

## SERVICE HIGHLIGHT REPORT – COVID-19 AND KEY SERVICE UPDATES

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### Part 1 - COVID-19

#### NEW GUIDANCE AND IMPACT

##### Clinically Extremely Vulnerable Residents Risk Assessment

- There is a new national risk assessment process to identify people that are at heightened risk of harm from the virus, which combines age, BMI, location and medical history. As a result, nationally 1.7m new adults have been added to the shielded patient list, alongside the c.2.4m already on the list.
- In Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, the following table summarises the numerical impact:

District	Age Group	Newly Added by Risk Assessment	Previously added by GP/Hospital	Total
Cambridge	<70	1762	2455	4217
	70-74	91	482	573
	75-79	158	492	650
	80-85	362	500	862
	85+	735	395	1130
	<b>Total</b>	<b>3108</b>	<b>4324</b>	<b>7432</b>
East Cambridgeshire	<70	799	1994	2793
	70-74	60	491	551
	75-79	105	476	581
	80-85	298	392	690
	85+	578	235	813
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1840</b>	<b>3588</b>	<b>5428</b>
Fenland	<70	1304	2783	4087
	70-74	117	715	832
	75-79	251	586	837
	80-85	431	466	897
	85+	782	311	1093
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2885</b>	<b>4861</b>	<b>7746</b>
Huntingdonshire	<70	1778	4330	6108
	70-74	99	1052	1151
	75-79	247	901	1148
	80-85	511	801	1312
	85+	1039	478	1517
	<b>Total</b>	<b>3674</b>	<b>7562</b>	<b>11236</b>
South Cambridgeshire	<70	1366	3642	5008
	70-74	79	915	994
	75-79	141	875	1016
	80-85	477	752	1229
	85+	988	523	1511
	<b>Total</b>	<b>3051</b>	<b>6707</b>	<b>9758</b>
Cambridgeshire TOTAL	<70	7009	15204	22213
	70-74	446	3655	4101
	75-79	902	3330	4232
	80-85	2079	2911	4990
	85+	4122	1942	6064
	<b>Total</b>	<b>14558</b>	<b>27042</b>	<b>41600</b>
Peterborough TOTAL	<70	4075	3885	7960
	70-74	202	719	921
	75-79	291	593	884
	80-85	690	537	1227
	85+	1198	350	1548
	<b>Total</b>	<b>6456</b>	<b>6084</b>	<b>12540</b>
Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined TOTAL	<70	11084	19089	30173
	70-74	648	4374	5022
	75-79	1193	3923	5116
	80-85	2769	3448	6217
	85+	5320	2292	7612
	<b>Total</b>	<b>20993</b>	<b>33147</b>	<b>54140</b>

- For all people that are identified, they will become a priority for vaccination immediately and also advised to shield – and shielding for all people on the Shielded Patient List has been extended to 31st March.
- All newly identified people have been contacted by their local Hub to make them aware of the support available to them.

#### **Extension of Test and Trace Support Payment Scheme**

- This national scheme has now been extended to 30 June 2021 – the previous end date was 31 March 2021. This scheme provides payments of £500 for anybody eligible who is facing financial hardship as a result of needing to self-isolate.
- The extension has also come with more flexibility, including the ability to pay one parent or guardian who has to stay off work to look after a child who is self-isolating.
- In addition, nationally there will now be £20 million available for discretionary payments each month to try and enable more cases to be approved.

#### **REGULATORY SERVICES**

- As set out in the Government roadmap, wedding ceremonies of 6 can resume on 29 March, subject to Government confirming this on 22 March. There were 111 couples in Cambridgeshire with ceremonies due to take place between 8 and 28 March inclusive, all of whom have been contacted with an update and their options explained. The ceremonies website, contact centre, Approved Premises and local clergy have all also been updated. There is an error on the Government website, suggesting ceremonies can resume on 8 March, with some media reporting this date; the General Register Office are ensuring this is rectified but there is potential for this to cause an increase in enquiries from the public.

#### **CULTURE AND LEISURE, PETERBOROUGH**

- The Government roadmap also enables planning to take place to reopen services:
  - the earliest Flag Fen's outdoor spaces can open is from 12 April and for the Museum and Art Gallery, from the 17 May onwards
  - the earliest the Key Theatre can re-open will be 17 May, however, we will need to be especially cautious due to social distancing requirements
  - although libraries can currently offer a basic service of select and collect and use of IT, they still cannot yet offer a browsing option. The earliest libraries will be able to open for browsing will be April 12, however the guidance as to what we can do will not be released until w/c 15 March
- We are to receive £0.5m funding from the national Leisure Recovery Fund to support our in-house sports and leisure provision.

#### **CAMBRIDGESHIRE LIBRARIES**

- Cambridgeshire Libraries are able to open from 12 April alongside non-essential retail. Guidance is being sought at a national level to determine what in practice this means. We expect this to be a form of managed browsing similar to the brief period we were able to offer at the tail end of 2020.

#### **ADULT SKILLS**

- **City College Peterborough**  
Some Adult and all Study Programme learners will be returning to college from the 8 March in line with DfE guidance.  
Further Day Opportunity placements will be opened up to those assessed as needing a face-to-face service from April 2021 in line with Public Health guidance, enabling similar volumes to autumn 2020.
- **Cambridgeshire Skills**  
The Government roadmap means that FE can open on 8 March. However, Cambridgeshire Skills have no delivery venues to go back into and March Community Centre is being refurbished until the end of June 2021, therefore our online delivery will continue. We are making plans for face to face delivery to resume in June / July 2021.

## NEW CHALLENGES AND ACTIVITY

### Countywide Hub – Coordinator Activity

- The coordinators continue to see a high level of enquiries with key themes including changes to the shielding programme, support to self-isolate, and general queries about the national roadmap announcement.
- To date we have received 114 applications for financial support to self-isolate from the local discretionary fund; 80 have been approved, 29 are being progressed and 5 have been rejected.
- To date, vaccination transport has been arranged for 179 residents across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough (156 for Cambridgeshire and 23 for Peterborough).

### Winter Support Grant Evaluation

- Throughout February, work has been done to evaluate core elements of the Winter Support Grant Scheme. Work includes:
  - gathering case studies from partners involved in supporting families facing hardship
  - benchmarking against other local authorities
  - a survey to residents that have applied
  - interviews with staff involved in making calls throughout December
- We have received 344 responses from families and we have received some incredibly rich and positive feedback. One quote: "Just a big Thank-You for understanding the help we needed and for helping us in these rough times." The evaluation will help to shape future thinking around Social Mobility and how we support those newly experiencing economic hardship.
- Locally, we have launched the Winter Support Direct Award scheme as part of our programme. This enables trusted organisations to give direct awards of food or fuel vouchers. This work has been co-produced with District and City Hubs and will continue to directly support struggling families in the areas that we have learned are needed. Regular reports will be produced for Peterborough and Cambridgeshire areas to continue to understand and respond to needs moving forwards.
- Government has announced an extension of the Winter Support Grant Scheme to mid-April, to cover the Easter school holiday period.

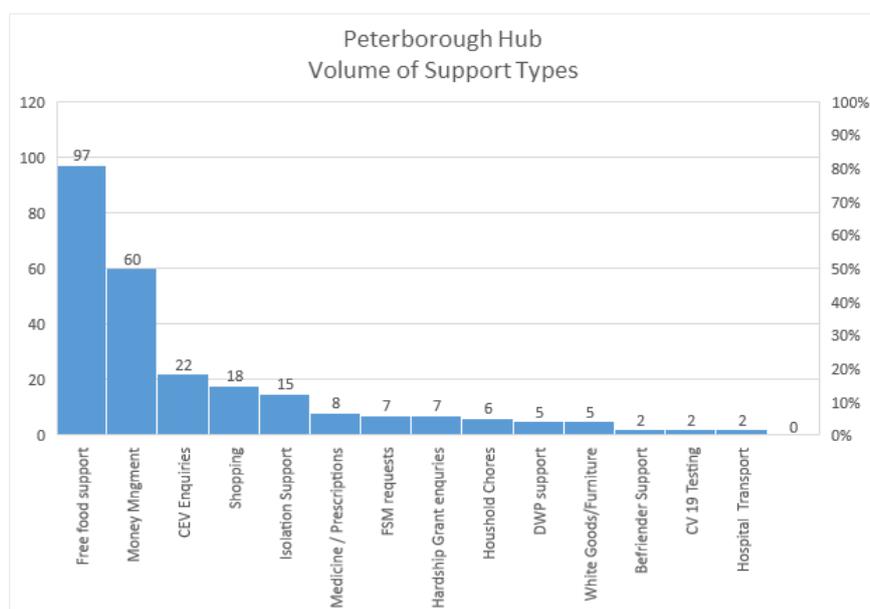
### Vaccination Confidence Plan

- We have led the development of a Vaccination Confidence plan, in close collaboration with key partners including the CCG. Focussing on helping members of the public to have confidence and reassurance in getting a COVID-19 vaccination, the plan is formed around 5 key themes:
  - Community Engagement
  - Communications
  - Logistics
  - Data and Intelligence
  - Workforce
- Significant practical action has been taken already to support the take up of vaccines in key groups in partnership with internal and external colleagues. The plan will be managed within the Think Communities team to ensure actions are driven forward.
- Linked to the vaccination confidence work, the team have also redesigned the vaccination transport process – this will further strengthen the growing community transport offer and will enable people to self-serve, identify local support in their area, but also enable us to really promote the offer.
- We have also developed a bid to the Contain Outbreak Management Fund which will increase our reach and influence in communities where there are vaccine confidence issues, as well as other factors affecting the reduction of transmission of the virus. The bid sees additional community resource being provided in Peterborough and Cambridgeshire, working directly with communities to identify and address specific barriers or challenges.
- In Peterborough, a series of community based sessions promoting vaccination take-up have been organised by the community in close partnership with the council and the CCG. So far, sessions have been held focussed on our East Timorese, Zimbabwean, Lithuanian, Chinese, Catholic, and Muslim

communities. The programme will continue, with sessions planned for our Romanian and African communities, as well as a phone survey of Asian women.

### Peterborough Community Support Hub

- 194 calls for service were received in February, a fall of 50% in volume from last month. Presenting issues are primarily focussed on those struggling to manage benefits or who are newly in economic hardship due to a loss of employment.
- Food and Fuel support is in high demand as well as families requesting essentials such as blankets, mattresses, baby milk, nappies and white goods.
- The Peterborough Hub is now able to issue Direct Award Payments via the Winter Support Grant for supermarket vouchers and fuel vouchers. The Hub will ensure wrap around support is offered via referrals to energy and debt agencies as appropriate. The Hub is also now a referrer for the British Red Cross Hardship Fund supporting individuals who have No Recourse to Public Funds status. Relationships and referral pathways with adult social care continue to be positive and links are being made with community groups to support the dissemination of warm and well information.



- The Peterborough Covid-19 Parish and Community Grants Scheme was delivered throughout February, allowing groups to apply for grants of up to £500 to support community resilience to Covid-19 transmission within Peterborough by facilitating community activity and enabling organisations to continue and extend the support they are providing to local residents. A total of 59 applications have been received.
- 6 local young people aged between 12 and 19 participated in a film campaign, commissioned by the local authority to encourage young people to follow the government COVID regulations. The young people are from various backgrounds, with acting and non-acting experience. The video can be viewed at this link: <https://vimeo.com/517905047>

### Covid Guidance to the Community Youth Sector

- The Youth in Communities Team have enabled, funded and facilitated detached youth work training for community youth workers across Cambridgeshire to support with the transition out of lockdown. Safeguarding training has also been delivered to 25 community volunteers in Abbey ward, Cambridge City.
- The Peterborough Hub continue to work with Youth Inspired in Peterborough to support guidance to the youth sector, particularly in regard to online programmes and detached engagement with young people.

**REGULATORY SERVICES**

- Officers within Environmental Health in Peterborough have been working with the elections team to ensure polling stations are Covid secure for the upcoming elections in May. This involves visiting approximately 65 sites and assisting with risk assessments.
- Officers are carefully monitoring 'The Grand Opening' campaign which is encouraging businesses all over the country to open to the public and publicising the loopholes in the law. Thankfully no businesses have opened in Peterborough in support of the campaign. There has also been a similar campaign of 'mask-less shopping' which is also being monitored.
- Environmental Health in Peterborough have been supporting a number of workplaces as they introduce lateral flow testing of their employees. Aragon Direct Services have recently launched workplace testing with more employers due to launch soon. Officers are also acting as a workplace buddy to help troubleshoot teething problems and liaise with Public Health regarding any more complex issues.
- The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) have now been provided with details of approximately 3000 businesses in the PE1-PE4 area as part of their spot checks on Covid measures in the workplace. HSE will begin by contacting businesses via phone and if any issues are identified in the initial call they will then complete a follow up call, referring back to the local authority if a physical inspection is required.
- Covid compliance checks on the taxi and private hire trade have taken place in Peterborough and shown concerning levels of non-compliance. Many vehicles did not have sufficient cleaning products available to clean common touch points between passengers, although compliance with face coverings was much better. Outcomes of the checks have been communicated with the trade, reminding them of their legal obligation to comply and giving advice on what improvements need to be made. Enforcement has been taken against drivers who have continued to work after having a Covid test, which later came back as positive. Officers are also working with Public Health towards LFT testing for drivers, with timeslots blocked out at centres to ensure the trade can visit at designated times with the assurance that there will be availability.

**RECOVERY ACTIVITIES**

- Face to face inquests will be recommencing as of 1 March, with risk assessment having been reviewed to ensure measures are robust in preventing the spread of the virus. At present there are no jury inquests scheduled.

**DECISIONS MADE SINCE LAST REPORTING PERIOD**

- Street Marshals in Peterborough will continue to operate for a further 3 months.
- The refurbishment of the March Community Centre, one of two man bases for the Cambridgeshire Skills service, was approved at the Commercial and Investments Committee in Cambridgeshire.

**NEW COVID-19 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS SINCE LAST REPORTING PERIOD**

N/A

**WORKFORCE CHALLENGES**

No change.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

- Officers are working with the communications team on a press release after a fixed penalty notice was issued to a hand car wash that has been operating during restrictions. The press release will act as a reminder to businesses that enforcement will be taken if they fail to comply, as well as offering reassurance to the public that enforcement is taken where necessary.
- Posters reminding the public of the need to socially distance, wear a mask and sanitise their hands have been distributed to shopping centres.

**KEY SERVICE UPDATES – INTERNAL / EXTERNAL**

**THINK COMMUNITIES (CAMBRIDGESHIRE LOCAL AND PETERBOROUGH TOGETHER)**

- **Think Communities Service Support for Social Mobility**

34 officers attended the Think Communities full-service meeting in February with key inputs around social mobility, holistic working and mapping a full life journey. Workshops were undertaken on stakeholder and activity mapping, the work from which will support key actions in our plan to develop area profiles and a clear social mobility offer for each service delivery area.
- **Understanding New Hardship**

As part of our continued development of a strength based social mobility support model, we are undertaking a community trial with Fenland District Council based on continued support for those experiencing economic hardship. The trial will look to develop the learning from the winter support grant scheme and test out strengths-based community approaches with those households, identifying new ways of working that can be developed and expanded using behavioural insights. Design sessions were held with key partners in February with the delivery through March and evaluation in April.
- **Food Poverty**

Continued work has been undertaken in February to co-ordinate work on a Peterborough and Cambridgeshire-wide food network. Alongside the continued practical application of food support, local groups have now started to express an interest in collaborating more widely. In Peterborough a food strategy working group is being led by public health and in Cambridgeshire there is a joint District and County strategy meeting on 17 March to continue the development of a countywide approach. Cambridge Sustainable Food are leading on a regional group which Think Communities have representation on. Work on all of these groups will focus on ensuring there is a coordinated approach to tackling food poverty.

CCC, PCC and district colleagues have also partnered with a team of masters students at the UCL Institute for Innovation and Public Purpose to understand more about food poverty in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough and the things that can make a difference in addressing it. The team is undertaking a systems mapping project and will be speaking with local stakeholders to inform the systems map and identify the possible leverage points that could make a difference.
- **Hidden Carers Campaign**

As part of our Think Communities approach, we are working with Adult Social Care and key partner agencies to reach out to all carers across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. Recent research tells us that there are around 78,000 unpaid carers in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. A press release was issued on 3 March outlining the support available for people who are providing care; it included a case study of a local man who has been a carer for his wife for 10 years. The article aims to encourage hidden carers, people who are caring for someone who may not recognise themselves as a carer, to access support that is available to them.
- **Cambridgeshire Local Development**

Getting a full staffing team in place has been a continued priority through February, and all but one of the core roles have now been appointed, with 7 staff having started with us in February with 3 more due by the beginning of April:

  - 2 new Place Coordinators started in Fenland and Huntingdonshire
  - 1 remaining Place Coordinator for Cambridge City is due to start on 6 April
  - 5 new Community Connectors started in East Cambridgeshire, South Cambridgeshire and Fenland
  - 2 more Community Connectors have been appointed for Huntingdonshire due to start 1 April
  - We are in discussion with Fenland to fill the 1 remaining vacant post via a secondment

Cambridgeshire Local Area engagement events started on 23 February, the first being held in East Cambridgeshire at which 20 professionals, local groups and parish councils were in attendance. Dates are now set for all other areas with significant work being undertaken to co-produce this event with our District partners. There has also been significant learning from the first few events that has been shared across the service. We are now starting to prepare for more local events in summer and work is being completed to ensure our area profiles and stakeholder mapping are all focused on service delivery areas.
- **Armed Forces Covenant Update**

We have successfully appointed a new AFC officer for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, who starts on

29 March. There remains a vacancy on the Combined Authority-funded Housing project, however we have plans in place to fill this position either as a secondment or fixed term position. Due to some delays in content, the Annual report has not yet been published but is expected to be imminently. Officers are currently supporting two community groups with developing a kickstart funded project (funding is available for new groups and activities that will support the AFC work).

- **VCS Infrastructure Support Update**

Current contracts with Support Cambridgeshire and PCVS have been extended to 30 November 2021 with both organisations asked to continue their focus on delivering against the previously agreed outcomes. The tender for the new contract is live until 5 April. To date, two organisations have registered an interest.

- **Community Resilience: Scams**

Three new partnership supporters have registered this month, taking the total to 106, and a formal agreement has been signed with the National Scams Team to receive victim referrals for Peterborough commencing in March. This will see victims receiving a covering letter with scams advice. Our regular communications will now be supported with participation in a monthly BBC Radio Cambridgeshire interview by a partner, really helping to engage our communities in delivering local resilience.

- **County Council Youth Investment Fund Motion**

In support of the CCC Full Council motion to endorse the call of the Local Government Association for release of the Government's promised £500 million Youth Investment Fund, our Youth in Communities Team have actively promoted the National Youth Agency youth sector survey and have made representation to DCMS through the Eastern Region Youth Forum. We have also had direct conversations with the CEO of the National Youth Agency and made representation at a meeting with Baroness Barran, the youth minister. The collated responses from the Cambridgeshire youth sector will be submitted on 1st March.

- **Peterborough Youth Council Recruitment**

The Peterborough Youth Council launched a recruitment drive for new members in February, with advertising going out to schools, colleges, local youth and community organisations, Parish councils and via the @youthvoicepeterborough social media pages. So far the response has been incredible with over 80 applications and we will be giving significant thought to how we best include these young people to ensure we engage them in youth participation if they do not secure a place on the youth council.

## **REGULATORY SERVICES**

- Ahead of starting on 1 March, the 10 newly appointed Assistant Coroners have undergone training to introduce them to service and the way it operates within the Local Authority setting, outlining both Coronial and Council policies, procedures and practices.
- Trading Standards have taken the first steps on the campaign to tackle illicit tobacco by writing to approximately 60 premises across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough believed to be selling it. Once we move out of lockdown, enforcement activities will begin in an attempt to cause maximum disruption to the premises.
- Representations regarding the new Marriage Schedule System were made to the Minister via the General Register Office to consider deferring the implementation date but this was declined. The new scheme will go ahead in spring / early summer of this year.
- Trading Standards continue to see an uptake from businesses to join the Primary Authority Scheme which provides assured business advice, most recently a vegan food producer that supplies major supermarkets.

## **COMMUNITY SAFETY**

- Domestic Abuse awareness training sessions have been delivered for the HR departments of both PCC and CCC, as well as to several community organisations and groups.
- The Peterborough CCTV service has maintained 100% service delivery throughout February across the 24/7 period. CCTV recorded 263 incidents (crime and disorder, including anti-social behaviour) during January leading to 37 arrests (326 incidents and 42 arrests including the Fens).
- CCTV incident analysis for Peterborough City during January showed 55 incidents relating to concern for person(s), 32 incidents for theft related offences, 23 incidents for violent crime offences and 57 incidents for street drinking and drug related offences - all seeing an increase in numbers reported compared to December 2020.

- During January the CCTV shared service responded to 225 call requests via the out of hour's telephone contact service which was a very marginal decrease in call volume compared to December 2020. Calls for service included 157 homelessness related, 10 lost / stray dogs, 5 cleansing reports, and 3 connected to our property assets.
- Work is commencing with the communications team to promote measures being implemented to investigate fly tipping across Peterborough, including new signage, drip feeding results when cases are closed, and looking at short film and press releases.
- From 1 April 2020 to date, 7,684 Penalty Charge Notices have been issued.
- Since 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 the following investigations have taken place in relation to environmental crime:
  - 3609 fly tipping
  - 532 Rubbish accumulations
  - 271 Abandoned vehicles
  - 30 fly posting incidents

## **CULTURE AND LEISURE, PETERBOROUGH**

### **Culture Strategy**

- Work to develop a 10-year Culture Strategy for Peterborough continues, supported by a range of partners including Arts Council England. We will be broadening consultation on the emerging strategy from April.
- In February, the Peterborough Youth Council (PYC) took part in a consultation regarding the new Strategy. Members identified how they believe Peterborough's cultural offer could be improved for young people and local communities, and what events and activities they would like to see in Peterborough over the next several years.

### **Culture Recovery Fund**

- Work on the activity plan is progressing well, and the Arts Council attended a recent CRF Partnership Board meeting and confirmed it was happy with progress to date. The Arts Council have launched a round two arts recovery fund and we have submitted a bid.

### **Flag Fen**

- The first Flag Fen and Must Farm Advisory Group meeting was held on the 9 February. The meeting brought together a range of stakeholders who will be key in working with City Culture to successfully develop the site. Historic England are part of this group and currently have a tender out for the excavation and sampling of the Flag Fen Causeway and areas outside of the large mere, which aims to address questions about long term management and viability. Providing a suitable contractor is appointed before 31 March the money is secure and can be held over into the next financial year and it will need to be spent over the following 18 months. The Historic England successfully appointed contractor will be required to produce a full project design for approval before any work happens on the ground. This would include a strategy for public engagement into the project design. The specification for the Arena building, which was sadly burned down in September, is now complete and we are awaiting quotes. The CCTV upgrade is now completed with the Hudson Barn and Preservation Hall monitored systems now live.
- Preparations for delivering school sessions are underway. School risk assessments have been revised and updated, school's communication on website has been updated and an e-bulletin is planned for the end of Spring Term to encourage Flag Fen bookings for the Summer Term. Already some School bookings have been confirmed for the Summer Term.

### **Museum and Art Gallery**

- A new heritage business model is in development, and its baseline, audience development, staff development and fundraising plan reports are all now complete.
- The February half term online events 'Free things to do at home' received a good response. As these events were aimed at people who are at risk of negative outcomes from COVID we put in place a robust plan to collate feedback and measure the impact of this work. This learning will help shape our short and medium-term service planning.

### **Libraries and Archives**

- Work has begun on an Architect's Strategic Brief for the new Central Library.
- Following a submission detailing the change of governance to City Culture Peterborough, the National Archives have confirmed that they are satisfied with the new arrangements and confirmed the appointment of Peterborough Archives Service as a place of deposit under s.4(1) of the Public Records Act.

- We are also currently working on the spatial requirements for archives in order to identify the space needed for its future relocation, including possible or whole integration with the Museum Collection. Work is also continuing towards re-accreditation of the Archives service.

#### **CAMBRIDGESHIRE LIBRARIES**

- We have made some small change in opening hours at our hub libraries to focus on busy daylight hours, as with shops closed our high street libraries were not seeing significant evening use.
- Our new digital library service (Overdrive) has been launched as our previous service provider was bought out by a rival.

#### **ADULT SKILLS**

- **City College Peterborough**

Study Skills (16-19 provision) contact fully achieved and any additional learners will be funded directly via the college to pump prime future contracts. Adult recruitment in ESOL and Skills for Life has continued quite strongly even though all courses moved online in January. Study programme recruitment is going well and we have offered 80 places for the next academic year. Virtual taster activities and transition events have been taking place to support young people. The Health and Social Care Work Academy has continued to start courses with recruitment increasing in January and February.

Despite the increase in employment rates the Job Coach team have supported an individual into paid employment and arranged for 5 interviews.

- **Cambridgeshire Skills**

We continue to run a full complement of online provision for both direct delivery and subcontracted provision.

#### **FINANCIAL ISSUES**

N/A

#### **UPCOMING ISSUES & HORIZON SCANNING AREAS**

##### **Census 2021**

- Our teams are working closely with the national and regional Census 2021 teams to ensure that there is maximum take-up of Census, including within all vulnerable or isolated groups.

##### **National and Regional Youth Strategy**

- This month significant time has been given to the long-term development of the County's youth offer by engaging in strategic conversations with:
  - DCMS to inform their National Youth Review. CCC has contributed to a conversation with Baroness Barran MBE organised by the National Youth Agency (NYA) to inform the future of the Youth Investment Fund, youth engagement, strategic priorities for the youth sector and general sector consultation with UK Youth
  - Direct engagement with the East of England Youth Strategy design forum led by the NYA
  - Representation and strategic contribution to the potential development of an East of England Regional youth work unit
  - Consultation with the National Citizen Service Trust of the value of the NCS programme to Local Authorities
  - Representation and direct engagements in the LGA Youth Services national conference.

In summary there seems to be a strong commitment from DCMS to engage fully with local authorities and better develop and support them to meet the needs of young people following a sustained focus on the third sector. One senior representative from DCMS stated that he saw Local Authority input and facilitation of youth services and programmes as "central and essential to a meaningful Youth Offer".

##### **Community Safety**

- An expression of Interest for additional staff capacity has been submitted to the Ministry of Justice through the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC). Additional funding is also to be agreed for community organisations, also through the OPCC.

- No decision has yet been received on the application to be part of the Changing Futures programme. A first scoping meeting is scheduled for 11 March to be prepared for any announcement and to be able to move quickly if needed. Separately, the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government are supporting the application for Rough Sleeper Initiative 4 funding. This support includes increased funding to extend to Huntingdonshire and upgrade a post to a 'senior' level to relieve some of the day to day pressure on the Project Manager.

#### **City College Peterborough**

- As non-essential retail is still closed, in the interim, we are developing an online shop project as part of our collaboration with Peterborough College to provide information and signposting to unemployed and furloughed workers on reskilling and upskilling.

#### **Cambridgeshire Skills**

- New areas of work will include Level 3 qualifications from April, Restart programmes from April, and the commissioning of the Mid-Life MOT skills package.