

## **COVID-19 EMERGENCY PLANNING HIGHLIGHT REPORT**

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### **NEW GUIDANCE AND IMPACT**

We continue to work closely with the Chief Executive and other Directorates to progress the work required to deliver a Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Local Outbreak Control Plan by 30<sup>th</sup> June, when submission to national government is required. There is ongoing learning from national and regional calls and webinars to understand best practice in preparing the Plan, including the work of eleven 'Beacon' Local Authorities.

### **NEW CHALLENGES AND ACTIVITY**

The Local Outbreak Control Plan covers the following seven workstreams.

- Surveillance - daily review of local Covid-19 epidemiology and trends, using national, regional and local sources of data.
- Testing arrangements and capacity
- Outbreak management plans for complex settings (including care homes, schools, healthcare settings, workplaces, vulnerable groups)
- Additional support for more vulnerable people advised to self isolate as cases or close contacts under 'test and trace' and local community response plans
- Identifying the new workforce required, and the training requirements for existing staff or volunteers. The District/City Council Environmental Health Officer workforce and support staff will form an important part of this plan, and we are working closely with them.
- Communications
- Governance - including the officer led multi-agency Health Protection Board and Member led Local Outbreak Engagement Board.
- A generic interim outbreak management incident procedure has been completed, aligned with existing outbreak management plans and structures, in the event that this is required before the full Local Outbreak Management Plan is completed.
- The draft Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Local Outbreak Control Plan will be taken to the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Health and Wellbeing Boards Joint Whole-System Sub-Committee (with the full membership of both Boards) on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June, for discussion and comment.

Ongoing work includes:

- Provision of public health advice and guidance to Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Local Resilience Forum (LRF) multi-agency COVID-19 Strategic Co-ordination Group (SCG): This is done through the Director of Public health being a member of the SCG, and through a multi-agency Public Health Advice Cell (PHAC) which includes membership from the CCG and Public Health England as well as local authority public health.
- Administration of and provision of public health advice and guidance to the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough LRF multi-agency COVID-19 Tactical Co-ordination Group (TCG)
- Co-chairing the Cambs & Peterborough LRF Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Cell: The LRF PPE cell is now implementing the distribution of PPE sent to the LRF from the national stockpile, for eligible local organisations which require emergency supplies
- Jointly leading a stocktake of vulnerable/socially excluded population groups reporting to the LRF Community Reference Group. This work has progressed and is supporting the multi-agency C&P sub-regional Housing Board, and that of member agencies, to meet national guidance on COVID-19 and homelessness. Work to support implementation of national guidance on Travellers and COVID-19 is also being taken forward. This work will be used to support planning for outbreaks of Covid-19 among vulnerable populations, as part of the C&P Local Outbreak Control Plan.
- Public health analysts are involved in ongoing work with the LRF Intelligence Cell on modelling and surveillance. They are also producing regular Covid-19 overview reports based on publically

available data e.g. from the Office of National Statistics (ONS), Public Health England (PHE) and the Care Quality Commission (CQC).

- Working with CCG, CPFT, Voluntary sector and Communications Team on ongoing delivery of a multi-agency COVID-19 mental health and wellbeing plan and campaign. Ongoing work organising training for bereavement support.
- Provision of public health advice and guidance to Cambridgeshire County Council/Peterborough City Council (CCC/PCC) COVID-19 Joint Management Team Gold Group, including updates on most recent Covid-19 data and trends, and the Silver Tactical working group on a range of issues.
- Provision of public health advice and guidance to CCC/PCC People and Communities Management Team and Service Directors on various issues, e.g. PPE and wider Public Health England (PHE) guidance to the social care sector. A public health specialist is working closely with Adult Social Care and the NHS on implementation of new Care Homes national guidance, including prioritisation of testing for residents. Advice is also provided for Children's Services and Education Services.
- Provision of public health advice and answering of queries for Council staff through the AskDrLiz e-mail helpline
- Ongoing work with providers of contracted public health programmes to monitor contracts and support with management of COVID-19 related issues and to manage/finalise procurements which were in process when COVID-19 incident started.
- Maintain regional links with the East of England Public Health England Team and joint Public Health England/NHS England regional incident management. Acting as a conduit for escalation of public health queries and issues to regional PHE team.

Attend and in some cases organise or chair multi-agency incident meetings for specific local COVID-19 outbreaks of concern, working closely with Public Health England Health Protection Team. /

#### **RECOVERY ACTIVITY**

- The LRF Recovery Group Public Health and Prevention sub-group will function as a sub-group of both the LRF and the STP's Recovery work, ensuring a fully joined up approach.
- Public health specialist advice to the LRF Recovery Sub-Group
- Involvement in arrangements for NHS recovery, which will be led by the NHS Sustainable Transformation Partnership (STP).
- Public health specialist advice to the LRF Economic Recovery Sub-Group
- Public Health specialist advice to the LRF Restoration Sub-Group.
- Public Health specialist advice to public transport restoration group
- Public health input to CCC/PCC recovery planning

#### **DECISIONS MADE SINCE LAST REPORTING PERIOD**

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#### **NEW FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS SINCE LAST REPORTING PERIOD**

The Local Authority Test and Trace allocations to support Local Outbreak Control Plan implementation have been published and for Cambridgeshire the allocation is £2,493,304. It is expected that this will fund a range of services, including additional resource for District/City Council Environmental Health teams.

#### **WORKFORCE CHANGES**

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#### **COMMUNICATIONS**

Ongoing joint work with the Communications team on promoting Test and Trace, and on social distancing. DPH vlogs on face coverings and on support 'bubbles'.