

## Trafford Covid-19 Public Engagement Board

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 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 Acton	Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Trafford Council
Councillor Blackburn	Ward Councillor, Trafford Council
Councillor Lloyd	Member of the Health Scrutiny Committee, Trafford Council
Helen Gollins	Consultant in Public Health, Trafford Council
Nigel Smith	Head of Regulatory Services, Trafford Council
Catherine O'Connor	Community Engagement Manager, Trafford Council
Kirsty Johnson	Covid-19 Project Manager, Trafford Council
Ellie Caddick	Covid-19 Communications Lead, Trafford Council
Khan Moghal	Chair, Voice of BME Trafford
Andrew Latham	Chief Officer, HealthWatch Trafford
Ben Wilmott	Covid-19 Senior Project Manager, Trafford Council
Jilla Burgess-Allen	Consultant in Public Health, Trafford Council
Louise Wright	Sport Relationship Manager, Trafford Council
Jamie Oliver	Communications and Engagement Specialist, Trafford Council
Mark Jarvis	Medical Director, Trafford CCG
Molly Shaw	Governance Services, Trafford Council
Alexander Murray	Governance Officer, Trafford Council

	Item	Decision / Action	Key Person for Action
1.	Welcome and apologies	Apologies were received from George Devlin and Councillor Welton.	
2.	Minutes	The minutes of the meeting 1 <sup>st</sup> December 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><b>The Board agreed to note the update.</b></p> <p><b>The following messages were shared with the Board:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The rates across Trafford were increasing with rates at 664 per 100,000;</li> <li>2. Trafford had the highest rates across Greater Manchester and the North West;</li> <li>3. 0-14 and 30-44 year olds had the highest rates;</li> <li>4. The rates in over 60s had increased to 135 per 100,000;</li> <li>5. Hospitalisation and death rates had remained stable;</li> <li>6. Timperley, Altrincham and Village wards had the</li> </ol>	<b>All</b>

		<p>highest rates across Trafford;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7. There had been a few concerned Omicron cases identified in Trafford and there were possible Omicron cases across the borough;</li> <li>8. Care home visits indoors for under 16 year olds had been resumed for the Christmas period but visits should be done as safely as possible;</li> <li>9. People needed to take additional care (even if vaccinated) by avoiding crowded places, meeting people outdoors where possible, wearing a mask, keeping up with hand hygiene, and working from home if able.</li> </ol>	
5.	10POINT ACTION PLAN		
5a.	Mass Testing	<p><b>The Board agreed to note the update.</b>  <b>The following messages were shared with the Board:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Trafford had the highest testing rates across Greater Manchester;</li> <li>2. That contacts of possible or confirmed cases of any variant of Covid-19 do not have to isolate if fully vaccinated. However if unvaccinated or under 18 it is advised to take daily lateral flow tests in this case;</li> <li>3. That demand for lateral flow tests had increased due to the new restrictions but there was no issue in supply of lateral flow tests;</li> <li>4. That you no longer needed a code to collect lateral flow tests from pharmacies and if none were available in pharmacies they would be available in community hubs;</li> <li>5. That it was important to plan ahead and take a Lateral Flow test if: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Visiting elderly people</li> <li>b. Visiting a crowded place</li> <li>c. Attending work or school</li> </ol> </li> <li>6. To encourage people to get PCR tests when experiencing any symptoms;</li> <li>7. Testing at home twice weekly with Lateral Flow tests should continue.</li> </ol>	All
5b.	Contact Tracing and Outbreak Management	<p><b>The Board agreed to note the update.</b>  <b>The following messages were shared with the Board:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. There were more primary schools than secondary schools meeting outbreak thresholds;</li> <li>2. There had been an increase in cases in workplace settings;</li> <li>3. There was a couple of current outbreaks in care homes;</li> </ol>	All

		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. That Omicron was predicted to be the dominant variant over the next few days which meant the changes in guidance applied to all variants: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Daily lateral flow testing for contacts of a positive case if double vaccinated;</li> <li>b. Under 5s don't have to isolate or take lateral flow tests but a PCR is encouraged;</li> <li>c. Unvaccinated people over 18 need to isolate if a contact of a positive case;</li> </ol> </li> <li>5. The team had followed up a very high number of Level 2 cases over the past week;</li> <li>6. Self-isolation support was still being offered to the community;</li> <li>7. The importance of undertaking full contact tracing when testing positive for Covid-19.</li> </ol>	
5c.	Mass Vaccination	<p><b>The Board agreed to note the update.</b>  <b>The following messages were shared with the Board:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That around 80% of eligible people were now double vaccinated;</li> <li>2. 67,000 people were eligible for their booster by the end of December;</li> <li>3. The aim was to vaccinate 4,000 people a day across Trafford using existing vaccination centres;</li> <li>4. The 15 minute wait after having a booster jab was no longer necessary;</li> <li>5. That GPs had been asked to defer non urgent work until the new year to focus on the booster vaccine roll out;</li> <li>6. That vaccinations would be offered outside of core hours such as evenings and weekends.</li> </ol>	All
5d.	Update and escalations from the COVID-19 Community Engagement Group	<p><b>The Board agreed to note the update.</b>  <b>The following messages were shared with the Board:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That people were able to register to be a community volunteer through <a href="mailto:communityengagement@trafford.gov.uk">communityengagement@trafford.gov.uk</a>;</li> <li>2. 119 surveys had been completed by members of the public to gain key insights into why people were unvaccinated;</li> <li>3. That new messaging was being sent out around Omicron and how to continue to be 'Covid safe';</li> <li>4. Focus groups would be continued in the New Year to gain insight into how communities feel about Covid-19.</li> </ol>	N/A
5e.	Update and	<b>The Board agreed to note the update.</b>	

	escalations from COVID-19 Community Enforcement	<p><b>The following messages were shared with the Board:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That it was a requirement for indoor public facing areas and public transport to display a sign enforcing the wearing of a face covering;</li> <li>2. Local Authorities and businesses cannot take enforcement action on individuals who do not comply with current rules and that this enforcement lies with the Police;</li> <li>3. Local Authorities have the power to take action on businesses who haven't displayed a face covering sign or if they prevent anyone from wearing a face covering;</li> <li>4. There has been a very low number of complaints made;</li> <li>5. That the Covid Pass had started and over 18s had to show proof of vaccination or a negative test in certain settings.</li> </ol>	
6.	Public Engagement Board Activity and Feedback	None	
7.	Any Other Business	None.	
8.	Date of Next Meeting	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 10:00 a.m.	