

RBWM Outbreak Engagement Board

Monday 21st June 2021, 3.30pm, Zoom meeting

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Board Attendees:

- Cllr Carroll
- Cllr Werner
- 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

Additional Attendees:

- Cllr Singh
- Cllr Hunt
- Cllr Bhangra
- Cllr Baldwin
- Cllr Hilton
- Cllr Rayner
- Cllr Clark
- Cllr Cannon

Apologies:

- Chief Executive – Duncan Sharkey
- Head of Housing and Environmental Health – Tracy Hendren
- Head of Communities – David Scott
- Cllr Price

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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 Board discussed anything directly related to Sanofi Pasteur's business he would abstain from the discussion and leave the room as required. Cllr Carroll 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	<p>1. I am 38 years old and I got my first COVID-19 jab last 15th May. At that time, I was told that my second jab would be in 11 weeks. I was wondering if it could be a good idea to decrease this gap, and get this second jab in 6 or 8 weeks. It looks like this measure could help under the current circumstances, where the virus is unfortunately spreading fast again.</p> <p><i>Thank you for your question. Following advice from the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI), the second dose</i></p>

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		<p><i>of the COVID-19 vaccine will be brought forward from 12 to 8 weeks for the anyone over the age of 40, who has yet to receive their second dose. The same applies for anyone who may be clinically extremely vulnerable. This is to ensure priority groups have the strongest possible protection from the Delta variant of the virus at the earliest opportunity possible. As you are not above the age of 40, your appointment for your second vaccination dose will remain unchanged, unless you are informed otherwise. More information is available at Coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccination - NHS (www.nhs.uk)</i></p>
3.	Local Position	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 48.2 cases per 100,000 population. This represents 73 cases in the last 7 day period. This is an increase on the previous 7 days of a 135%. This is also in line with the South East average which is 49.7. England's case rate sits slightly higher at 85.5 cases per 100,000 population. • 8.2 cases per 100,000 population for the 60+ age group. This has also increased and this represents 3 cases. • The majority of the wards within RBWM have had cases. These are all relatively low. None of the wards have had more than 10 cases. • Weekly case rates at 10th June show the highest rates in people aged 20 – 24 year olds (190 cases per 100,000) and 15 – 19 year olds (163 cases per 100,000). There were no cases for adults aged 65 and over or children under 15. • The mortality rate in relation to Covid-19 is still low, there has been no deaths. The mortality rate per 100,000 population is line with what would be expected for this time of year. • The number of Covid-19 patients has continued to stay at low levels in FHFT Hospitals 2 new admission on 6th June. On 8th June, 6 patients were in FHFT Hospitals for Covid-19 with none on mechanical ventilation. • The number of daily admissions for Covid-19 patients also remains low in Royal Berkshire Foundation Trust hospitals. There was 1 new admissions on 6th June. As of 8th June, 5 patients were in RBFT Hospitals for Covid-19, with 1 patient needing mechanical ventilation. • Over 549,000 people in Berkshire have now received a Covid-19 vaccination (first dose). • Approximately 95% of people aged 80 and over have now received a vaccination in Berkshire and 93% people aged 50 and over. • Step 3 of the roadmap has been delayed until 19th July. • The best way for people to protect against the virus is to continue following the Public Health advice. • The trust is feeling pressure of the increased infection rate. • As the rates had increased in Slough, Bracknell and Wokingham, the Public Health team were aware that rates could increased within RBWM. • The numbers in schools are relatively low. • Royal Ascot was part of a research pilot for undertaking research into Covid-19. This was carefully organised and had a maximum of 12,000 people could attend. Each spectator had to show a negative Lateral flow test and take a PCR test after the event.
4.	Update on High Risk settings	<p>Schools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In light of the decision by the Government to not take step 4 within the roadmap, the guidance from the DFE is for schools to maintain their bubble arrangements, including a reduction in the proposed transition

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		<p>days which would be taking place in early July. Schools will be communicating this.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The guidance from the DFE, is that pupils should continue to wear facemasks around the school but not in the classrooms.
5.	Engagement and Comms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Comms team have worked on two large events, Royal Ascot and the Queen's birthday. The messaging put out was very clear. • Standard messaging has been sent out regarding positive tests, vaccinations, testing. • The residents are being advised that if they work near the neighbouring boroughs like Reading or Bracknell, to take part in the surge testing. • Lateral flow tests are now available at the Royal Windsor information centre. The mobile testing unit is moving from Ascot to Horton and Wraysbury. • The comms team continue to post on social media and also using next door which is a social media platform. • There is 53,000 people receiving the newsletter. There is a 47% open rate on this. • Within schools, there is a message going out to encourage children to continue testing throughout the summer holidays. • The community champion email continues to be sent weekly. • The team have been working on engagement with young people to get key messages out to the younger community on take up of the vaccine. • Messages around the second dose of the vaccine have been sent out.
6.	Update on Vaccination programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The significant focus is on delivering the second doses within 8 weeks and first doses for the younger population. • The Windsor site was moved last week from the racecourse to the Town Centre. This is an achievement and the CCG are hoping this will have a good impact. • Within the JVC guidance, pregnant mothers can receive both doses of the vaccine. <p>Action – CF to send additional detail on second doses for cohorts to Cllr Carroll.</p>
7.	AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None.
8.	Date of next public meeting	19 th July 2021, 2.30pm, Zoom meeting