

Report to HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

Local Outbreak Management Plan Refresh

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Purpose of the Report

To update the Board on Oldham's Local Outbreak Management Plan for Covid-19, and share the refreshed version of the plan for the Board's consideration and feedback.

Requirement from the Health and Wellbeing Board

1. To consider and endorse the refreshed Local Outbreak Management Plan

Local Outbreak Management Plan Refresh

1. Background

- 1.1 Local Authorities (LAs) have an ongoing statutory responsibility to have Local Outbreak Management Plans (LOMPs) for responding to emergencies in their areas as part of their existing duty for safeguarding and protecting the health of their population. They were tasked by Government to produce specific plans by end of June 2020 in response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.
- 1.2 Publication of the Government's Roadmap for exiting national lockdown, the accompanying refresh of the Contain Framework and an increasing focus on Variants of Concern (VOC) highlight the importance of LAs urgently reviewing and updating their Local Outbreak Management Plans in order to ensure they remain fit for purpose as well as aid national understanding. Effective planning and deployment at local level is the first line of defence and critically underpins the achievability of the Roadmap.
- 1.3 The Contain Framework sets out guidance as to what these plans should cover. Plans were produced across all Upper Tier Local Authorities and demonstrated comprehensive epidemiology approaches, married to planning across their area. These plans were then assured by NHS Test & Trace's Contain Division in August 2020.
- 1.4 In March 2021 all LAs were asked to review and update their Local Outbreak Management Plan to incorporate the learnings of the past nine months; plan for the next phase of the response; account for the associated funding; and reflect potential changes in local roles, responsibilities and resources. The refresh also presents an opportunity to identify and share good practice and to reflect developments since the original plans were produced, such as local contact tracing partnerships, enhanced contact tracing and the need to respond to Variants of Concern (VOCs).

2. Current Position

- 2.1 Oldham's Local Outbreak Management Plan has been reviewed and an updated version produced to take into account learning and key developments since June 2020, and in line with guidance provided by NHS Test & Trace for the refresh of plans.
- 2.2 The updated plan was shared with the Contain Regional Partnership Team on 12th March. NHS Test & Trace have acknowledged that the timeframe given for the refresh may not have allowed local systems to seek the necessary sign off for their plans through the appropriate governance structures. As such, there is still an opportunity to amend and further develop the plan in response to any feedback provided by the Board.
- 2.3 The Regional Partnership Team will now review our local plan in order to gather information about good practice, issues, risks and opportunities to inform discussions with central Government.

3. Recommendation

- 3.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to consider and endorse the refreshed Local Outbreak Management Plan.