	Local Outbreak Engagement Board Meeting 03 February 2021

Report title	Wolverhampton COVID-19 Outbreak Control Plan Report
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Report has been considered by	Wolverhampton COVID-19 Strategic Coordinating Group	22 January 2021

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