeme Wilson, Allerdale Borough Council – Commented that the contain Framework has been updated. Colin understood no significant change, but it will be reviewed for potential changes to the Outbreak Control Plan. Colin Cox, DofPH – Confirmed a summary of the funding (Outbreak Management Fund) will be presented at the next meeting, which will include any underspend. Please can all members consider what sort of activity the group wishes to allocate the funding to.	CC
14.	**Next meeting** • HP-TOG to continue at 09:30 Thursday • HPB fortnightly Tuesday	CC