

# OUTBREAK ENGAGEMENT BOARD

MONDAY, 16TH AUGUST, 2021

At 2.30 pm

by

VIRTUAL MEETING - ONLINE ACCESS ON [RBWM YOUTUBE](#)

## SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

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### Board Attendees:

- Cllr Stimson
- Cllr Price
- Executive Director of Adults, Health and Housing – Hilary Hall
- Communications and Marketing Manager – Louisa Dean
- Consultant in Public Health – Anna Richards
- Executive Director of Children’s Services – Kevin McDaniel
- Executive Managing Director RBWM, Clinical Commissioning Group – Caroline Farrar
- Head of Communities – David Scott
- Head of Housing, Environmental Health and Trading Standards - Tracy Hendren

### Additional Attendees:

- Cllr Bowden
- Cllr Baldwin
- Cllr C DaCosta
- Cllr Coppinger
- Cllr Hunt
- Cllr Bateson
- Community Engagement Officer – Louise Page
- Consultant CF and Chest Physician, Frimley Health NHS Foundation Trust – Dr Chris Orchard

### Apologies:

- Chief Executive – Duncan Sharkey
- Director of Public Health Berkshire East – Stuart Lines
- Cllr Werner
- Cllr Carroll

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1.	Declarations of Interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There were no declarations of interest.</li> </ul>
2.	Questions from the Public	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What is the latest information about the rollout of booster jobs in the Borough this autumn?</li> <li>2. When are you planning to start boosters, and will this be done at GP surgery?</li> </ol> <p><i>The final decisions on Phase 3 of the vaccination campaign (boosters for the over 50s and clinically vulnerable) have not yet been taken nationally and will depend on the outcome of the clinical trials that we understand are still underway. Some of the decisions include whether boosters will go ahead, whether a mixed vaccine regimen is allowed or</i></p>

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	<p><i>preferred, and whether Covid-19 vaccines can be co-administered with the flu vaccine. These decisions are the responsibility of the JCVI. We are prepared for the next phase and confident that we will be able to deliver the campaign once the national decisions have been taken, and we would expect Phase 3 to start from 6 September. The Covid-19 vaccine will continue to be administered in our three main vaccination sites to protect face to face appointment capacity in GP surgeries, which is also important to maintain. These sites are at the Desborough Suite, Town Hall in Maidenhead, Windsor Yards in Windsor town centre, and the Waitrose Sports Club in Bracknell for Ascot residents.</i></p> <p>3. I would like to know, please:  Age breakdown, by ethnicity, of those folks who have a single vaccination &amp; the proportion of folks who have been double vaccinated.  Does any of this data cause concern in terms of folks who may be more vulnerable, resulting from vaccine take up?</p> <p><i>The data we are able to share is the data that is publicly available via this link: <a href="https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statisticsindexpage/covid-19-vaccinations/">Statistics » COVID-19 Vaccinations (england.nhs.uk)</a> We know that there is variation in uptake by age, deprivation and ethnicity. Our activities to improve uptake include the following.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>• Using insights from scoping reports, continuing with the #PeopleLikeMe campaign, focusing on increasing uptake in 25-35 year olds</i></li> <li><i>• Focus groups with 18-24 year olds helped to further streamline the messages</i></li> <li><i>• Encouraging people to visit the FAQ page of the Frimley website here for accurate content around fertility concerns as well as other questions re side effects, why young people need to get vaccinated etc</i></li> <li><i>• Using local case study to encourage uptake in pregnant women: COVID-19 infection in pregnancy carries a significant risk of hospital admission and a higher risk of severe illness than for the non-pregnant population – and a higher risk of preterm birth.</i></li> <li><i>• Reaching out to Sports Clubs to increase uptake, specifically in male groups</i></li> <li><i>• Promote all walk-in opportunities via the Frimley walk in page – both Windsor and Maidenhead vaccinating everyone over the age of 16</i></li> <li><i>• Encourage people to ‘take a mate’ to their local vaccination centre – safety in numbers</i></li> <li><i>• Unlock Summer Campaign. Beer mats/coasters being provided to local pubs and businesses frequented by young people. Posters and coasters so far being distributed to:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>• Nicholson’s Shopping Centre (for all retailers)</i></li> <li><i>• 12 pubs across the Royal Borough</i></li> <li><i>• A recruitment consultancy</i></li> <li><i>• 4 community groups/ sports clubs</i></li> <li><i>• Borough libraries</i></li> <li><i>• Environmental Health Officers sharing with premises they inspect</i></li> <li><i>• Both mosques in Maidenhead and the Hindu Society</i></li> <li><i>• Home delivery food service (coasters in with food bags)</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Social media content shared by RBWM as well as Frimley ICS and CCG</i></li> <li>• <i>Local data and uptake figures shared via the RBWM Covid-19 newsletter</i></li> <li>• <i>Exploring future pop-up locations for vaccination activity</i></li> </ul> <p>4. Could the time of the meetings of the Outbreak Engagement Board be put in the COVID-19 Updates emails that are sent out to residents?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The times of the meetings are added to the Covid 19 newsletter. On RBWM's website, there is a link which can be followed to sign up for the newsletter.</i></li> </ul>
3.	Local Position	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 280 cases per 100,000 population. This represents 423 cases in the last 7 day period. This is an increase on the previous 7 days. This is above the South East average and below the England average. The South East case rate is 267 cases per 100,000. England's case rate sits higher at 306 cases per 100,000 population.</li> <li>• 117 cases per 100,000 population for the 60+ age group. This has also increased and represents 43 cases. This is a higher rate than the South East and England average.</li> <li>• RBWM's testing rate is higher than the South East and England average. There is a 6.4% positivity rate.</li> <li>• The majority of wards have had an increase.</li> <li>• Weekly case rates at 5<sup>th</sup> August show the highest rates in people aged 20 – 24 year olds (1106 cases per 100,000) and 15 – 19 year olds (869 cases per 100,000). Over the last few weeks there have been an increase in all age ranges.</li> <li>• The number of Covid-19 patients has continued to stay at low levels in FHFT Hospitals with no new admission on 1<sup>st</sup> August. On 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 35 patients were in FHFT Hospitals for Covid-19 with 4 on mechanical ventilation.</li> <li>• The number of daily admissions for Covid-19 patients also remains low in Royal Berkshire Foundation Trust hospitals. There were 6 new admissions on 1<sup>st</sup> August. As of 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 25 patients were in RBFT Hospitals for Covid-19, with 5 patients needing mechanical ventilation.</li> <li>• The mortality rate is in line with what would be expected, and it has been some time since there was a death relating to Covid-19.</li> <li>• 82% of people aged 40 and over in Berkshire have now received both doses of the vaccine and 64% of people aged 18 and over.</li> <li>• Double vaccinated adults who are close contacts will no longer be required to self-isolate. They will be advised to get a PCR test.</li> <li>• Under 18's who are close contacts are also advised to get a PCR test as soon as possible.</li> <li>• Anyone who tests positive will still be required to self isolate irrespective of their vaccination status.</li> <li>• In terms of the road map, the vaccination is available and what is being seen locally, hospitalisations and deaths are not at the level previously.</li> <li>• The numbers are being monitored. As places are opening the number of cases will continue to rise.</li> </ul>
4.	Long Covid	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The long covid service was put in place in response to high levels of need. Referrals were accepted from February 2021.</li> </ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It has become apparent that Long Covid is not just a clinical condition that can be managed with treatment.</li> <li>• There has been around 460 referrals through for long Covid. It is a virtual service at this stage. The service involves consultants, primary care physicians, community respiratory teams, pain team and the fatigue team. This is a collaborative piece of work.</li> <li>• The predominant age of referrals is more middle age/working age, there are fewer in the younger and much older age groups. The majority of patients seem to be white and 66% are female.</li> <li>• The patient pathway process is that the patient will be assessed by a GP, then invited to an optional Long Covid webinar. The person will then have a joint assessment with a Physio and IAPT practitioner. There is then a 6 week fatigue group which is jointly ran by the pain team at Frimley and Talkplus.</li> <li>• The rehabilitation groups have started in East Berks, North East Hants and Farnham and Surrey Heath. The main symptoms are fatigue anxiety, brain fog and breathlessness.</li> <li>• The patient feedback has been positive in relation to this service. The patients have a better understanding on the pathway of Long Covid. Shared learning and shared platforms have been useful to patients.</li> <li>• The service was difficult to get up and running. There are multiple clinical systems across ICS that do not interlink, resulting in data having to be captured manually.</li> <li>• The team will continue to develop the service based on research into Long Covid linking with regional and National networks. They are also working with the Frimley digital and transformation team with connected care and Apps. Apps may be more attractive to the younger age groups.</li> <li>• One difficulty is the translation of what Covid is and the understanding of the dangers.</li> <li>• Long Covid is when someone has had symptoms for more than 12 weeks. There are a proportion of patients that have lung inflammation which can cause scarring. The heart and lungs are the two organs that seem to be the most affected from Long Covid.</li> </ul>
5.	Update on High Risk settings	<p><b>Schools</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The GP's are working through the list of clinically extremely vulnerable to provide vaccination. If any families have not heard from the GP's before they go back to school then they should contact their GP.</li> <li>• There has been no new guidance from the Department for Education, the suggestion is that schools will not be running bubbles. Most of the Head teachers have arranged for the staff to return to school a few days early in case there are any changes prior to the new school year starting.</li> </ul>
6.	Engagement and Comms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Summer Unlocked campaign continues to operate which is targeting the younger ages throughout the borough. A poster and coaster campaign is also happening, they are being shared with Community influencers and also sent to the Nicholson shopping centre, 12 pubs, and a recruitment consultant company. The environmental health officers are also sharing with businesses that they are inspecting.</li> <li>• The comms team have worked with officers within the council who are aged 19 – 25 to get a better understanding of any vaccine hesitancy. There has also been some work with the Frimley CCG into this. Some</li> </ul>

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		<p>of the issues that were raised looked at transport to sites, as people like to go at weekends and with friends.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Now looking at vaccine hesitancy from people aged between 25 – 35 year olds. There is a linked in campaign that will target young professionals.</li> <li>• Continuing to promote the vaccine, Long covid and the vaccinator.</li> </ul> <p>Action – LD to see if any inserts can be added to existing consultations from the Royal Borough.</p>
7.	Enforcement and Compliance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 19 routine food inspections including new food registration visits.</li> <li>• 19 service requests within the last week, 18 of which was non covid related</li> <li>• 4 new food premises requests</li> <li>• Outbreak notifications – 1 within a nursery.</li> </ul>
8.	Update on the Vaccination programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The CCG are working on the 16 – 17 year olds that have now become eligible for the vaccine. The detailed data from NHS England is pending.</li> <li>• The data for our younger residents comparing to our neighbouring Boroughs, show RBWM has a lower uptake. However, these comparisons do not take demography into account and internal analysis suggests that RBWM is on track.</li> </ul>
9.	AOB	There was no other business.
10.	Date of next public meeting	20 <sup>th</sup> September 2021, 2.30pm, Zoom meeting

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