

RBWM Outbreak Engagement Board

Monday 18th January 2021, 2.30pm, Teams meeting

Attendees:

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

Apologies:

- Executive Managing Director RBWM, Clinical Commissioning Group – Caroline Farrar

	Item	Notes	Actions
1.	Conflicts of Interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Carroll disclosed that he is currently advising the Government Vaccine taskforce on Corona Virus and the vaccination programme. 	
2.	Local Position	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 608 cases tested per 100,000 population which is a 7 day moving average. This is increasing. • 146.7 of individuals tested positive. This is a decrease. • 539.6 cases per 100,000 population, which is a decrease. As of today this has dropped to 503.9. • 453.8 cases per 100,00 population for 60+. This is also reducing. • 817 cases confirmed in the last 7 days • The South East average is 623 per 100,000 population and for England it is 592.9. Both are reducing. • RBWM are currently sitting in line with the average of the South East and England. • The case rate is higher in Datchet, Horton & Wraysbury ward. There is a variation across all of the wards and all fluctuate. • During the peak of the pandemic of the first wave, the South East hospitals had 2,000 cases. More recently this has doubled to over 4,000 cases which shows the intensity of the pressure on the NHS. • Statistically mortality rate is in line with what would be expected at this time of year. There have been 14 	

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		<p>deaths recorded in the last week that are related to Covid-19.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult social care are working with the hospitals to ensure that residents are coming out of hospital when they are medically fit to do so and in a timely way. There are 3 calls per day with Adult Social care and the Hospitals to ensure that a continual focus is kept on this. 	
3.	Update on High Risk settings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children are not being severely affected by Covid-19. • With schools closed, they are focusing on remote learning, there has been a significant improvement in remote learning since the last lockdown. • It has been a focus of the Council's school improvement service to work with the schools to share the best practise including the access to age appropriate learning, for example some of the schools have been delivering packs of materials to children to be able to take part in activities. • For the children that are vulnerable and who are open to the Social care team, 50% were active in school and have had risk assessments completed by a Social Worker. • Similarly for Mainstream schools, children with Education, Health and Care plans in place were active in school in line with priority. A significant number of children that have Education, Health and Care plans have underlying health conditions, which Children Services are working with their families to ensure they are comfortable with the balance between the education received and their access to schools. In particular our Special school which in principal is open to all young person who wants a place as per national guidance, every young person will have a risk assessment whether they are from inside or outside of the Borough, on their health and educational needs. • Secondary schools have been open since last week offering lateral flow tests for staff. • They are seeking to find the asymptomatic cases so that those can have further testing and isolate. • As of next week, primary schools will be providing tests at home for staff and support staff. By next week, the teaching workforce will all have kits for testing. • The focus of the Council's workers continues to be on the success on those who are vulnerable and known to the service. This is being monitored by an approach that is based on trying to balance the risk of education, their safety and mental health. This is being monitored actively. • Across the Borough, many of the schools have their own provider of free school meals though from the first day of the national lockdown, schools in the Royal Borough have been able to offer £15 of vouchers per week through the system the Council had set up for the Winter support fund. £20,000 of vouchers went out in the first two weeks. The department of Education has confirmed today that the national voucher scheme is now in place 	

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		<p>and schools have been given permission to order vouchers for the next four weeks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laptops for all children is not guaranteed. The Department of Education has made an additional 300,000 devices available across the country. They have allocated a number of devices to each school, most of the schools within RBWM have taken the additions and targeted them to the children most at need. The Department of Education have also published deals with mobile providers for broadband on the DFE website. Have actively • Mental health is seeing an increase in demand as are all the services within the Council. Children's services have actively got some additional resource by joint funding with the CCG for a mental health support team which is working in the Local Authority. • Vaccinations for all residents in care homes across the Borough were completed by the end of last week. • Routine testing of staff in Care homes is happening and also rolling out to Domiciliary care and supported living staff. • We are seeing some outbreaks in Care settings however, they are being robustly managed and at this stage it is not having an impact on our ability the move residents out of hospital and into appropriate care homes. • The sector is resilient and holding up well despite the pressure they are under. 	
4.	Engagement and Comms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sharing Government messages via social media, through RBWM's residents letter, Cllr's, Parish Cllr's, Community groups and Community Champions. • Since March, there has been a dedicated page on RBWM's website which has been moved around dependant on the issues that have arisen. This sign posts people on how to get help but also offers updates on services. • Engaged with Maidenhead Football & Rugby Club. They have produced videos and messages assisting us in sharing these messages. • 'Around the Royal Borough' which is our Residents magazine, was sent out late last year which had key messages in it about the pandemic. This was done predominantly for people that may not have access to social media. • With social media, the Comms team are trying to focus on more localised messages so that it is more relevant to RBWM's Residents. The reach has now increased. • FaceBook has 11,000 followers and Twitter has 17,000 followers. • A weekly newsletter is being emailed to Residents, which 19,000 people have signed up to the email list. 	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Within the areas that have higher case rates, the Comms team are doing targeted messages. 'Next Door' has been used to assist with this, it is a social media platform. • This week, the team will be looking at postcards to send to particular areas to push the messages further. • The team is currently looking for influencers on Instagram to assist in sharing the public health messages to the Younger audience. • There have been radio interviews arranged with Asian Star radio. • Posters have been produced for Workplaces, to remind staff of social distancing. • There is a campaign running at the moment, to try and persuade the Residents within the Borough to sign up to be Community Champions. • Messages around the vaccine from the CCG are also being shared. • A monthly newsletter around Mental Health is sent to the Council's staff, informing them of the services available. <p>Action – LD to look at messages around face masks and reiterate the guidance</p>	LD
5.	Enforcement and Compliance Activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0 routine food hygiene inspection visits, this is because the Food Safety Agency has given guidance and advised that normal food inspections must be ceased until 30th June in line with Covid-19 rules and regulations. • Total service requests – 58 • 11 general non Covid service requests. All advice only and broadly compliant. • 4 Covid enquiries , all of which were advice only and broadly compliant. • 4 Covid workplace or measures complain service requests. All required advice only. 3 of which were broadly compliant. • 36 Covid Outbreak notifications at high risk settings/establishments. 9 Care Homes, 26 Schools and 1 workplace. • 1 RIDDOR notification. • 2 additional food premises registration requests. • There has been a number of reports of gatherings. There are teams patrolling. • There has been 1 incident at a skate park. The young people failed to disperse when requested. The police were called. • Ongoing work with raising issues regarding gatherings. • Wardens are proactively patrolling key areas. • Crime rate in the area is currently down. 	

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6.	Update on Vaccination programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mass vaccination centre for this area is opening in Slough as well. • Letters have been going out to the aged over 80. • Letters have also been generated this week to a wider cohort, for the 75 and over and in some cases 70 and over. • Local GP's service will continue to receive the vaccine and those who are unable to leave their homes will be contacted by their GP. • The Vaccination Programme is on track and there is good progress being made locally. • Frontline staff are also being booked on to receive the vaccine. • AfC have employed a full time member of staff to assist with the Berkshire Vaccination programme. 	
7.	AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evidence is still growing regarding Covid-19. However, studies are showing that on cardboard it can last up to 24 hours and on certain types of plastic it can live up to 72 hours. How long Covid-19 can live depends on the material. 	
8.	Date of next public meeting	15 th February 2021, 2.30pm, Zoom meeting	