

Local Outbreak Management Plan

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Summary:	<p>The Board will be provided with details of the Somerset Local Outbreak Management Plan</p> <p>The COVID-19 Local Outbreak Management Plans are intended to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• build on existing plans to manage outbreaks in specific settings,• ensure the challenges of COVID-19 are understood,• consider the impact on local communities and• ensure the wider system capacity supports Directors of Public Health <p>Local Outbreak Management Plans for COVID-19 are a combination of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• health protection expertise and capabilities (the public health sub-disciplines of epidemiology and surveillance, infection suppression and control techniques, contact tracing and evaluation) AND• the multi-agency capabilities of bodies in supporting these efforts through the deployment of the necessary resources to deliver these health protection functions at scale, where needed. <p>The plan Has been completed and can be viewed at Plan: http://docs.somerset.gov.uk/wl/?id=vuzB3ctBmaskFWDOGbXSeIQ8bqIHauCQ</p> <p>Summary: http://docs.somerset.gov.uk/wl/?id=rnmK8kq7aY1zjynEVmrl4gvgiCtVonxb</p>
Recommendations:	

	<p>That the Somerset Health and Wellbeing Board considers</p> <p>1. The Somerset Local Outbreak Management Plan</p>								
Reasons for recommendations:	It is important for the Board to have oversight of, and engagement with the Outbreak Management Plan								
Links to The Improving Lives Strategy	<p>Please tick the Improving Lives priorities influenced by the delivery of this work</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>A County infrastructure that drives productivity, supports economic prosperity and sustainable public services</td> <td><i>x</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Safe, vibrant and well-balanced communities able to enjoy and benefit from the natural environment</td> <td><i>x</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Fairer life chances and opportunity for all</td> <td><i>x</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Improved health and wellbeing and more people living healthy and independent lives for longer</td> <td><i>x</i></td> </tr> </table>	A County infrastructure that drives productivity, supports economic prosperity and sustainable public services	<i>x</i>	Safe, vibrant and well-balanced communities able to enjoy and benefit from the natural environment	<i>x</i>	Fairer life chances and opportunity for all	<i>x</i>	Improved health and wellbeing and more people living healthy and independent lives for longer	<i>x</i>
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Protecting the health and wellbeing of the local population is key to the management of the Covid 19 response; Outbreak Management Plans are the mechanism by which to achieve this at a local level.									
Financial, Legal, HR, Social value and partnership Implications:	We are responding to a major incident; which is the global Covid19 pandemic. The response to the outbreak is complex, multi-faceted and multi- agency. The Outbreak Management Plan articulates how this will be achieved in Somerset as we move from generalised lockdown to addressing local outbreaks.								
Equalities Implications:	<p>Evidence to date indicates black and Asian people are more likely to be badly affected by coronavirus. Public Health England have produced the following report Disparities in the risk and outcomes of COVID-19 detailing its findings https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/892085/disparities_review.pdf</p>								
	It is a disease that impacts significantly on those who are elderly, and those with other existing medical conditions. Among people already diagnosed with COVID19, people who were 80 or older								

	<p>were seventy times more likely to die than those under 40.</p> <p>Men are at significantly greater risk of being seriously affected by COVID-19 than women.</p> <p>Strict adherence to social distancing (2 metres apart) is encouraged for those who are at increased risk e.g. aged 70 and over, those with specific chronic pre-existing conditions and pregnant women</p>
<p>Risk Assessment:</p>	<p>Central Government have an alert system with a score of 1-5 which will determine the actions taken, and the expected behaviour of the population. This is risk-based approach based on the five tests for easing measures</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. NHS's ability to cope 2. Sustained and consistent fall in death rates 3. Reliable data demonstrating infection rates are decreasing to manageable levels 4. Confidence that operational issues are in hand e.g. testing and PPE 5. Confidence that the measures taken do not result in a second peak of infections that overwhelm the NHS

1. Background

1.1. The Outbreak Management Plan covers:

- Planning for local outbreaks in care homes and schools
- Identifying and planning how to manage other high-risk places, locations and communities of interest including sheltered housing, dormitories for migrant workers, transport access points
- Identifying methods for local testing to ensure a swift response that is accessible to the entire population.
- Assessing local and regional contact tracing and infection control capability in complex settings
- Integrating national and local data and scenario planning through the Joint Biosecurity Centre Playbook
- Supporting vulnerable local people to get help to self-isolate
- Establishing governance structures

Central to success is testing and engagement with public health advice given both to prevent and to manage outbreaks.

The infrastructure for delivery of the Outbreak Management Plan includes:

- A regional Strategic Co-ordination Group to deploy resources e.g. mobile testing
- Somerset Covid-19 Health Protection Board which links directly with Public Health England Health Protection Teams led by the Director of Public Health
- Somerset Local Outbreak Engagement Board which will provide timely communications to the public and be the public facing delivery and oversight of the Outbreak management Plan

2. Improving Lives Priorities and Outcomes

2.1. There is a major focus with the pandemic on protecting lives as well as improving lives within the context of responding to a major incident.

3. Consultations undertaken

3.1. Development of the Outbreak Management Plan involves discussions with many stakeholders

4. Request of the Board and Board members

4.1. To consider the Outbreak Management Plan

5. Background papers

5.1.

6. Report Sign-Off

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