

Report to HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

Oldham COVID-19 Management Plan: How we control outbreaks

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Purpose of the Report

The Oldham COVID-19 Management Plan has been developed to meet national requirements for local Outbreak Control Plans. The document provides local direction and guidance to collectively manage and prevent the spread of COVID-19 across our communities. The plan supplements the existing Oldham Health Economy Outbreak Plan (2018) by providing specific management arrangements to effectively respond to the unique threats posed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Requirement from the Health and Wellbeing Board

The Health and Wellbeing Board is requested to:

1. Agree the COVID-19 Management Plan and the local arrangements for preventing and controlling the spread of COVID-19.
2. Agree the governance arrangements for the plan.

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1. Background

- 1.1. On 31 December 2019, the World Health Organization (WHO) was informed of a cluster of cases of pneumonia of unknown cause detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China. The UK has been responding to a COVID-19 outbreak since 31 January 2020 when a Level 4 National Incident was declared for NHS England and NHS Improvement. The UK Government moved from the “Contain” phase to the “Delay” phase on 12 March 2020 with the Department of Health and Social Care launching the NHS Test and Trace service as a key component of “Test, Trace, Contain and Enable” strategy on 28 May 2020.
- 1.2. Contact tracing and outbreak management are essential tools in limiting the spread of infectious diseases. Effective tracing and isolation of people exposed to COVID-19 can reduce the spread of infection and may allow for greater relaxation of social distancing requirements than would otherwise be possible.

2. Current Position

- 2.1. The Oldham COVID-19 Management Plan has been developed to meet national requirements for local Outbreak Control Plans. The document provides local direction and guidance to collectively manage and prevent the spread of COVID-19 across our communities. The plan supplements the existing Oldham Health Economy Outbreak Plan (2018) by providing specific management arrangements to effectively respond to the unique threats posed by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 2.2. The plan will continue to be reviewed and revised in response to changes in national requirements and advice, and to incorporate learning from implementation.
- 2.3. Overall accountability and oversight of the Oldham COVID-19 Management Plan, and the response to COVID-19 outbreaks lies with the Oldham Health and Wellbeing Board, via the Health Protection Sub-Committee (chaired by the Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care). This is supported by the COVID-19 Prevention and Control Board (chaired by the Director of Public Health) supported by the Oldham Health Protection Sub-Group of the Health & Wellbeing Board. The COVID-19 Prevention and Control Board is jointly accountable to Oldham Health and Wellbeing Board, via the Health Protection Sub-Committee and the Oldham COVID-19 Gold (Strategic Coordinating Group) and Silver committees

3. Appendices

- 3.1. Appendix 1 – Oldham COVID-19 Management Plan: how we control outbreaks, Executive Summary
- 3.2. Appendix 2 – Oldham COVID-19 Management Plan: how we control outbreaks