

SOUTH STRATEGIC NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

Day: Monday
Date: 12 October 2020
Time: 6.30 pm
Place: Zoom

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Agenda Item 2

SOUTH STRATEGIC NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

13 January 2019

Commenced: 18.30pm

Terminated: 20:10

Present: Councillors P Fitzpatrick (Chair), Affleck, Alam, Bowden, Chadwick, J Fitzpatrick, Kitchen, Owen, Robinson and Welsh

In Attendance Jeanelle De Gruchy – Director of Population Health
Richard Hancock – Director of Children’s Services

Apologies for Absence: Councillor Cooper

9 MINUTES

RESOLVED

The minutes of the meeting of the South Strategic Neighbourhood Forum held on 14 October 2019 be approved as a correct record with the addition of Councillor Welsh recorded as present.

10 CHILDREN’S SERVICES – CURRENT POSITION AND PLANNED DEVELOPMENT FOR 2020

The Director of Children’s Services presented before Members and began by giving details of the three week program of inspection of Local Authority Children’s Services in May 2019.

The Director then outlined the judgements arising from the inspection and explained that some important improvements had been made, such as:

- The scale and effectiveness of early help services had been strengthened through a new locality-based model that was now serving most children well;
- A new multi-agency safeguarding hub (MASH) was ensuring that referrals about children for whom there were safeguarding concerns were almost always dealt with quickly and appropriately; and
- An ‘edge of care’ team was working intensively with families to ensure that children only came into care when they needed to.

However progress, particularly in services for children in care, was very new and so impact was inevitably limited.

Improvements and areas of focus over the past 12 months were outlined.

With regards to the areas of focus for 2020, it was explained that the system was now more stable, but 2020 would see a continued focus on areas already targeted in 2019 and additionally a specific focus on areas including:

- Work Force Development;
- Consistency in quality;
- Complex Safeguarding;
- Children in Needs;
- Children at the ‘cusp of care; and
- Looked after Children – including Fostering, placement sufficiency and permanency.

The Director concluded by explaining that a multi-faceted and co-ordinated approach was required, in order to safely and appropriately reduce the need for Local Authority Care, to stabilise the current

cohort, progress children through to permanency more effectively, step children down where appropriate and provide for a range of placements to best meet children's assessed needs. The 7 projects to support these objectives were detailed as follows:

- Early Help and Prevention at a Neighbourhood Level;
- Family Intervention Service;
- Team around the School Plus;
- Duty/Locality Restructure;
- Positive Futures (Respite/Assessment);
- Fostering Service Improvement; and
- Placements Review and Sufficiency.

Members discussed the progress on reducing the reliance on agency workers and the integration of the locality and MASH team. Members expressed concern at the social worker turnover, the director gave assurances that the average caseload had fallen and that the service had recruited a number of new social workers and the situation would continue to improve as they gained experience.

RESOLVED

That the content of the presentation be noted.

11 TACKLING POVERTY IN TAMESIDE

The Director of Population Health submitted a presentation providing information with regard to tackling poverty in Tameside.

It was explained that the Council and partners were rethinking the approach to tackling poverty and the causes of poverty. To do this, engagement was taking place with residents and partners to understand the nature of poverty experienced in Tameside, how it impacted on people's lives and how best to support residents experiencing poverty to move out of poverty.

The presentation provided statistical information in respect of poverty levels in England, including child poverty, with the highest levels of child poverty in Tameside occurring in Ashton and Hyde Godley.

The main causes of poverty were outlined and potential levels of intervention were explored.

Discussion ensued with regard to the content of the presentation. Members expressed concern that it was often more expensive to be poor, it was highlighted that credit unions could be a great help but more should be done to encourage uptake. Members discussed communities where Credit Unions were not being promoted.

RESOLVED

That the content of the presentation be noted.

CHAIR



A reminder of the key messages

- Regularly wash your hands (20 seconds with soap and running water)
- Maintain social distancing (2m / or 1m with other precautions)
- Wear a face covering
- People with symptoms **must** isolate and stay at home for 10 days (and anyone in the house for 14 days)
- People with symptoms **must** get a test





Changes to Local Restrictions

- Hospitality venues now closing from 10pm – 5am
- Increased fines for enforcement action £1000 first offence
- The number restrictions on weddings to 15 people and religious ceremonies/celebrations to 6
- Face coverings for all hospitality and retail workers
- Funerals 30 people limit
- Now illegal not to self-isolate when required to do so. (£200 fine)
- Introduction of the £500 test and trace support payment for those eligible from October 12th

NEW RESTRICTIONS FOR TAMESIDE
Let's work together to protect our Tameside community and avoid a local lockdown

X Do not socialise with anyone you don't live with or that isn't in your support bubble anywhere indoors or in your garden. If you are outdoors in public, do not gather in groups of more than six
IT WORKS!

Wash your hands regularly
IT WORKS!

Wear a face covering
IT WORKS!

Keep your social distance
IT WORKS!

Self-isolate if you have symptoms or are identified as a close contact
IT WORKS!

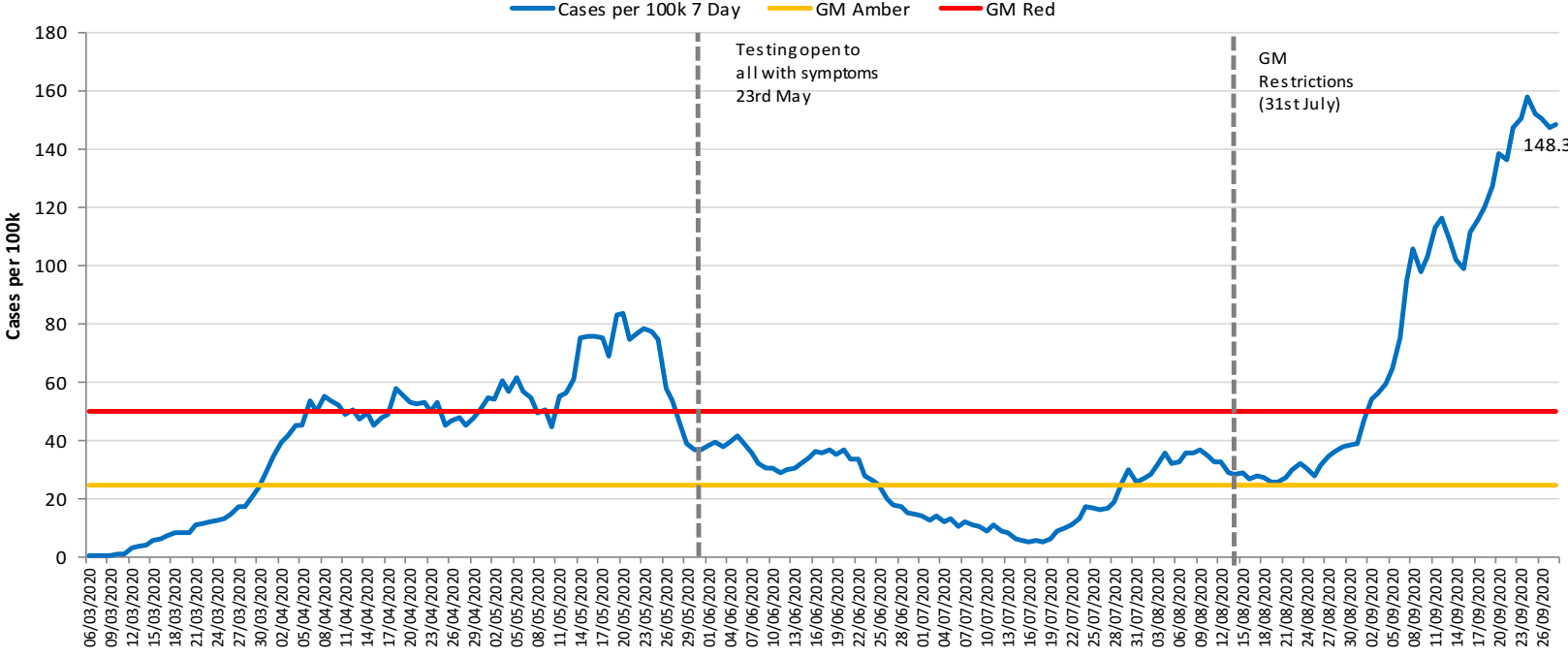
#ItWorks

Tameside Metropolitan Borough
www.tameside.gov.uk/itworks
NHS Tameside and Glossop Local Maternity System



Covid-19 Tameside Surveillance – 14/09/2020 – new positive cases per 100,000 (Pillar I & II)

Threshold measures- New positive cases per 100,000 people (7 days)-Tameside



COVID in Tameside

- Rates have increased in recent weeks across all GM boroughs
- The rate in Tameside continues to increase but currently 7th in GM
- 336 new cases (309 last week)
- mainly young, white British, working age group
- Increases in BAME community (20% of new cases) – particularly children
- have seen increases in older people with increased deaths and ICU admissions
- spread widely across the borough
- some spread linked to:
 - Hospitality, workplaces
 - Schools / Education settings
 - care homes and hospital



COVID Testing Update

- With the Covid infection rates increasing, it is really important that people with symptoms get a test.
- This can be done via the national portal website via www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/
- Or by phoning 119



New LTS (Local Testing Site)

- Darnton Road car park, Ashton under Lyne, OL6 6RL (next to boating lake)
- Open 7 days per week
- 8am to 8pm
- Test availability is determined nationally
- Appointment essential
- Book in the usual way online or by phone



The NHS COVID-19 app



What is the NHS COVID-19 app?

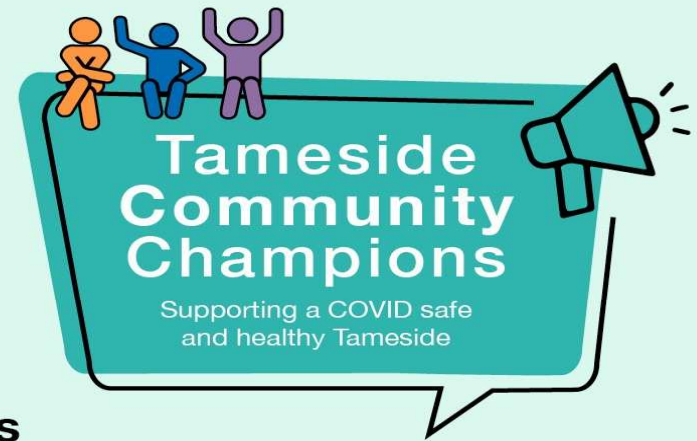
- Part of a large scale coronavirus testing and contact tracing programme in England and Wales
- Used alongside Contact Tracing to notify users if they come in contact with someone who has tested positive for coronavirus- including people they don't personally know
- Helps us understand if the virus is spreading in a particular area. Helping us as a local authority to respond quicker stopping the spread and saving lives
- Protects user anonymity. Nobody including the government will know who or where a user is



Become a Tameside Community Champion

Can you help provide family, friends and other community members with information and support to protect them from Covid?

Sign up to become a community champion.
www.tameside.gov.uk/communitychampions



Upcoming Greater Manchester consultations

Strategic Neighbourhood Forums
October 2020



Greater Manchester Minimum Licensing Standards Consultation

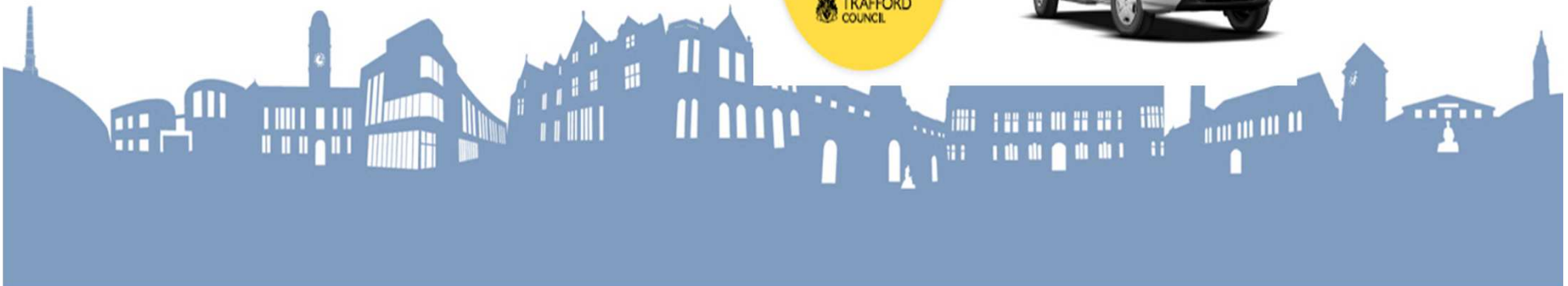




Over
2000
TAXIS
Licensed In Greater
Manchester



Over
14,000
PRIVATE HIRE
VEHICLES
Licensed In Greater
Manchester



Minimum licensing standards

- Proposing common standards for all taxi and private hire vehicles licensed in Greater Manchester
- Proposals focus on four areas:
 - Drivers – common standards
 - Vehicles – accessibility and emissions
 - Operators - accountability
 - Local authorities – licensing and enforcement
- All proposals subject to consultation



Minimum licensing standards

- Consultation launches 8 October 2020
- Live for 8 weeks (deadline 3 December 2020)
- Overlaps and links in with Greater Manchester Clean Air Plan consultation



Greater Manchester Clean Air Plan Consultation





Find out about
Clean Vehicle Funds
at cleanairgm.com



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Air pollution
harms us all



A **Clean Air Zone**
is coming to
Tameside



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Clean Air Plan

- Need to reduce harmful air pollution on our local roads
- Proposing to implement Greater Manchester-wide Clean Air Zone
- Request of Government for funding package to support upgrade grant scheme
- All proposals subject to consultation



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