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## Salford Health and Wellbeing Board

Title of report	Report of the Salford Time to AcT (STAT) group
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### 1. Executive Summary

<p><b>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</b></p>	<p>The Salford Time to AcT is a subgroup of the Health and Wellbeing Board that meets weekly to consider the direct and indirect impacts of the COVID pandemic on health inequalities and put in place immediate and medium-term actions and commitments.</p>
<p><b>Health and Wellbeing Board's duties or responsibilities in this area</b></p>	<p>The Locality Plan for Salford 2020-25 has been launched and there are pre-commitments towards health inequalities and co-production with local communities prior to COVID-19. The pandemic has highlighted and exacerbated these inequalities. The STAT group are taking measured steps on behalf of the HWB Board to work together to explore and mitigate the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on health inequalities.</p>
<p><b>Key questions for the Health and Wellbeing Board to address - what action is needed from the Board and its members?</b></p>	<p>The HWB Board are asked to note the assurances and actions by the STAT group. STAT is the business continuity response to health inequalities. In due course, the Locality Programme Group/JSNA subgroup will take the more strategic oversight of delivery of the Locality Plan.</p>
<p><b>What requirement is there for internal or external communication around this issue?</b></p>	<p>The common approach across partner organisations for individual risk assessments and health checks was one of the first measures put in place and this has grown beyond the initial focus on BAME groups to all individuals in the frontline who may be at higher or significant risk of COVID-19. A more recent example of work is the development of the NCA Community of Practice on Social Value launch event on 30 October which focuses on the role of the anchor organisations.</p>

## 2. Introduction

The STAT group was formed in July 2020 to consider pragmatic and rapid action to tackle health inequalities in Salford. The group initially had a focus on COVID-19 and have been meeting weekly to consider health checks and risk assessments across organisations, volunteers and frontline workers in Salford. Since then, the Health Protection Board was set up and the COVID-19 updates and actions are taken through that board. The STAT group are careful not to duplicate and they intend to add value and scale to existing work.

There is both the challenge and opportunity. The challenge is that health inequalities have existed for many years and Salford is the 18th most deprived local authority in the country. COVID-19 has exposed and exacerbated these pre-existing inequalities. The opportunity comes from the disruption that the virus has caused in ways that make priorities like climate change action become more relevant than ever and the community response to the BAME disparities associated also with Black Lives Matter gives more of a chance for new solutions to be developed by local communities working together to co-design and co-produce small changes that turn the tide on inequalities.

## 3. STAT group activities

The overall terms of reference of the group is intended to deliver the locality plan priorities and to track action from one week to the next. The group acknowledged that new and different conversations may be needed for new and different actions and outcomes.

### **Activities in July/August**

The group focused on linking the offer of health checks and quality assurance of the individual risk assessments so that key workers are protected from the severe consequences of COVID-19 whether that is due to age, ethnicity or any of the other protected characteristics.

After the initial focus on risk assessments, the group shifted focus away from the COVID response as the Health Protection Board started to meet and started to consider the non-COVID or indirect impacts.

Some work was undertaken to consider the prioritisation of the NHS waiting lists as the NHS services started to reopen; where possible to highlight the cumulative impacts on individuals with more than one condition or from the more disadvantaged groups.

### **Activities in September/October**

Some of the early successes of the STAT group will be about refreshing membership and focus of the existing partnerships like the climate action board and the social value work of the anchor organisations. The NCA Social Value Creation Launch was preceded by workshop in Salford on 23 October to discuss the key points which Salford partners will undertake as a Community of Practice. As an example, the work on Social Value and Sustainability is considering the environmental impact of health and care.

The group considered co-production priorities and potential areas of focus that were outlined in the Locality Plan. The session on shared responsibility and collaboration for climate change identified the role of individuals, and physical activity (walking and cycling) as a core contributor to environment and wellbeing.

### **Activities in November/December**

The Great Eight priorities for Salford have come some way to deliver; and the refresh of the inclusive economy, equality, and poverty strategies before the end of the year are a chance to embed health inequalities as a central theme. Further work by the STAT group is intended for:

- Mental health promotion and suicide prevention
- Child poverty to focus specifically on children/young people and families
- Social isolation priority from the perspective of co-production

### **3. Recommendations for action**

Salford has some fantastic assets and at the same time we know we have great challenges as the 18th most deprived local authority in England.

We have a strong history in Salford of great partnership working that has shone through in our response to the COVID pandemic. We want to continue to build on the work of the Salford Social Value Alliance since 2013 and to develop its 10% Better campaign, hopefully with the Northern Care Alliance and the other large anchor organisations as active members

In Salford today, we have three areas where Now is the Time to Act:

- First, we must continue to protect health and respond to COVID-19 especially as we head into winter.
- Second, the reality of Living with COVID-19 in the next 2 years will be about keeping the economy going. It will be about how successful we are in rebuilding the new normal for our anchor organisations, for small medium enterprises, for our schools, and all sectors including health and care.
- Thirdly, for a Better and Fairer Salford, our five-year Locality Plan recognises that the best solutions can be put in place much faster when they are co-produced with local communities. We agreed four priorities that are our burning platforms for child poverty, mental wellbeing, social isolation, and climate change.

We are now at the stage where we must embed the culture of co-production with communities, and we must start new and different conversations with communities as equal partners in the work of the Health and Wellbeing Board and the Locality Plan delivery.

### **4. Contextual information**

The STAT group rotates the chair and the topics week by week.



Terms of Reference  
- STAT Tackling Heal

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THIS REPORT CONTENT HAS ALSO BEEN CONSIDERED BY:

STAT group members

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