

Health Protection Board

Minutes

Tuesday 13 April 2021

1.	<p>Attendance/apologies Katherine Fairclough – Chief Executive, Cumbria County Council</p> <p>Members Stewart Young – Leader, Cumbria County Council (Chair) Hilary Carrick – Leader of the Opposition, Cumbria County Council Deborah Earl – Cabinet Member for Public Health and Communities, Cumbria County Council Michelle Skeer – Chief Constable, Cumbria Constabulary Vivian Stafford – Chief Executive, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner Peter Thornton – Deputy Leader, Cumbria County Council Colin Cox – Director of Public Health, Cumbria County Council Andrew Slattery – Assistant Chief Constable, Cumbria Constabulary; Chair, Local Resilience Forum</p> <p>In attendance</p>
2.	<p>Review of Outstanding Actions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Action 23 – Complete• Action 24 – Complete• Action 25 – Complete• Action 26 – In progress (Kieran Barr - ongoing)• Action 27 – In progress (Colin Cox/Jo Richardson – ongoing)• Action 28 – In progress (Colin Cox – ongoing) <p>Minutes The minutes from the last meeting were agreed.</p>
Epidemiology and Overall Situation Reporting	
3.	<p>Epidemiology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• National Picture Cases are reducing nationally.• Local Picture The County is averaging 15 cases per 100,000. Figures are stable across Cumbria. ONS for the week ending 1st week in April are reporting no deaths within Cumbria. The Care Home OCT have reported there are no Care Homes in Active Outbreak within Cumbria. <p>Colin advised any increase in numbers due to the end of lockdown can take approximately 1 week to appear in the data, however this wasn't seen when schools re-opened.</p> <p>The HPB discussed the effect of the lockdown in conjunction with the vaccination program.</p> <p>Colin confirmed that outdoor hospitality has not opened up in Scotland as yet, this could be a concern for Carlisle and cross border travel.</p>

4.	<p>Local sitrep</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update from SCG Andy confirmed there have been no major problems at this stage. 8 x additional resources will be stepping up in Carlisle this weekend to monitor. <p>Andy confirmed the cross border restriction will be lifted from Friday which is likely to increase traffic and this will be monitored accordingly.</p>
Strategy Implementation	
5.	<p>COMF Funding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on developments since last meeting Colin advised this is still in progress. Any issues previously discussed now have a Lead resource allocated to them. <p>Colin advised a program management approach is needed and this will be arranged for the day to day running of the program. Any decisions will then be brought to the HPB for discussion and decision making.</p>
6.	<p>Vaccinate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress Update Colin advised the top 9 cohorts have now been met and vaccination has now been offered to over 45's. The rate of vaccination has now dropped due to supplies of the vaccine, however, 2nd doses have all been offered. Colin further advised that the government is quoting the end of July for all cohorts to be offered the vaccine.
7.	<p>Prevent (lockdown/restrictions)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed COMF investment from Compliance Sub Group Colin advised that this series of COMF will be fed directly into each District. The information has been collated and sent to Colin. Colin advised there are differences between the amount of funding requested and the amount already allocated. Colin advised there will be more strategic discussion in relation to the resourcing required for each District. <p>Stewart confirmed a more strategic direction is needed before being brought to the Group, this will ensure a more consistent level of compliance work within the District.</p> <p>Stewart asked if £450,000 would be an appropriate figure. Hilary advised this would be a pragmatic solution but has concerns in relation to the governance surrounding the program. Deborah queried what resources are covered within this compliance group. Colin confirmed this would include Covid Marshalls etc.</p>
8.	<p>Case/incident/outbreak response</p> <p>Test</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No strategic issues to discuss <p>Trace</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No strategic issues to discuss <p>Isolate</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update on progress with District fund roll-out Colin confirmed that Copeland is still running a separate scheme. The remaining 5 x Districts have opened the funding to a wider group but, at this stage, there has been a low take-up of the funding. Stewart asked if Colin could provide figures in relation to this funding. Deborah said that as the cases have dropped, there are less people requiring the grant funding but confirmation of this would be appreciated. Stewart asked if there was any evidence that the Copeland model was working better than other Districts. Colin and Deborah confirmed that Copeland initially managed to roll-out the funding quicker than the other Districts. Peter discussed Track and Trace and advised that people not being able to afford to isolate is key. Colin will obtain regular feedback from each District advising how many people are applying for the funding as well as the process involved. Action: Colin will obtain additional information/figures in relation to the number of people applying for the funding.
9.	Treat <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No strategic issues to discuss
10.	Communicate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No strategic issues to discuss
Other Key Business	
11.	“Roadmap” out of lockdown <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Handover from SCG to Recovery Colin confirmed a document has been drafted by the Resilience Team and highlights the ongoing response while moving to recovery. Colin advised that under the governance, there is no role for the Health Protection Board. Colin confirmed the HPB will continue to manage the ongoing response, however there is the potential for the SCG to be stepped up if needed. Andy advised he is happy with the handover document and that this is the right time for stepping down and moving to Recovery. As discussed, the SCG can be stepped up again if there is a need to do so. The group discussed the Recovery Chairs Forum, including the role and the members of this Forum. Stewart also explained how this Forum feeds into other areas within the Council as well as the consultation process required for this Recovery program.
12.	Feedback to national co-ordination meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To agree key feedback points There were no items to discuss
13.	Any other business Deborah advised that there appear to be more people visiting Cumbria House. Deborah has spoken to building services and there are concerns in relation to social distancing (in lifts etc).

- **Action: Colin will refer to the Corporate Management Team and discuss.**

LOMP Review Feedback

Colin shared a document to the HPB in addition to the original Agenda. Colin advised the Local Outbreak Management Response plan has been reviewed by a third Party and feedback has been submitted. Colin confirmed the feedback will be reviewed and the plan will be updated accordingly. Colin advised that any updates to the plan will be provided to this Group for information purposes only.

Stewart queried if Andy, Michelle and Peter would remain as part of the HPB once we have moved to Recovery. Andy advised he is also the Chair of the LRF and would still envisage a role within HPB.

Stewart asked if fortnightly meetings would be advantageous at this stage. The HPB agreed with this suggestion. The HPB also confirmed that any urgent matters can be circulated outside of the scheduled meeting dates and decisions can be made rather than causing delays.

Next Meeting: 27 April 2021

- **Action: Meeting invites to be arranged.**