

KIRKLEES HEALTH & WELLBEING BOARD
MEETING DATE: Thursday 16 July 2020
TITLE OF PAPER: Kirklees Outbreak Control Plan
<p>1. Purpose of paper</p> <p>This report is to provide an overview of the Kirklees Outbreak Control Plan and to provide assurance that strong outbreak management arrangements are in place for Covid-19.</p>
<p>2. Background</p> <p>Kirklees has strong outbreak management arrangements in place, with robust local governance under the leadership of the Director of Public Health. These well-established outbreak management arrangements are underpinned by the Kirklees Outbreak Plan endorsed by the Kirklees Health Protection Board. These arrangements are robust, effective, timely, and responsive, outlining clear roles and responsibilities of health and care services to manage outbreaks within a wide range of settings and population groups. The Kirklees COVID-19 Outbreak Control Plan builds on the existing outbreak plan, scaling up and enhancing existing arrangements and services to meet the needs of local communities.</p> <p>The Kirklees Outbreak Control Board is currently being set up to oversee the plan and the public facing communication and engagement work.</p>
<p>3. Proposal</p> <p>The Kirklees Outbreak Control Plan focuses on the following seven themes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Planning for local outbreaks in care homes and schools (e.g. defining monitoring arrangements, identifying potential scenarios and planning the required response). 2. Identifying and planning how to manage other high-risk workplaces, communities of interest and locations including sheltered housing, dormitories for migrant workers, transport access points (e.g., ports, airports), detained settings, rough sleepers etc (e.g. defining preventative measures and outbreak management strategies). 3. Ensuring readiness to deploy mobile testing units (including walk through) to high risk locations (e.g. defining how to prioritise and manage deployment). 4. Assessing local and regional contact tracing and infection control capability in complex settings and the need for mutual aid (e.g. identifying specific local complex communities of interest and settings, developing assumptions to estimate demand, developing options to scale capacity if needed). 5. Integrating national and local data and scenario planning through the Joint Biosecurity Centre Playbook (e.g., data management planning including data security). 6. Supporting vulnerable local people to get help to self-isolate (e.g. encouraging neighbours to offer support, identifying relevant community groups, planning how to co-ordinate and deploy) and ensuring services meet the needs of diverse communities. 7. Establishing governance structures led by existing COVID-19 Health Protection Boards and supported by existing Gold command forums and a new member-led Board to communicate with the general public.
4. Financial Implications

From the government allocation Kirklees Council has received £2,381,214.17 which is ring fenced for Covid-19 Test and Trace to deliver the Kirklees outbreak control plan; working with local key stakeholders and local NHS partners.

5. Sign off

Rachel Spencer-Henshall, Strategic Director, Corporate Strategy, Commissioning and Public Health

Date:

6. Next Steps

The Health Protection Board will continue to receive assurance and updates on the Kirklees Outbreak Control Plan.

7. Recommendations

The Health and Wellbeing Board notes the information within the report and appended Plan.

<https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/public-health-partners/pdf/kirklees-local-covid19-outbreak-action-plan.pdf>

The Health and Wellbeing Board approves the Kirklees Outbreak Control Plan and associated governance.

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