

RBWM Outbreak Engagement Board

Monday 15th February 2021, 2.30pm, Zoom meeting

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Royal Borough
of Windsor &
Maidenhead

Attendees:

- Cllr Carroll
- Cllr Price
- Cllr Werner
- Cllr Stimson
- Cllr C Da Costa
- Cllr Bond
- Cllr Baldwin
- Cllr Tisi
- Cllr Coppinger
- Cllr Clark
- Cllr Singh
- Cllr Bhangra
- Cllr Story
- Cllr Brar
- Cllr Rayner
- Cllr Shelim
- Director of Adults, Health and Commissioning – Hilary Hall
- Communications and Marketing Manager – Louisa Dean
- Executive Managing Director RBWM, Clinical Commissioning Group – Caroline Farrar
- Public Health Lead – Holli Dalglish
- Head of Housing and Environmental Health – Tracy Hendren
- Head of Communities – David Scott
- Director of Children's Services – Kevin McDaniel
- Executive Managing Director RBWM, Clinical Commissioning Group – Caroline Farrar

Apologies:

- Consultant in Public Health – Anna Richards
- Managing Director – Duncan Sharkey
- Lisa Pigeon – Environmental Health Manager
- Tessa Lindfield – Director of Public Health

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1.	Conflicts of Interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cllr Carroll is currently working for the UK Government's Vaccines Taskforce as an expert adviser and infectious disease and vaccines specialist, Sanofi Pasteur. he declared his employment in the interests of full transparency and to highlight that should for any reason during the meeting, or indeed during future meetings, the HWB discussed anything directly related to Sanofi	

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		Pastuer's business he would abstain from the discussion and leave the room as required. The Chairman also declared another personal interest as he was currently working as a policy advisor on the governments vaccine task force.	
2.	Questions from the Public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The vaccinations sites have a consistent supply which enables them to book for the second vaccines. However, our local GP services have only just received their second vaccines delivery schedule. • Which ever vaccine people will receive will protect them from Covid-19. • 15th February was the date that people were to receive the first date by. This is why practises will call residents in at different times for the vaccine. • There are a small number of people that have allergies which made it more difficult to have the vaccines. Some of the GP sites may have risk assessed and waited until the clinic at Wexham Park Hospital is available. • Services wouldn't of been advertised due to the most vulnerable being vaccinated first. If the residents are in cohort 4 and haven't been vaccinated and want to be, they should come forward. However people in cohort 5 and above should not contact the NHS as there isn't enough capacity. • A self employed person may qualify for financial assistance if tested positive and legally required to self isolate. There is a link which we will publish which will give more details. This has the criteria and eligibility. • The lateral flow testing centres has been set up by a series of Local Authorities. We have made arrangements with Bracknell Forest to enable our residents that are in the South East corner of the Borough to be able to use their venues. At the times of which network needs to go where and the size they were, a variety of venues were looked at. The Borough operated sites are Braywick Leisure centre and Windsor Leisure centre. The sites in Bracknell are geographically closer and these are accessible. The 4 venues that they are operating are Brown Low Hall, Great Hollands Pavilion, the Morgan Centre and Sandhurst community hall. At this stage there is no plans to open a third site within RBWM. • There is a responsibility by employers to carry out a Covid-19 risk assessment. This will enable employers to mitigate and manage potential risk posed by Covid-19. Employers and managers must take steps to support their staff to adhere to Government guidance to keep the workplace safe. This includes increased cleaning, appropriate ventilation, talking to workers, staff working from home and putting appropriate mitigation in place for vulnerable employees within their workforce. With people sanitising when entering shops etc, this is only a recommendation not a requirement. With reference to face coverings this has some exemptions which can include a child under the age of 11, a person that cannot wear a mask due to impairment or disabilities, a person that is providing assistance to another person when that 	

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		<p>person may rely on lip reading for communication or a person removing their mask because of harm or injury. The requirement of wearing face masks is a police matter. If anyone is concerned about a business that is not adhering to the rules, do let the enforcement team know as they will be able to do the initial investigations. There is a generic email address that the info can be sent to – env.health@rbwm.gov.uk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With regards to Heathrow and the Borders being open, this remains national Government policy. It is not something that the Council can do anything about. As we know as of today, everyone coming into the Country is required to test and isolate. 	
3.	Local Position	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 367.2 cases tested per 100,000 population which is a 7 day moving average. This is increasing. • 5.7% of individuals tested positive. This is a decrease. • 119.5 cases per 100,000 population, which is a decrease. • 126.1 cases per 100,00 population for 60+. This is also reducing. • RBWM are currently sitting in line with the average of the South East although slightly lower than England. • The case rate is higher in Datchet, Horton & Wraysbury ward. There is a variation across all of the wards and all fluctuate although all areas have decreased. • Weekly case rates as of 4th February show the highest rates are in people within the age range of 30 – 34 (318 per 100,000) and 20 – 24 (269 per 100,000). Case rates have decreased in all age groups over the last week. • Statistically mortality rate is in line with what would be expected at this time of year. There have been 22 deaths recorded in the last week that are related to Covid-19 and 44 deaths related to all cause mortality. • The number of Covid-19 patients is slowly decreasing in FHFT Hospitals with 35 admissions on 31st January. On 2nd February, 442 patients were in FHFT Hospitals for Covid-19 and 43 of these were on mechanical ventilation. • The number of daily admissions for Covid-19 patients is slowly decrease in Royal Berkshire foundation trust hospitals. There was 11 admissions on 31st January. • As of 2nd February, 201 patients had been admitted to RBFT Hospitals for Covid-19, 28 of these needed mechanical ventilation. • The evidence of the vaccine suggests the first dose does give high immunity. <p>Action – HD to find out when cases are removed off the total number of cases.</p> <p>Action – HD to find out when the data will show the impact of the vaccine.</p>	

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4.	Update on High Risk settings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Schools continue to remain open to vulnerable children and children to critical workers. There has been a significant improvement with Home learning. There has been a solid attendance from vulnerable children and children that are on an education and health care plan have also been attending. There has been a good level of performance from children that are known to Children Services. The winter support fund, which has been running from the department of work and pensions since Christmas, is providing £15 of food vouchers for vulnerable families this week in addition to any work being carried out by any local groups. Schools had early year settings in relation to vaccination and an increase in chatter and questions from all professionals in those areas as to when they will be eligible for the vaccination. This is currently not included in the JCVI regulations and therefore they are not a priority group. However there is some discussions and concerns around those sectors to open fully. Children's services are working closely with the CCG and monitoring the guidance from the Government. When the position changes, Children's services will work closely with the CCG to get those staff members onto the list. The regulations nationally are very clear that the groups that are eligible for vaccination are about the risk of health to those individuals. In the Royal Borough, a couple of the schools will pupil group, they have high vulnerability to significant illness and death caused by Covid-19, then those staff will be vaccinated. There are 37 care homes in the Borough, some of which have had outbreaks. The vast majority have had no cases over the last 14 days therefore they can now accept admissions following a risk assessment. The care homes have responded very well to the pandemic, ensuring that they are infection free. In terms of vaccinations for frontline staff within Social care, this is continuing and on target. The Government has announced that they are opening the vaccinations to the other cohorts, which will include informal carers. The Local Authority has a duty to identify those carers. For Domiciliary agencies and supported living providers staff are being tested weekly and there has only been 1 reported case of a staff member who has had no onward transmissions to customers this week. There has been a timely discharge for hospital admissions which is a significant achievement for the Social care staff working with the Care homes and agencies. 	
5.	Engagement and Comms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social media campaign continues with general Public Health messages, sharing from both Central Government and Public Health England. Communications sent out on the vaccine on social media including avoiding scams. 	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The team has promoted our own community testing programme • Shared info on the support the Council has provided to local Businesses. • Since the last public Outbreak Engagement Board, the Comms team have posted 44 posts and videos on FaceBook and Twitter including community testing. • Covid-19 newsletter has been produced. As under the World Health Organisation there are rules around what data can be used. There is recipient list of 54,609 on our newsletter. The first edition had a 62% open rate. The average of our normal Council newsletter is around 50%. The second edition went out last week, which has a 56% open rate. • For community testing which started on 8th February, there is now a section on RBWM's website. Press releases have also been sent out and the Comms team have liaised with the local media partners. David Scott has given an interview with BBC Radio Berkshire. • Interviews have also been given on Asian Star radio, this has been a theme since the start of the pandemic. • Posters have been done for essential shops, primary schools and workplaces. • Continuing to use the community influencer champion email which goes out every Friday to 150 people. One email asked for vaccine volunteers and 400 people have come forward for this. • Focus this week is to remind parents about mixing households and parks. Also to keep sharing messages from Local Government. 	LD
6.	Enforcement and Compliance Activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The council has had 130 reports of businesses trading when they shouldn't be. None of which required formal action. Because of a result of either those that were required to close did so following advice or where they were permitted to open we provided guidance/advice on how they could do this lawfully which was followed. We also ensured consistent advice was given to RBWM Services and sought advice from the Government in any grey areas. • Following the reopening of pubs and restaurants in July last year, a joint operation was undertaken with Environmental Health, Trading Standards, Licensing team and Thames Valley Police. This was to ensure the premises were following the guidelines as well as ensuring nightclubs remained closed. • Throughout October proactive interventions and spot checks were undertaken to areas such as Maidenhead and Windsor Town Centre. Visits included checking that staff were wearing face masks, appropriate movement of customers around the shop, appropriate signage, Hand sanitisers and an adequate risk assessments in place. • 12 notifications received of Outbreaks, this is a decrease. 3 workplaces, 3 Care Homes and 6 Schools. • 7 Covid enquiries and complaints received from 1st February to 7th February. 	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18 requests of premises opening • 6 following up on Covid exposures. • 6 Residents requesting advise on exposure, tier restrictions and travel. • 5 businesses requesting info on vaccine and Covid testing. • 5 workforce Covid case enquiries. • 2 references to local contact tracing. • 8 complaints for public or staff not wearing face coverings. • 8 insufficient social distancing complaints • 7 reports of people working and not isolating • 6 Businesses opening in breach of restrictions • 6 with insufficient signage or Covid screens • 5 Businesses not permitting staff to work from home • 2 general complaints from lack of Covid security measures. 	
7.	Update on Vaccination programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 mains sites covering RBWM, Desborough suite in the Town hall, Windsor Racecourse and Waitrose sports club in Bracknell for Ascot residents. • Working through the vaccines deliveries, GP sites have been very successful in calling in patients and are working through the list of patients to be contacted. • CCG have made offers of a vaccine for people in cohort 1 – 4. • This is a vaccination centre in Slough, which is the mass site. • People who received the national booking service letter were able to book into the salt hill vaccination centre in Slough. Some residents have also been vaccinated at the chemist in Marlow. • There has been a good level of uptake over all local areas. • Primary care networks have been asked to focus on Cohort 6 which is the clinically vulnerable. The CCG are still awaiting some guidance from the national Government on Cohort 6. • Low levels of wastage. It is assumed that there can be a 6th dose out of a vile of the Pfizer vaccine. This is not the case. The actual level of wastage is small. • There aren't any plans to move away from Waitrose sports club in Bracknell. There has been a good uptake for the Ascot residents at this site. • The decider on which vaccine is offered will be down to what is available at the time at the site attended. The second dose will be the same as the first. Pfizer vaccine will be the preferred choice. • Berkshire Primary Care only offer services to Ascot and Bracknell practises. It is only currently delivering at the Waitrose site. <p>Action – CF to ask Berkshire Primary care to ensure residents have their information.</p>	

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8.	AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None. 	
9.	Date of next public meeting	15 th March 2021, 2.30pm, Zoom meeting	