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HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD
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Agenda Item:

Subject: Enfield Local Outbreak Control Plan

Report of: Stuart Lines, Director of Public Health

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The government has asked councils to produce local outbreak control plans to respond quickly to any outbreak of the virus and to help stop the virus from spreading. This is important as lockdown restrictions ease and is a key part of trying to return to a more normal way of life. There are 7 themes to the plan:

- Care homes and schools
- High risk places, locations and communities
- Local testing capacity
- Contact tracing in complex settings
- Data integration
- Vulnerable people
- Local governance

It was asked the plan should be published on the Council website by the end of June (<https://new.enfield.gov.uk/services/community-safety/emergency-planning/#4>) and attached. This paper provides an overview of the plan and it's governance structure.

Recommendations

The Board is asked to endorse the Enfield Local Outbreak Plan and to note that LBE has already successfully dealt with 2 potential outbreaks.

Background

- 1.1 The NHS Test and Trace service launched on 28 May 2020 across England and forms a key part of the government's COVID-19 recovery strategy.
- 1.2 Anyone who now tests positive for COVID-19 will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace and will be asked to share information about their recent interactions. Those who are identified to have been in close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19 and thus at risk of having contracted the virus, will be alerted by the NHS Test and Trace service and advised to self-isolate for 14 days.
- 1.3 Moving forward, contact tracing (NHS Test and Trace) will become a core component of England's response to COVID-19. NHS Test and Trace will require an expansion of our local outbreak support capacity working in close collaboration with PHE. The Council will take a lead in supporting local settings or communities with complex outbreaks, where local knowledge and insight is required.
- 1.4 This local plan sets out how the London Borough of Enfield will respond to outbreaks and support the management of cases in liaison with the London Covid Response Cell (LCRC).
- 1.5 It also supports an integrated approach between local and national government, with a range of other partners such as the NHS, GPs, businesses, employers, voluntary organisations, community partners, and the general public.

Themes / priorities

- 2.1 The plan includes the seven following themes / priorities:
 1. Care homes and schools (Planning for local outbreaks in care homes and schools)
 2. High risk places, locations and communities (Examples included, sheltered housing, dormitories for migrant workers, detained settings, rough sleepers, ports and airports).
 3. Local testing capacity
 4. Contact tracing in complex settings
 5. Data integration between partners and between national and local interface through the Joint Biosecurity Centre.
 6. Vulnerable people – Help for self-isolation.
 7. Local Boards (Establishing governance structures).

Roles and responsibilities

3.1 The following table outlines roles and responsibilities

Agency or organisation	Roles and Responsibilities
NHS Test & Trace	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide testing of suspected cases of COVID-19 • Call handlers make initial contact (tier 3) • NHS professionals undertake initial contact tracing of confirmed cases (tier 2). If a risk assessment identifies the need for a specialist input (tier 1) this would then be referred to the London Covid Response Cell (LCRC).
<p>Public Health England London Coronavirus Response Cell (PHE LCRC)</p> <p>Tier 1</p>	<p>The LCRC is a pooled PHE resource from the three London Health Protection Teams will be responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial detection of an outbreak from routine surveillance or ad hoc reporting • Initial risk assessment, escalation (if required) and notification to partners • Lead the initial response and investigation in order to allow an accurate risk assessment to be undertaken to inform any actions that may be necessary • Provide specialist health protection advice and manage cases and contacts, testing and infection control • Provide information materials to the setting affected • Recommend ongoing infection control measures • Convene an Incident Management Team (IMT) if required for specific high-risk complex situations, and also contribute to any IMTs convened by Local Authority • Provide information to Director of Public Health and advice/recommendations for ongoing support • Liaise with other sources of specialist advice, at PHE and from other experts/professionals • Ensure appropriate escalation of the incident where there is a wider geographical spread or increased seriousness of the threat to public health • PHE also provides system leadership and surveillance, some of this will take place at a national level.
Local Authority	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lead role in protecting and improving health of the population across their jurisdiction • The Director of Public Health has a leadership role for the Local Authority contribution to health protection matters, including preparing for and responding to incidents that present a threat to public health • Supporting the LCRC in their initial response and investigation in order to allow an accurate risk assessment to be undertaken to inform actions that may be necessary • Deliver COVID-19 prevention work and respond to COVID-19 related enquiries • Ensure appropriate Local Authority representation at Incident Management Team (IMT) meetings if convened by LCRC • Providing Public Health advice to the LCRC IMT, particularly with regards to the vulnerability and resilience of the local community • Briefing the LCRC IMT on levels of media interest, in terms of

	<p>both traditional channels and social media</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advising the LCRC IMT on issues relating to public information, especially in the communication of risk • Convene a local authority IMT if required for community cluster • Statutory duty to investigate infectious disease linked to workplace settings, undertake inspections, regulate workplace risk assessment processes and exercise powers under the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974, where they are the Health and Safety enforcement authority • Ensuring that contracted providers deliver an appropriate clinical response to any incident that threatens the Public's Health • Ensuring Business Continuity impacts are monitored and that the Council is able to continue to deliver on its priority services • Consider the authorisation of variations to contractual obligations where necessary, to respond to communicable disease outbreaks and incidents not covered by Major Incident clauses
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Governance

- 4.1 The LOCP was written by officers from across the Local Authority including Public Health, Environmental health, Adult Social Care, Emergency Planning, Children's Services, Housing and Communications, This group (the Operational Control Team) will oversee the plan and it's operational management.
- 4.2 Members of the OCT will also form the main part of any incident management team (IMT) that will operationally manage any outbreak working with partner agencies. The plan includes drawing in other relevant depending on where an outbreak occurs.
- 4.3 Strategic oversight of the LOCP will be from the Community Resilience Board (CRB). This is community focused body chaired by the Leader with representation from numerous BAME, faith and voluntary sector groups.

To note

- 5.1 The Board is asked to note that LBE has already successfully responded to 2 potential outbreaks; one in 2 GP surgeries where the authority was mentioned favourably by Matt Hancock, the Secretary of State for Health and once in a school. LBE as a borough has measures in place to respond to the emerging threat from Covid 19.
- 5.2 Members of the HWB Board are invited to comment upon the above.