

Trafford Covid-19 Public Engagement Board

Wednesday 11th August 2021 – 10:00 a.m. – Virtual meeting

Present:

Councillor Freeman (Chair)	Executive Member for Covid-19 Recovery and Reform
Councillor Newgrosh	Member of the Health Scrutiny Committee, Trafford Council
Councillor Cordingley	Member of the Health Scrutiny Committee, Trafford Council
Councillor Blackburn	Ward Councillor
Councillor Welton	Ward Councillor
Eleanor Roaf	Director of Public Health, Trafford Council
Ben Wilmott	Covid-19 Senior Project Manager, Trafford Council
Rebecca Demaine	Associate Director of Commissioning – Primary Care, Trafford CCG
Kate Murdock	Operations Manager, Health, Trafford Council
Jilla Burgess-Allen	Consultant in Public Health, Trafford Council
Nigel Smith	Head of Regulatory Services
Catherine O'Connor	Strategic Neighbourhood Engagement Lead, Trafford Council
Kahn Moghul	Voice of BME
Kirsty Johnson	Covid-19 Project Manager, Trafford Council
Nick Young	GMP
Dorothy Evans	ACCG
Alexander Murray	Governance Officer, Trafford Council

	Item	Decision / Action	Key Person for Action
1.	Welcome and apologies	Apologies were received from George Devlin, Ellie Caddick, Sara Radcliffe, Councillor Akinola, Councillor Chilton, and Laura Hobbs.	
2.	Minutes	The minutes of the meeting 11 th August 2021 were agreed as an accurate record.	
3.	Membership	There had been no changes to the Membership since the last meeting.	
4.	Update on the current Covid-19 situation in Trafford	<p>The Board agreed to note the update.</p> <p>The following messages were shared with the Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There were high rates in every ward and increasing in the older population 2. Rate across the borough was 335 per 100,000 3. People needed to get vaccinated if able, especially pregnant women and their partners as there was no risk to them or their baby. 4. It was important to continue to follow social measures such as wearing masks when in enclosed spaces, socially distancing, and washing hands regularly etc. 5. 16 and 17 year olds had a good level of take up 	All

		<p>and all should have received a communication about getting a vaccination.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. People no longer had to self-isolate if they had close contact with someone but they should take additional precautions, such as working from home. 7. Support to stop smoking was available on the Council website 8. Hospitalisations remained stable but there was significant pressure on hospital capacity and this was expected to increase. 9. A decision around the reopening of the Altrincham Minor injuries unit was to be made later in the day and a communication would be sent out after the decision had been reached. 10. It was important for people to get outside, be social, and be physically active when able. 	
5.	Self-Isolation Pathfinder Update	<p>The Board agreed to note the update.</p> <p>The following messages were shared with the Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. £500 grant and practical support were available through access Trafford 2. Pathfinder due to run till middle of September and had been expanded to M32 and M33 Postcodes 3. Over a thousand individuals had been contacted and provided support to over 150 4. A GM decision was to be made on whether the pathfinder programme was to continue 5. £500 grant was to be extended to the end of September 	All
6.	10POINT ACTION PLAN		
6a.	Mass Testing	<p>The Board agreed to note the update.</p> <p>The following messages were shared with the Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The antibody surveillance programme had been launched 2. People were to be selected for the programme at random based on adults who had positive PCR tests. 3. The programme was to track the level of immunity people had and show the impact of the vaccination. 4. Encouraged everyone to take part in the programme if able. 5. The two types of FLD test available were both nasal only 6. Both tests were very similar but it was important to read the instructions and follow them carefully 7. It was key that anyone who came into regular 	All

		contact with people took regular FLD tests and if anyone had symptoms to get a PCR test.	
6b.	Contact Tracing and Outbreak Management	<p>The Board agreed to note the update.</p> <p>The following messages were shared with the Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There were still many cases among the early years provision 2. If someone had a close contact they were to check the guidance on self-isolation as it was complicated 3. The LFD testing programme was due to start in schools as they went back. 4. Contact tracing was still ongoing with businesses 5. Support to schools in Trafford would continue for foreseeable future 6. You were not to self-isolate if; <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Fully Vaccinated b) Younger than 18 years and 6 months c) Have or are part of a COVID vaccination trial d) Not able to be vaccinated for medical reasons (the reasons were very narrow so check) 7. Those who did not have to self-isolate were encouraged to have a PCR test 8. If someone tested positive they were advised not to test again for 90 days unless they developed new symptoms. 9. People identified as close contacts did not have to self-isolate while waiting for test results 10. If PCR tests came back positive then needed to self-isolate and work with NHS track and trace to identify close contacts. 11. Children under 4 did not have to take a test unless someone in their household tested positive. 12. Further measures to take for 10 days after having close contact <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Limit close contact with people outside your household b) Wear face covering indoors and when you can't socially distance c) Limit contact with vulnerable people d) Take part in twice a week LFD testing 13. If you had symptoms <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Self-isolate b) Arrange PCR test c) Follow isolation guidance 14. Measures that reduce the spread of the virus <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Vaccination 	All

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b) Testing – PCR test if you have symptoms c) LFD testing for those without symptoms who come into regular contact with others d) Social distancing where possible e) Respiratory hygiene (catch it, bin it, kill it) f) Keep spaces well ventilated g) Clean hands regularly h) Maintain cleaning regimes i) Support those who test positive to isolate and contact trace. 	
	Mass Vaccination	<p>The Board agreed to note the update.</p> <p>The following messages were shared with the Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 317,000 doses had been given out in Trafford including over 1000 among the 16-17 year old cohort 2. 16-17 year olds were being contacted by GPs and National text message 3. All clinics and pharmacies were offering walk in clinics with the exception of a pharmacy in Partington although it was due to be set up by the following week. 4. As of Monday clinically extremely vulnerable 12-15 years olds were able to be vaccinated 5. No further guidance had been released regarding the possible booster programme 6. Flu vaccination programme was due to start roll out on 6th September 7. To get a flu vaccine as soon as invited 	All
6d.	Update and escalations from the COVID-19 Community Engagement Group	<p>The Board agreed to note the update.</p> <p>The Board agreed that Manchester United, Altrincham FC, and Lancashire County Cricket Club should be contacted and asked to have pro vaccination announcements prior to games.</p> <p>The following messages were shared with the Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Summer Engagement Programme was finishing at the end of the week 2. The programme had engaged with 350 people and 450 had taken part in activities 3. 80% of those spoken with felt safe and able to go out 4. Around 75% had received 2 doses of vaccine, 10% had received 1 dose, and 10% had not been vaccinated. 5. Reasons for not being vaccinated included medical reasons, concern around side effects, and concern that there was a lack of research 	N/A Eleanor Roaf

		<p>around the vaccine.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Pilot survey on why people were not yet vaccinated showed that people knew where to get the vaccine if they wanted it, half had no intention of getting the vaccine, and reasons for not getting the vaccine included distrust of the vaccine or negative health impacts due to news stories they had seen. 7. A webpage had gone live on CCG website promoting walk in vaccination clinics, which was updated weekly 8. Further outdoor and digital advertising campaigns were to be rolled out aimed at the under 30s directing them to the NHS booking system 9. 16 and 17 year olds were encouraged to visit the national NHS walk in clinic page 	
7.	Public Engagement Board Activity and Feedback	None	
8.	Any Other Business	None	
9.	Date of Next Meeting	Wednesday 8 th September 2021 at 10:00 a.m.	