

Trafford Covid-19 Public Engagement Board

Wednesday 12th January 2022 – 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 Lloyd	Member of the Health Scrutiny Committee, Trafford Council
Councillor Akinola	Member of the Health Scrutiny Committee, Trafford Council
Councillor Welton	Ward Councillor, Trafford Council
Councillor Cordingley	Member of the Health Scrutiny Committee, Trafford Council
Helen Gollins	Acting Director of Public Health, 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
Dorothy Evans	Voluntary, African Caribbean Care Group
George Devlin	Lay Member for Patient and Public Participation, Trafford CCG
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
Mark Jarvis	Medical Director, Trafford CCG
Molly Shaw	Governance Services, Trafford Council
Natalie Owen	Governance Officer, Trafford Council

	Item	Decision / Action	Key Person for Action
1.	Welcome and apologies	Apologies were received from Councillor Acton.	
2.	Minutes	The minutes of the meeting 15 th 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>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 rates across Trafford had significantly increased with rates at 1960 per 100,000; 2. Trafford had the second lowest rates across Greater Manchester with Wigan having the highest rates; 3. The positivity rate was 36%; 4. 0-44 year olds had the highest rates; 5. The rates in over 60s had increased to 1267 per 100,000; 	All

		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Timperley, Davyhulme East and West and Flixton wards had the highest rates across Trafford; 7. The Omicron variant had less severe symptoms than previous variants however the Delta variant was still circulating and had more severe symptoms; 8. As of 2nd January there had been 528 Covid-19 related admissions into hospitals across Greater Manchester; 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. 	
5.	10POINT ACTION PLAN		
5a.	Mass Testing	<p>The Board agreed to note the update. The following messages were shared with the Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It is now possible to end self-isolation after 7 days following 2 negative Lateral Flow tests taken on day 6 and day 7, 24 hours apart; 2. From 11th January, people who have a positive Lateral Flow test do not require a confirmatory PCR test and should immediately self-isolate. However, you should still get a PCR if experiencing symptoms; 3. That demand for Lateral Flow tests is still high but they should be available from Stretford, Urmston, Altrincham and Sale Libraries; 4. That it was important to plan ahead and take a Lateral Flow test if: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Visiting elderly people b. Visiting a crowded place c. Attending work or school 5. To encourage people to get PCR tests when experiencing any symptoms; 6. Testing at home twice weekly with Lateral Flow tests should continue. 	All
5b.	Contact Tracing and Outbreak Management	<p>The Board agreed to note the update. The following messages were shared with the Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There had been an increase in cases in schools and workplace settings; 2. To be able to claim the £500 self-isolation support you must have a confirmatory PCR test within the 10 day self-isolation period; 3. The team had followed up a very high number of Level 2 cases over the past week; 	All

		4. The importance of undertaking full contact tracing when testing positive for Covid-19.	
5c.	Mass Vaccination	<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. As of the 4th January, 163,000 Trafford residents had had their 1st dose which was 83% of the eligible population; 2. As of the 4th January, 157,000 Trafford residents had had their 2nd dose which was 80% of the eligible population; 3. As of the 4th January, 126,000 Trafford residents had had their booster dose which was 82% of the eligible population; 4. That Trafford was the best performing Local Authority in Greater Manchester for delivering the booster programme; 5. That Trafford had vaccinated over 60% of the 167,000 aim by 31st December. 	All
5d.	Update and escalations from the COVID-19 Community Engagement Group	<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 team had been working on delivering covid safe messaging and using targeted digital ads; 2. That resources were being refreshed and sent out to frontline staff with focus on anti-vax points; 3. The team were helping schools to boost the uptake of the 12-15 year old vaccine programme. 	N/A
6.	Public Engagement Board Activity and Feedback	None.	
7.	Any Other Business	None.	
8.	Date of Next Meeting	Wednesday 26 th January 2022 at 10:00 a.m.	