

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

COVID UPDATE

11 JUNE 2020

Quick update

- **Covid Direct response**

- Although numbers are falling, Middlesbrough still relatively high in national rankings for rate of infection and deaths
- All going well – we are on top of immediate response
- Business Support Grant process running smoothly – introduced discretionary element
- Shielding hubs continuing but demand dipped
- Staff support being enhanced – equipment etc
- Finances remain a major concern



Quick update

- Covid Response and Recovery Plan to be considered by Executive 16 June.
- Focus on following areas:
 - Environment and Infrastructure Geoff Field
 - Town Centre Kevin Parkes
 - Business and the Economy Richard Horniman
 - Health and Wellbeing Mark Adams
 - Education and Skills Rob Brown
 - The Council James Bromiley
 - Children's Care Catherine Parry
 - Adult Social Care Erik Scollay
 - Finance James Bromiley
 - Legal Charlotte Benjamin
 - Communications Andrew Glover

Local Area Outbreak Plans

- Every upper-tier Local Authority must develop a plan in June that puts in place systems to manage and contain Covid-19 outbreaks in their geographical area
- Eleven Councils have been selected to form a Good Practice Network (GPN) and act as “Beacon’s” who will:
 - **Identify and share best practice** between GPN and other councils
 - **Identify issues** that may limit the effectiveness of local response
 - Innovate to develop **better approaches** to address critical issues
 - Support all councils to develop **robust Outbreak plans in June**
- The 11 are:
 - Middlesbrough
 - Warwickshire
 - Devon
 - Surrey
 - Leicestershire
 - North Somerset
 - Tameside
 - Camden
 - Newcastle
 - Norfolk
 - Cheshire West

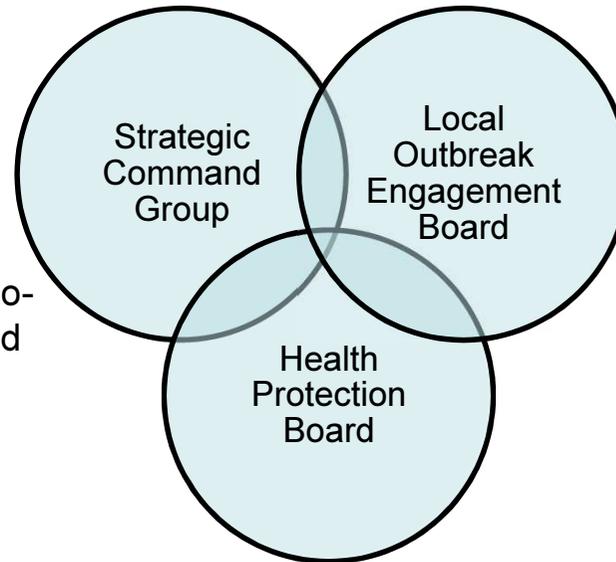
Local Area Outbreak Plans

- Plans must be centered around seven themes
 - 1. Care homes and schools** - planning for local outbreaks in care homes and schools (e.g. defining monitoring arrangements, potential scenarios and planning the required response)
 - 2. High risk places, locations and communities** - identifying and planning how to manage high risk places, locations and communities of interest (e.g. defining preventative measures and outbreak management strategies)
 - 3. Local testing capacity** - identifying methods for local testing to ensure a swift response that is accessible to the entire population (e.g. defining how to prioritise and manage deployment, examples may include NHS, pop-up etc).
 - 4. Contact tracing in complex settings** - assessing local and regional contact tracing capability in complex settings (e.g. identifying specific local complex communities, developing assumptions to estimate demand and options to scale capacity)
 - 5. Data integration** - integrating national and local data and scenario planning through the Joint Biosecurity Centre Playbook (e.g., data management planning, including data security, NHS data linkages)
 - 6. Vulnerable people** - supporting vulnerable local people to get help to self-isolate (e.g. facilitating NHS and local support, identifying relevant community groups etc) and ensuring services meet the needs of diverse communities
 - 7. Governance and Local Boards** - establishing governance structures led by existing Covid-19 Health Protection Boards in conjunction with local NHS and supported by existing Gold command forums and a new member-led Board to communicate with the general public
- Middlesbrough leading on care homes; identifying complex cohorts and; governance & decision making

Local Area Outbreak Plans

Resource deployment Lead

- Deliver swift resource deployment (e.g., mobile testing)
- Own connection with Joint Biosecurity Centre, Whitehall and COBR



Communication Lead

- Provide timely communications to the public
- Provide public-facing delivery oversight of TTCE locally
- Act as liaison to Ministers as needed

Public Health Lead(linked to PHE Regional Lead)

- Provide infection control expertise
- Lead development and delivery of local plans
- Link directly to regional PHE teams

Local Area Outbreak Plans

The plan must be **intelligence-led** in order to:

- Plan and prepare for outbreak scenarios
 - Ensure plans in place in key facilities
 - Test services vs potential demand
- Prevent, minimise and manage outbreaks
 - Identify hotspots (monitor outbreak signals across key locations)
 - Monitor volumes and results of tests
 - Make and implement local decisions to restrict movement, locally or regionally
 - Temporary closures (facilities, open spaces)
 - Reopening locations / lifting restrictions
- Support vulnerable people
 - Ensure resilient services (incl. food, shelter, transport)
 - Support those isolating / sheltering
 - Reduce risk of infection for vulnerable people
 - Protect from phishing

Local Area Outbreak Plans

The plan must be **intelligence-led** in order to:

- Ensure services work for all communities
Adapt services to specific needs of communities
- Deliver Tier 1b Contact Tracing
Identifying local complex cohorts
Ensuring tracing staff readiness (incl. rapid and effective training)
Plan capacity vs demand
Deliver tracing through robust processes
- Deployment of testing
Identify existing capacity
Increase existing capacity & utilisation
Clarify planning assumptions to meet demand

Local Area Outbreak Plans

In order to have the best chance of success, Council will require:

- Sufficient testing capacity to meet projected demand
- Quick turnaround of tests
- Data at very regular intervals providing the detail of positive tests within the local area
- Powers to enable local lockdowns
- The money to implement the plan

