



## Local Outbreak Engagement Board Meeting 29 September 2020

<b>Report title</b>	Wolverhampton COVID-19 Outbreak Control Plan Report	
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<b>Wards affected</b>	All wards	
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<b>Report to has been considered by</b>	Wolverhampton COVID-19 Strategic Coordinating Group	15 September 2020

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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.

## **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.

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## **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.

[TC/22092020/D]

## **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 Report