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Salford Health and Wellbeing Board

Title of report	Report of the Salford Health Protection Board
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1. Executive Summary

Why is this report being brought to the Board? - Relevance of this report to the priorities of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy, the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment or integrated working	The Health Protection Board reports to the Health and Wellbeing Board during the COVID pandemic. The HP Board is a subgroup specifically considering the response to COVID-19 outbreaks in Salford
Health and Wellbeing Board's duties or responsibilities in this area	There are other subgroups of the HWB Board like the Salford Time to Act group who are considering the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on health inequalities.
Key questions for the Health and Wellbeing Board to address - what action is needed from the Board and its members?	The HWB Board are asked to note the assurances and any risks from the HP Board regarding the measures being taken to respond to COVID-19 cases and outbreaks in Salford.
What requirement is there for internal or external communication around this issue?	The community engagement plan for COVID-19 in Salford outlines the segmented approach for communicating risks and key public health messages to communities in Salford. This work is led and undertaken by volunteers alongside staff in the CCG and council.

2. Introduction

The Health Protection Board was set up in July 2020 in responding to COVID-19, and the terms of reference were included in the Salford Outbreak Plan published on 30 June 2020. <https://www.salford.gov.uk/people-communities-and-local-information/coronavirus/covid-19-outbreak-management-plan/>

The group have been meeting weekly every Thursday to consider the situation in Greater Manchester and the UK, and specifically the situation in Salford in terms of data, soft intelligence and the measures in place.

The health protection board have focused in July on the cases and consequence management system in place and there is ongoing recruitment to the key Test and Trace roles.

3. Recommendations for action

In August, and in response to local restrictions, the COVID-19 action plan for August and September was produced. This followed the themes in the outbreak plan and tasked named individuals with key activities.

We have been ahead of the curve on the guidance that PHE have been producing, and we have been advising care homes and other care settings, schools and workplaces. The volume of household and community transmission has meant that we need to balance a suite of measures.

Along with Greater Manchester, the focus has shifted to the suite of measures in the Contain strategy as follows:

- **Parameters within which people can live with COVID-19:** A long list of restrictions are in place already. Can we give people alternatives – not just “Don’t do this” but “you CAN do this instead”?
- **Actions to protect the vulnerable:** This is an area of more recent focus.
 - Health Checks
 - Care home take up is good but still needs to scale up
 - Home care staff take up of sessions at Gateways need to be further promoted.
 - Considering extending the health checks to other staff
 - COVID risk assessment and long term condition reviews.
 - Previously shielded cohort.
 - Prioritised for medical reviews.
 - Professionals visits to care settings.
 - Guidance is being finalised.
- **Approaches to implement interventions**
 - Intelligence/Data: We are now getting daily test results both negative and positive and this reflects the position of Salford along with other areas of the north and Greater Manchester as areas of national concern. We are monitoring the data daily and tracing contacts with advice to isolate. From the 8th September, it is planned for Salford to have access to the national contact tracing system (CTAS).
 - Community Engagement: Key messages were developed and translated to different languages. Street level engagement was undertaken with the help of volunteers and CVS:
 - Stay at home as much as you can
 - Wash your hands thoroughly and regularly
 - Keep a safe distance from others - two metres wherever possible
 - Make sure that you follow guidance about meeting in groups
 - Wear face coverings in shops, indoor venues, public transport and taxis.
 - Book a test if you are unwell or a member of your household, and stay at home till you get the result
 - Cancel your plans even at short notice if you are asked to self-isolate
 - Make sure you are up to date with all your vaccinations, especially those you missed and seasonal flu.

- Outbreak management/prevention
 - Need to move away from responding to outbreaks and focus efforts on areas where there are no current outbreaks to prevent future outbreaks.
 - The focus of the next 3 months will be on supporting and gaining assurance from settings deemed 'high risk'. This includes safely welcoming an estimated 19,000 University of Salford students into the city as well as children and young people back to schools and college.
 - Horizon scanning and predicting potential settings and communities with timely response.
 - Winter planning/ Flu vaccinations including preparing if and when a covid vaccine comes available.

4. Contextual information

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The Health Protection Board is chaired by Director of Public Health or Deputy Director.



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Health and Wellbeing Board and the CCG Governing Body
