

Enfield Covid-19 Outbreak Control

Background

The Enfield Local Outbreak Control Plan (LOCP) was published in June 2020. This is a 'live' document that will be updated as the pandemic progresses and its local impacts change. As part of this LBE is developing a local contact tracing provision as a supplement to the national NHS Test, Track and Trace (TTT) system.

Local Outbreak Control Plan (LOCP)

The aim of the LOCP is to manage and control outbreaks of Covid19 within the borough. Its key objectives are to:

- outline how the Council, and local partners, will work with Public Health England (PHE) and the London Covid Response Cell (LCRC) in responding to outbreaks of COVID-19 in the borough
- plan for local outbreaks in identified high-risk settings
- prepare for the response and support required in any outbreak

This multiagency plan draws on the expertise of internal and external partners. It works closely with the Community Resilience Board (CRB) chaired by the Leader of the Council. The CRB's main aims are to enable clear communication on Covid19 with local communities.

Specifically, in the event of an outbreak members of the LOCP will be asked to form an Incident Management Team (IMT). This will generally be led by the LCRC, which is part of PHE, and which draws upon expertise of Consultants in Communicable Disease Control (CCDCs). The aims of outbreak control are to identify:

- cases and ensure that they self-isolate
- potential cases and ensure that they have access to testing
- contacts of cases and ensure that they self-isolate

NHS Test, Track and Trace

LBE has been working to provide a local supplement of the National NHS TTT system. In this, cases where the national system has been unable to make contact within 24 hours are passed to the Local Authority (LA), which is then able to attempt to make contact at a local level. Assuming that contact is made the case is then advised to self-isolate.

The main challenges to establishing this local contact tracing process are:

- training (3 days of training required for each person making calls) and
- access to national data and linking to LBE IT systems

Preparations for the LBE supplemented contact tracing system are advanced, and a meeting with PHE is due in October to ensure both bodies coordinate contact tracing efforts. Current infection rates have meant that levels of demand have been managed but, if numbers rise as expected, further resource may be required. The Covid Health Protection Board will be monitoring this as part of the LOCP.