

Report to:	HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD
Date:	17 September 2020
Reporting Member / Officer:	Councillor Wills - Executive Member for Health, Social Care and Population Health Dr Jeanelle de Gruchy - Director of Population Health
Subject:	LOCAL OUTBREAK CONTROL PLAN UPDATE
Report Summary:	<p>The Local Outbreak Control plan for Tameside provides a summary of the principles of Covid-19 outbreak management across Tameside including an outline of the key roles and responsibilities across the system, the mechanisms and infrastructure in place to deliver this, and appropriate routes of accountability. This presentation will provide an update on the following aspects:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data Intelligence Update • Update on local restrictions • Testing & Contact Tracing • Outbreaks • Business Compliance • School reopening • Communications & Community Engagement
Recommendations:	That the Health and Wellbeing Board receive the presentation and note the update in relation to the various actions being taken by the locality.
Corporate Plan:	The Outbreak Control Plan describes how we will manage and control Covid-19 in the current phase of the pandemic and will be crucial in enabling our communities to live with Covid-19. Providing this safe approach will be crucial in supporting the system across Tameside and Glossop to deliver against the corporate plan priorities, particularly considering those residents who are more vulnerable to the impacts of Covid-19 (Nurturing Communities and Longer & Healthier Lives).
Policy Implications:	This is a key strategic plan, which will inform and enable wider policy across the Council as to the steps we take to protect lives and safely ease lockdown.
Financial Implications: (Authorised by the statutory Section 151 Officer & Chief Finance Officer)	<p>The Council and CCG have received additional funding to support the outbreak of Covid-19. This includes £13.9 million allocated to the Council together with an indicative £6.2 million allocated to the CCG. However, it should be noted that current forecasts suggest this funding will be insufficient to support the related additional costs and reduced levels of budgeted income.</p> <p>In addition the Council has been allocated £2.1 million relating to Infection Control, 75% of which has to be distributed to care home providers in the borough to support related measures. The</p>

government have also recently allocated a ring-fenced test and trace grant of £1.4 million to the Council.

Members are requested to note these allocations as additional government funding that will support the local outbreak control plan.

**Legal Implications:
(Authorised by the
Borough Solicitor)**

The legal context for managing outbreaks of communicable disease, which present a risk to the health of the public requiring urgent investigation and management sits:-

- With Public Health England under the Health and Social Care Act 2012
- With Directors of Public Health under the Health and Social Care Act 2012
- With Chief Environmental Health Officers under the Public Health (Control of Disease) Act 1984
- With NHS Clinical Commissioning Groups to collaborate with Directors of Public Health and Public Health England to take local action (e.g. testing and treating) to assist the management of outbreaks under the Health and Social Care Act 2012
- With other responders' specific responsibilities to respond to major incidents as part of the Civil Contingencies Act 2004
- In the context of COVID-19 there is also the Coronavirus Act 2020.

This underpinning context gives local authorities (public health and environmental health) and Public Health England the primary responsibility for the delivery and management of public health actions to be taken in relation to outbreaks of communicable disease through local Health Protection Partnerships. These arrangements are clarified in the 2013 guidance Health Protection in Local Government. PHE is mandated to fulfil the Secretary of State's duty to protect the public's health from infectious diseases, working with the NHS, local government and other partners. This includes providing surveillance; specialist services, such as diagnostic and reference microbiology; investigation and management of outbreaks of infectious diseases; ensuring effective emergency preparedness, resilience and response for health emergencies. At a local level PHE's health protection teams and field services work in partnership with DPH, playing strategic and operational leadership roles both in the development and implementation of outbreak control plans and in the identification and management of outbreaks. The Director of Public Health has and retains primary responsibility for the health of their communities. This includes being assured that the arrangements to protect the health of the communities that they serve are robust and are implemented. The primary foundation of developing and deploying local outbreak management plans is the public health expertise of the local Director of Public Health.

The presentation is intended to provide Members with a comprehensive overview of the response to Covid-19 locally with particular regard to The Government's four key strands of test, trace, contain and enable to tackling Covid-19.

A number of the actions in the plan will require their own governance and decision making through Strategic Commissioning Board and it is recommended that regular reports are taken so clearly sighted on where focus needs to be. This will be particularly important given the budgetary pressures as set out in the financial implications and detailed legal implications will be included for Members' consideration at that time.

Risk Management:

The challenges posed by Covid-19 present significant risks to the Council and this plan is a mechanism via which we will mitigate direct risks of Covid-19 infection and transmission. This plan outlines the key steps and functions that will ensure emerging risks in the form of outbreaks in the local area are quickly identified, risk assessed and acted upon.

Background Information:

The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting Debbie Watson, Assistant Director of Population Health:-



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