Report to: HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

Date: 21 January 2021

Executive Member: Councillor Wills - Executive Member for Health, Social Care and

Population Health

Reporting Officers: Dr Jeanelle de Gruchy - Director of Population Health

Jessica Williams - Director of Commissioning

Sarah Threlfall - Assistant Director of Policy, Performance and

Communication

Samantha Jury-Dada - Strategic Domestic Abuse Manager

Subject: COVID-19

Report Summary: To receive presentations updating members of the Health and Wellbeing Board on the latest position in Tameside, including: -

• Covid-19 Update – Dr Jeanelle de Gruchy

Covid-19 Champions – Sarah Threlfall

• Covid-19 Vaccination Programme – Jessica Williams

 Domestic Abuse during the Covid-19 Pandemic - Samantha Jury-Dada

Recommendations: That the Health and Wellbeing Board receive the presentations and

note the updates in relation to the various actions being taken by

the locality.

Corporate Plan: How Covid-19 is managed and controlled in the current phase of the

pandemic 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) 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.

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 government have also 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.

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. The updates help inform 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 can be inspected by contacting Debbie Watson, Assistant Director of Population Health: -

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