



HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

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ITEM 09

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Outbreak Engagement Board and Health Protection Board Update

Purpose

- 1.1 To provide the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) with an update and overview of the key discussions and messages from the COVID Outbreak Engagement Board and Derbyshire Health Protection Board.

Recommendation

- 2.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to note the update report.

Reason

- 3.1 To ensure the Health and Wellbeing Board is kept updated on health protection issues affecting the population of Derby.

Supporting information

- 4.1 Following a period where the meeting was paused, the Derby Outbreak Engagement Board (OEB) met in December 2022. The meeting considered:
 - Updated Local Outbreak Management Plan
 - COVID vaccination uptake, and
 - Updates from partners.
- 4.2 The Derby COVID-19 Outbreak Management Plan sets out our approach to prevent, manage, and contain outbreaks of COVID-19. The Plan has been updated in line with the changes in national policy and with a need to deliver a proportionate response.
- 4.3 Key changes in context include:
 - 'Living with COVID'
 - Testing data
 - National guidance- relaxation of measures
 - Re-emergence of other respiratory infections
 - End of COVID Outbreak Management Funding
 - Reduction in UKHSA capacity.

4.4 The Plan aims to:

- Mitigate and minimise the impact of COVID-19 on individual, community, and population health
- Control and reduce transmission of the virus within the community
- Balance the risks associated with COVID-19 with the transition to business-as-usual
- Ensure COVID-19 does not exacerbate health inequalities and build on the light shone on health inequalities through the pandemic.
- Protect those who are most vulnerable to contracting the virus and/ or significant disease or death
- Prevent an unmanageable demand for health care services
- Support the city's community and economic recovery
- Manage and reduce the impact of long-COVID on our community
- Promote and support vaccination against COVID-19.

4.5 A summary was provided to the OEB regarding the plans for UKHSA if a new significant COVID wave emerged, the updated governance structures and the local outbreak response. Proposed new communications infographics and messaging were also shared.

4.6 OEB approved the updated Local Outbreak Management Plan and its publication.

4.7 An update on vaccine uptake was provided reporting that Joined Up Care Derbyshire (JUCD) have achieved 64.5% uptake for COVID boosters within the eligible population. Uptake was achieved more rapidly than other parts of the region and performance ahead on all measures.

4.7 The OEB noted updates from partners including:

- Significant pressure felt in the NHS. Although COVID rates had reduced there were signs of an uptick in numbers. Services are dealing with an increase in other infectious diseases which is causing increased demand and it is anticipated to be a challenging winter.
- University of Derby - continuing with messaging for student around vaccination, along with reporting.

4.2 The Derbyshire Health Protection Board continues to meet regularly and includes consideration of COVID as appropriate. The Health Protection Board last met on the 21 October and an update was provided to the Health and Wellbeing Board at its meeting in November.

Public/stakeholder engagement

- 5.1 As part of the local outbreak planning arrangements, the Derby COVID Outbreak Engagement Board was established. A key function of this group is to engage with the local community to understand any local issues and communicate effectively with local people.

Other options

- 6.1 None.

Financial and value for money issues

- 7.1 None.

Legal implications

- 8.1 None.

Climate implications

- 9.1 None.

Other significant implications

- 10.1 None.

This report has been approved by the following people:

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