

Covid 19

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<p>Summary:</p>	<p>The Board will have oversight of the response to Covid19 to date:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What has been done to date • Where are we now with the pandemic • What are we focusing on for the future? <p>As it is a fast-moving pandemic a presentation will be made at the Board meeting to reflect the situation and guidance to date.</p> <p>The current Covid-19 (coronavirus) outbreak has been designated a global pandemic by the World Health Organisation.</p> <p>The Avon and Somerset Local Resilience Forum (ASLRF) declared a Major Incident on 19th March, triggering the local responding organisations to design and mobilise multi-agency workstreams and groups fit for managing the response.</p>		
<p>Recommendations:</p>	<p>That the Somerset Health and Wellbeing Board receives for information</p> <p>1. Covid19 response in Somerset</p>		
<p>Reasons for recommendations:</p>	<p>It is important for the Board to have oversight of the work to date in relation to the response and to understand and influence future work going forwards</p>		
<p>Links to The Improving Lives Strategy</p>	<p>Please tick the Improving Lives priorities influenced by the delivery of this work</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="544 2067 1457 2103"> <tr> <td data-bbox="544 2067 1289 2103"> <p>A County infrastructure that drives</p> </td> <td data-bbox="1289 2067 1457 2103"> <p>x</p> </td> </tr> </table>	<p>A County infrastructure that drives</p>	<p>x</p>
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	<p>productivity, supports economic prosperity and sustainable public services</p> <p>Safe, vibrant and well-balanced communities able to enjoy and benefit from the natural environment</p> <p>Fairer life chances and opportunity for all</p> <p>Improved health and wellbeing and more people living healthy and independent lives for longer</p>	<p></p> <p><i>x</i></p> <p><i>x</i></p> <p><i>x</i></p>
	<p>Protecting the health and wellbeing of the local population is key to the management of the Covid 19 response</p>	
<p>Financial, Legal, HR, Social value and partnership Implications:</p>	<p>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. There has been a tremendous amount of partnership working across the system to respond to the outbreak.</p> <p>Central government funding has been made available across the system in order to respond to the outbreak.</p> <p>Workforce considerations include working from home where you can, furloughing, business support grants, support for the self-employed. Organisations have put business continuity plans in place to ensure critical services can be maintained.</p>	
<p>Equalities Implications:</p>	<p>Evidence to date indicates black and Asian people are more likely to be badly affected by coronavirus. Public Health England are leading work to investigate why this is the case and aim to report its findings by the end of May.</p> <p>It is a disease that impacts significantly on those who are elderly, and those with other existing medical conditions. 2.5 million people nationally are being shielded in order to mitigate the impact of the outbreak for those who are extremely clinically medically vulnerable.</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
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1. Background

- 1.1.** The World Health Organisation declared Covid19 a pandemic on the 11th March 2020.
- 1.2.** Organisations from across the health and wellbeing system locally have been working together to respond to the outbreak. The presentation to the Board will aim to capture the work to date to give Board members an understanding of what has been happening and what the focus is for future work

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.** Not applicable

4. Request of the Board and Board members

- 4.1.** To note the report

5. Background papers

- 5.1.** COVID-19: guidance on shielding and protecting people defined on medical grounds as extremely vulnerable
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-on-shielding-and-protecting-extremely-vulnerable-persons-from-covid-19>

Staying alert and safe (social distancing)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/staying-alert-and-safe-social-distancing/staying-alert-and-safe-social-distancing>

6. Report Sign-Off

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