



# Local Outbreak Engagement Board

3 February 2021

**Time** 2.00 pm      **Public Meeting?** YES      **Type of meeting** Partnership Boards  
**Venue** MS Teams

## Membership

Councillor Ian Brookfield (Chair)	Leader of the Council
Councillor Jasbir Jaspal (Vice Chair)	Cabinet Member for Public Health and Wellbeing
Emma Bennett	Director of Children and Adult Services
Katrina Boffey	Assistant Director of Strategic Transformation, NHS England & NHS Improvement - Midlands
Professor Ann-Marie Cannaby	Chief Nurse, Royal Wolverhampton Hospital Trust
Tracy Cresswell	Healthwatch Wolverhampton
Ian Darch	Wolverhampton Voluntary Sector Council
John Denley	Director of Public Health
Marsha Foster	Director of Partnerships, Black Country Healthcare NHSFT
Adrian Philips	Consultant in Health Protection, Public Health England
Councillor Wendy Thompson	Shadow Cabinet Member for Public Health and Wellbeing
Dana Tooby	Ethnic Minority Council - Wolverhampton Equality and Diversity Partnership
Paul Tulley	Managing Director, Wolverhampton CCG

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# Agenda

## PART 1 – Items open to Press and Public

*Item No.*    *Title*

### MEETING BUSINESS ITEMS - PART 1

- 1            **Apologies for Absence**
- 2            **Notification of substitute members**
- 3            **Declarations of interest**
- 4            **Minutes of the previous meeting** (Pages 3 - 8)  
[To approve the minutes of the previous meeting as a correct record.]
- 5            **Matters arising**  
[To consider any matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting.]

### ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION OR DECISION - PART 2

- 6            **COVID-19 Situation Update**  
[To receive an update on the current COVID-19 situation.]
- 7            **COVID-19 Strategic Coordinating Group Update Report** (Pages 9 - 18)  
[To provide a high-level summary of activity in support of the Wolverhampton COVID-19 Outbreak Control Plan, including allocation of grant.]
- 8            **Adult and Educational Settings Update**  
[To receive an update on Adult Services and Educational Settings.]
- 9            **Communications Plan Update**  
[To receive an update on the Communications Plan for the Board.]
- 10           **Other Urgent Business**  
[To consider any items of business by reason of special circumstances (to be specified) that in the opinion of the Chair are matters of urgency.]
- 11           **Dates of future meetings**  
[10 March 2021]



# Local Outbreak Engagement Board

## Minutes - 12 November 2020

### Attendance

#### Members of the Local Outbreak Engagement Board

Councillor Ian Brookfield (Chair)	Leader of the Council
Councillor Jasbir Jaspal (Vice Chair)	Cabinet Member for Public Health and Wellbeing
Emma Bennett	Director of Children and Adult Services
Michelle Carr	Black Country Healthcare Foundation Trust
Tracy Cresswell	Healthwatch Wolverhampton
Ian Darch	Wolverhampton Voluntary Sector Council
John Denley	Director of Public Health
Councillor Wendy Thompson	Shadow Cabinet Member for Public Health and Wellbeing
Dana Tooby	Ethnic Minority Council - Wolverhampton Equality and Diversity Partnership
Paul Tulley	Managing Director, Wolverhampton CCG
Vanessa Whatley	Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust

#### In attendance

Madeleine Freewood	Development Manager
Shelley Humphries	Democratic Services Officer
Chris Howell	Commercial Regulation Manager
Richard Welch	Head of Partnerships and Commercial Services (Education)
Becky Wilkinson	Head of Adult Improvement

*Item No.*    *Title*

- 1 Apologies for Absence**  
Apologies were received from Professor Ann-Marie Cannaby, Marsha Foster and Katrina Boffey.
- 2 Notification of substitute members**  
Vanessa Whatley attended for Ann-Marie Cannaby and Michelle Carr attended for Marsha Foster.
- 3 Declarations of interest**  
There were no declarations of interest made.
- 4 Minutes of the previous meeting**  
Resolved:  
That the minutes of the meeting of 29 September 2020 be approved as a correct record.

5 **Matters arising**

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting.

6 **COVID-19 Situation Update**

John Denley, Director of Public Health delivered the COVID-19 Situation Update and Epidemiological Update presentation. The Daily COVID-19 Cases in Wolverhampton Resident Population graph provided results from NHS and Public Health England Laboratories as well as walk and drive through testing centres. There had been a rise in cases since October which was now slowly stabilising whilst the sharp dips shown were attributed to a lag in receiving lab results.

The COVID-19 case rates per 100,00 population table showed that Wolverhampton had been at 306.4 as at 7 November 2020, however as this changed continually, it was reported that the current number was 307 per 100,000. This had risen dramatically over the last eight weeks however the week to week results showed some stabilisation here as well.

The COVID-19 trend graph showed that, whilst the spread of the virus had been more prevalent in the 18 - 24 age range around September, this range had widened to include 18 – 64-year olds, i.e. residents of working age. It was noted that age combined with other factors such as other comorbidities still increased the risks of poorer health outcomes therefore it was reiterated that it was important to continue to ensure the vulnerable were supported and safe. The spread had not been as wide amongst children of school age.

In terms of geography, a map was displayed which showed the varying rates of positive cases throughout the City. It was noted that the purple areas representing the areas with higher rates coincided with the locations of test centres; which may mean that the higher rates were due to increased access to testing. It was noted that these areas were analysed to determine whether any other driving factors existed whilst areas where rates were low were examined to establish whether there were any barriers to testing or other factors at play.

It was noted that NHS admissions had neared a plateau which may be attributed to the Tier 2 measures however it was too early to see what impact the nationwide lockdown restrictions in force since 5 November had made. Mortality rates had reached a similar rate to that typical for the time of year however there had been a slight rise in COVID-related deaths in recent weeks.

Resolved:

That the COVID-19 Situation Update be noted.

7 **COVID-19 Strategic Coordinating Group Update Report**

John Denley, Director of Public Health presented the COVID-19 Strategic Coordinating Group Update Report and highlighted salient points. The report provided a summary of recent progress relating to the delivery of the local COVID-19 Outbreak Control Plan.

In addition to the information contained within the report, it was highlighted that there had been work undertaken to open two more testing sites and that Wolverhampton was one of the 66 local authorities across the country that would be using the emerging lateral flow testing technology. It was noted that the new method yielded

results in 15 minutes without the need for a laboratory. The roll out was currently under development in terms of the practical application of the testing and how it could be applied in various settings, for example how it could be used to periodically test care home or hospital workers.

It was acknowledged that the roll-out of the new vaccine would be the next long-term goal however, until this happened, it was important to continue to adhere to the key messages to prevent the spread of the virus.

In response to a query around whether the test could be self-administered, it was clarified that a clear clinical governance framework would need to be in place to ensure the test could be administered safely therefore ways of achieving this were being explored.

Resolved:

That the content of the COVID-19 Strategic Coordinating Group Update Report be noted.

## 8 **Incident Management Team (IMT) Update**

John Denley, Director of Public Health delivered the Incident Management Team Update. The update provided an overview of national restrictions, the formation of the Incident Management Team and the planned response to the second wave.

It was reported that it was typical for the Council to form a team to develop a response to an incident and the serious nature of the COVID pandemic had called for a wider multiagency approach with partners from across the City.

An Incident Management Team (IMT) had come together to explore how to tackle the impact of COVID collectively to protect and support the vulnerable and help the City recover.

It was reported that, in response to the second wave, a number of systems had been co-ordinated by the team. This included communications to vulnerable residents on how to stay safe and the expansion of the Stay Safe, Be Kind call centre as well as extensive work around testing and contact tracing. It was reported that the vaccinations may be ready to roll out by December 2020 – January 2021.

Resolved:

That the Incident Management Team Update be noted.

## 9 **Adults and Educational Settings Update**

Becky Wilkinson, Head of Adult Improvement provided an update around adult social care.

It was noted that discretion for allowing visiting relatives into care homes lay with the Director of Public Health as long as the local infection rate remained above average. The protocol had been refreshed to allow essential visits, which included visiting patients receiving end of life care or if a lead professional deemed the visit as vital to the patient's mental health. The Act ensured that the decision would also take into account the best interests of everyone at the care setting. It was clarified that the number of care homes now closed for new admissions during the outbreak had risen to seven. 41 EMI beds had been opened up due to isolation periods reaching an end.

National Portal testing was in place and turnaround time for test results had improved whilst the flu vaccination programme was underway with extra provision planned for November. It was reported that response plans were in place for a second wave and that the deadline had been met for the money received from the Government Infection Prevention Fund to be distributed to care homes.

In response to a query around access to personal protective equipment (PPE) for carers, it was clarified that it would be provided as soon as the service was aware it was required and that any gaps in provision would be investigated.

Emma Bennett, Director of Children's Services delivered the update on Educational Settings.

It was reported that attendance had remained fairly stable with only a slight dip since last week. Work had been ongoing with school headteachers to reduce bubble sizes, ensuring fewer children had needed to self-isolate relative to case numbers.

It was highlighted that the increase in elective home education, with COVID cited as the primary reason, had become a concern and follow-up work was being undertaken to ensure parents fully understood the impact of removing their child from their school place and what responsibilities they would be taking on.

It was reported that the Education IMT met three times a week which enabled members to keep active oversight of school estates and reinforce communications messages.

It was noted that, following the latest Government announcement regarding access to FSM support over the Christmas period, work was ongoing to establish what would be required in terms of planning and response.

Resolved:

That the Adult and Educational Settings update be noted.

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### **COVID-19 Business Support**

Chris Howell, Commercial Regulation Manager delivered the COVID-19 Business Support presentation which provided an overview of the support provided by the Authority to businesses across the City to ensure they could continue to trade safely. The model Engage, Explain, Encourage and Enforce had been implemented to support this.

Communications had been sent and multiagency visits had been undertaken to provide businesses with advice on safety measures and how to enforce them. Extra support had been supplied to non-compliant businesses to ensure they were brought into compliance. Action had been taken to revoke the licence of a non-compliant bar within the City and to close a barber's which had failed to follow correct procedures. The barber had been able to re-open following positive engagement to bring them in line with compliance.

It was noted that a COVID Business Support Team had been established, including Senior Environmental Health Officers to provide expert help and guidance. Undertaking this had been challenging, due to staff capacity however this had been

reinforced by the appointment of a team of 18 COVID Support Advisors to work with businesses, not as enforcement but to provide support and maintain the presence of safety and compliance messages within the City.

As part of the development of the COVID Compliant scheme, signage had been issued to identify businesses that had been visited and found to be adhering to COVID safety measures. A QR code had been included in the design directing visitors to an online survey to provide feedback on how safe they had felt during their shopping experience; it was reported that positive feedback had already been received from these surveys. Feedback from businesses on the support received had also been very positive.

A short video outlined the work of the COVID Support Advisors and that this was the only scheme of its kind in the West Midlands to date. COVID Support Advisors had continued their work over lockdown, which included delivering leaflets to homes with information regarding testing and It was reiterated in the video that they were not enforcement but ambassadors to provide assistance and support.

It was queried how the scheme addressed unfair treatment sometimes experienced by people unable to wear masks. It was reported that colleagues in Public Health were being consulted regarding the introduction of a recognised lanyard scheme to identify those who were genuinely exempt.

Resolved:

That the COVID-19 Business Support presentation be noted.

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### **Communications Plan Update**

Richard Welch, Head of Partnerships and Commercial Services (Education) delivered the Communication Plan Update presentation which provided an overview of recent and planned communications and engagement.

It was reported that there had been a great deal of activity around the launch of the NHS COVID-19 app and local Tier 2 restrictions which had then been followed by information on the national lockdown. Leaflets had been distributed to low uptake areas with information regarding test centres and the introduction of the COVID Secure Scheme had been publicised. Press releases had gone out reminding residents to observe the restrictions during Hallowe'en and Bonfire Night with alternative solutions to the usual customs.

It was noted that future campaigns had been planned around Testing Sites/ potential pilot opportunities; Business support; a 'Shop Local' campaign, Ongoing key Public Health messages as well as enforcement work with Police and WMCA Youth Engagement to try and establish what was important to young people. In addition, a great deal of background work around Mental Health support had been undertaken and there would be something in the near future.

In terms of the Councillor and Community Champions, it was highlighted that Councillor Rupinderjit Kaur, Councillor Simon Bennett and Councillor Zareena had been nominated as political leads. They had been furnished with key messages and contact information to provide support to constituents and had been engaged in producing video content for social media. Work with Councillors work was ongoing

with the Learning Communities Partnership to coproduce material and a task and finish group had been established to take this forward.

Resolved:

That the Communications Plan Update be noted.

12 **Other Urgent Business**

There was no other urgent business.

13 **Dates of future meetings**

The next meeting of Local Outbreak Engagement Board was scheduled for 3 February 2021. It was noted that there would be one in between if required.



## Local Outbreak Engagement Board Meeting

03 February 2021

<b>Report title</b>	Wolverhampton COVID-19 Outbreak Control Plan Report	
<b>Cabinet member with lead responsibility</b>	Councillor Ian Brookfield Leader of the Council	
<b>Wards affected</b>	All wards	
<b>Accountable director</b>	John Denley, Director of Public Health	
<b>Originating service</b>	Public Health	
<b>Accountable employee</b>	Madeleine Freewood Tel 01902 550352 Email madeleine.freewood@wolverhampton.gov.uk	Stakeholder Engagement Manager
<b>Report has been considered by</b>	Wolverhampton COVID-19 Strategic Coordinating Group	22 January 2021

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### Recommendations for action:

The Local Outbreak Engagement Board is recommended to:

1. Receive the Wolverhampton COVID-19 Outbreak Control Plan Report

## **1.0 Purpose**

- 1.1 The multi-agency Wolverhampton COVID-19 Strategic Co-ordinating Group (SCG) provides regular progress reports to the Local Outbreak Engagement Board to enable it to fulfil its objectives.

## **2.0 Background**

- 2.1 The SCG is responsible for prioritising, managing and overseeing the work plans aligned to the seven themes in the Local Outbreak Plan:

1. Care homes and schools
2. High risk places, locations and communities
3. Local testing capacity
4. Contact tracing in complex settings
5. Data integration
6. Vulnerable people
7. Local Boards

- 2.2 The remit of the SCG is to:

- set and regularly review strategic priorities for the city
- ensure plans are consistent with resources available and if not, escalate within the appropriate organisations
- escalate any situations to Public Health England /Wolverhampton Clinical Commissioning Group level for mutual aid if necessary and ensure that any response to a local COVID-19 outbreak is completed as a co-ordinated approach, managing the various elements in the response
- review local and national epidemiology.

- 2.3 SCG provides a regular progress report to the Local Outbreak Engagement summarising key activity across the seven themes in the Local Outbreak Plan, finance and communication. In addition, the February 2021 report also includes a short section on vaccination.

## **3.0 SCG progress overview**

- 3.1 Appendix 1 of this report provides a copy of the SCG report to the Local Outbreak Engagement Board.

## **4.0 Financial implications**

- 4.1 Wolverhampton city Council have been awarded a grant of £1.9 million for Outbreak Control. Grant funding must be spent in line with the grant terms and conditions. The attached report provides an overview of where this grant will be targeted.  
[JB/22092020/I]

## **5.0 Legal implications**

- 5.1 Every Local Authority is required to produce a Local Outbreak Control Plan specific to COVID-19 as outlined in the August 2020 national framework:  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/containing-and-managing-local-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreaks/covid-19-contain-framework-a-guide-for-local-decision-makers>

The Coronavirus Act 2020 provides a legal framework that gives Local Authorities – through Public Health and Environmental Health functions – the primary responsibility for the delivery and management of public health action to control outbreaks of infectious disease.

[TC22012021/Q]

## **6.0 Equalities implications**

- 6.1 The Local Outbreak Engagement Board is a sub-board of Health and Wellbeing Together. Equalities implications of COVID-19 are being actively reviewed by both boards informed by qualitative and quantitative data. A report relating to the impact of COVID-19 on BAME communities was presented to the July 2020 meeting of Health and Wellbeing Together.

## **7.0 Health and wellbeing implications**

- 7.1 The Local Outbreak Engagement Board is a sub-board of Health and Wellbeing Together and health and wellbeing implications of Local Outbreak Plan are kept under review through established reporting lines.

## **8.0 COVID-19 Implications**

- 8.1 The SCG summary report outlines progress relating to the delivery of the COVID-19 Local Outbreak Control Plan.

## **9.0 Schedule of background papers**

- 9.1 Wolverhampton COVID-19 Outbreak Control Plan  
<https://www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/coronavirus-advice-and-information/covid-19-outbreak-control-plan>

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## Report: Wolverhampton COVID-19 Outbreak Control Plan Report

Intended Audience:	Local Outbreak Engagement Board		
Submitted by:	Wolverhampton Strategic Co-ordination Group		
Submission Date:	26.01.2021	Meeting Date:	03.02.2021

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### 1.0 Purpose

The purpose of this report is to update Wolverhampton Local Outbreak Engagement Board on progress relating to the delivery of the local COVID-19 Outbreak Control Plan. The content of this report covers the time period from the date the Wolverhampton Outbreak Control Plan was published, 30 June 2020, to publication date of this report, 26 January 2021.

### 2.0 Local data & Intelligence

#### 2.1 Local Data & Intelligence

*A summary of the latest data will be provided before the meeting*

### 3.0 Outbreak Control Plan (Key updates)

#### Theme 1: Care Homes and Educational Settings

##### Education:

- An extraordinary amount of work has been undertaken to rapidly support secondary schools in establishing their own test centres.
- A test centre with some priority slots for all education and early years staff has been established.
- Work is now commencing to support primary schools with the roll out of home testing kits.
- Schools continue to be supported when cases, clusters and outbreaks are identified.
- New process for schools reporting positive cases includes single cases and clusters reporting to DfE and outbreaks to LA Public Health to manage capacity and prioritise outbreak management.

### Care Homes:

- The vaccination plan is well underway for care home staff and residents. All care homes will have had an offer of vaccine for residents and staff by end of January. To date the majority of homes have been visited by a PCN led vaccination team. Some homes have been delayed due to emerging outbreaks and a further 5 homes will be visited w/c 25.01.21. Homes with an outbreak will set a date for vaccination in conjunction with the relevant GP. Guidance stipulates those who are infected with Covid should wait around 4 weeks for the vaccine.
- Further government funds have been announced to help deliver the increased testing regimen in care homes. Since mid-December care homes have been asked to increase testing using Lateral Flow Devices to twice weekly for staff. Additionally, care homes carry out daily tests with staff in the event of a positive case. This funding will help establish test areas in the home and pay for additional staffing costs to administer the process.
- Since the most recent national lockdown commenced on 06.01.2021 all close contact indoor visiting has ceased unless in exceptional circumstances such as end of life. Outdoor visits are permitted; however, care homes are being strongly encouraged to use virtual means to help connect with loved ones in care homes.
- There has been a spike in care home outbreaks in-line with increased infection rates seen in the wider community. Many cases are detected from asymptomatic screening. These outbreaks are being managed in partnership with relevant health protection agencies.

### **Theme 2: High Risk Workplaces, Locations and Communities**

- Pilot test sites have been established in businesses and will continue to be set up in the weeks ahead. Initial pilot sites have been successful and have been welcomed.
- Military planners provided support in the week commencing 11 January 2021 to scale up the offer to businesses and plan a programme of delivery.
- Plans are now underway to offer access to testing for businesses at scale. A range of testing options will be available and accessed dependent on the business size, capacity to test in-house and the RAG status of the business.

### **Theme 3: Mobile Testing Units and Local Testing Approaches**

- Wolverhampton now has 5 testing sites across the City:
  - Civic Centre for general population testing
  - Pendeford Library with priority access for Education staff and Early Years settings. Open to the general public at other times.
  - Community led sites at St Joseph's Church in Moseley Village, Bilal Mosque in Whitmore Reans and Ashmore Park Hub in Wednesfield. All sites are run by active community volunteers who have received training and support from the council. A sixth site is due to open W/C 25 January at Bilston Community Centre.
- Bespoke pilots have taken place at P3 and The Good Shepherd to encourage take up from populations who would not necessarily access a main community site. These have been welcomed and take up has been excellent. These will continue for the remainder of January.
- Since the commencement of lateral flow testing in the city over 31,000 tests have been completed between 8 December and 17 January.

- Work is currently ongoing to look at the feasibility of a mobile site which can ‘pop up’ in locations where (using data from DHSC) there is high positivity rates and low testing uptake.
- Testing team is working with the Cabinet office to highlight areas of good practice and learning to share across the country.
- An additional bid to DHSC will be placed by 22 January for additional Lateral flow testing kits to extend the community testing offer until 31 March, and to support vaccination sites and businesses to continue testing.

#### **Theme 4: Contact Tracing in Complex Settings**

- Local Test and Trace team established which supports the national team with Tier 2 calls to positive cases. Using a Wolverhampton telephone number and contact information collected by other Council services, we are contacting cases that are unanswered or incomplete with the national team.
- Establishing a ‘doorstep’ offer to support the local contact tracing team by making face to face contact with those who are not answering calls or have provided telephone numbers.
- The health protection team has expanded to support PHE, we are continuing to support case management activity in high risk settings (e.g. care homes). PHE and LAs will work continue to work closely on outbreak and incident management.
- Due to the increasing local case rate the health protection team been supporting all high-risk settings, with priority on high risk settings for vulnerable people.
- Environmental Health colleagues continue to support the core health protection team with infection prevention control measures in workplace settings.
- Infection Prevention team at the Royal Wolverhampton Trust has expanded to continue to support infection prevention and outbreak management in care homes. In addition to this school nurses are supporting the health protection team in responding to schools for single case management and infection prevention measures.

#### **Theme 5: Data Integration**

- Regular surveillance of all available data continues and is fed into the relevant response groups and partnerships for action or decision.
- Transparency of data is much improved; the national gov.uk coronavirus data dashboard now provides national, regional and local level data on cases, deaths, and healthcare usage.
- Vaccination data is in development stage; local and national flows are being established. Priorities will be to develop oversight of uptake by priority group, and by demographic characteristics to ensure that access is equitable.

#### **Theme 6: Vulnerable People**

- An automated telephone message has now been established which residents can call to hear information about the most up to date restrictions, advice and guidance. This will ensure that everyone can access information regardless of their digital capabilities.
- Increasing messaging and FAQ’s with a regular slot on Wolverhampton community radio. Covid messaging has also been translated to a number of languages and shared across other local community radio stations by community champions.

- Continue to support shielding and vulnerable residents through the Stay Safe Be Kind offer. Food parcels are still available and considered on a case by case basis if other more sustainable support is not in place or cannot be arranged.
- Work is being undertaken to establish a network of community champions to support activity and interventions to reduce the disproportionate impact of the virus on certain communities, develop engagement strategies and outreach work in the most at-risk places and with the most at risk groups and support to be informed about the vaccine programme as this accelerates.

### **Theme 7: Governance**

- The Local Outbreak Engagement Board (LOEB) is a sub-board of Health and Wellbeing Together (Wolverhampton's Health and Wellbeing Board). An update from the LOEB was provided to the 13 January 2021 meeting of HWBT regarding last case rate data and city response.
- The Terms of Reference for the LOEB are published on the Health & Wellbeing Together microsite: [http://wellbeingwolves.co.uk/local\\_outbreak\\_engagement\\_board.html](http://wellbeingwolves.co.uk/local_outbreak_engagement_board.html)

## **4.0 Vaccine roll out**

NHS England (NHSE) is responsible for the commissioning, implementation and delivery of immunisation programmes through NHS local teams. Acute trusts across the region have been allocated vaccine supplies, including multiple sites in the Black Country region, the largest being Walsall Manor Hospital. In Wolverhampton, six Primary Care Network (PCN) vaccination hubs have been established, operating from local GP practices. New Cross hospital is being supported by Walsall Manor Hospital and has established a hub on site for front line healthcare workers.

Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) have approved the use of three vaccines for mass roll out, Pfizer/BioNTech, Oxford/Astra Zenica and Moderna (with Moderna to become available for use in the spring). All vaccines have been tested stringently and provide the necessary protection required to prevent severe illness. Each vaccine requires a two-dose schedule to provide optimal protection.

The Joint Committee for Vaccine Implementation (JCVI) have provided guidance on the priority groups who should receive a vaccine. There has been a recent shift in strategy to provide first dose coverage to as many people as possible, as this offers a good level of protection in the first instance. This means that the second dose of both Pfizer/BioNTech and Oxford/Astra Zenica vaccines will now be offered 12 weeks after the first (previously this was 3-4 weeks).

National performance data is available in the public domain, regional data is available by STP footprint. Wolverhampton is in the Black Country and West Birmingham STP.

The Wolverhampton Clinical Commission Group have oversight of local performance data.

## **5.0 Communications and Engagement Plan**

Driven by the Covid-19 Communications Group, campaigns, messaging and interventions continue to be developed and disseminated to brief residents (and the wider system) on Government announcements and the local position.

A councillor toolkit and supporting video material were developed and disseminated in December 2020. Work continues to develop the community health champion scheme whereby community leads coproduce resources and disseminate key messages in their local neighbourhoods.

## 6.0 Finance

The £1.9M Local Authority Test and Trace Service Support Grant Determination (2020/21) received in May 2020 will be utilised to help minimise the spread of infection whilst also responding to outbreaks as they occur. Expenditure incurred in the themes above including communications has been funded from this source.

## 7.0 Emerging Risks

A complete risk register (red, amber and green risks) is held by the COVID-19 Outbreak Control Planning Group (OCPG). Escalation of risk through the governance structure thereafter is as follows:

- OCPG escalate any amber and red risks to the Strategic Coordination Group (SCG)
- SCG escalate any red risks to the Local Outbreak Engagement Board.

As of 26 January 2021, there is one red risk to be escalated to the Local Outbreak Engagement Board.

R025 national vaccine supply

- Local Outbreak Plan theme: Vaccination
- Current PI score: red 20
- Impact: Disruption to local delivery impacting on ability to vaccinate high risk groups and causing inequity
- Treatment/ control: Partnership working with CCG and other stakeholders to manage local supply and raise with regional/ national partners
- Local Outbreak Plan theme lead: CCG

## 8.0 Recommendations & Considerations

It is recommended that Wolverhampton Local Outbreak Engagement Board:

- Note the content of the report

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