



TRAFFORD COUNCIL

AGENDA PAPERS FOR TRAFFORD COVID-19 PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT BOARD

Date: Monday, 30 November 2020

Time: 10.00 am

Place: virtual meeting

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A G E N D A		Pages
1.	ATTENDANCES	
	To note attendances, including officers, and any apologies for absence.	
2.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	
	Members to give notice of any interest and the nature of that interest relating to any item on the agenda in accordance with the adopted Code of Conduct.	
3.	MINUTES	1 - 4
	To receive and, if so determined, to approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 16 th November 2020	
4.	UPDATE ON THE CURRENT COVID-19 SITUATION IN TRAFFORD	5 - 10
	Update from the Director of Public Health	
5.	10 POINT PLAN UPDATE	
	(a) Mass Testing in Trafford Verbal update from the Consultant in Public Health	
	(b) Mass Vaccination in Trafford Verbal update from the Associate Director of Primary Care, Trafford Clinical Commissioning Group	

- (c) **Update and Escalation from Covid-19 Engagement Coordination Group**
Verbal update from the Strategic Manager Crime and Anti-social Behaviour and Covid-19 Programme Team
- (d) **Update and Escalations from the Covid-19 Enforcement Group** 11 - 16
Update from the Strategic Manager Crime and Anti-social Behaviour
- (e) **Update from the Age Well Board**
Verbal update from the Partnerships and Communities Team

6. PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT BOARD ACTIVITY AND FEEDBACK

All Board Members

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

To consider any other items of business not on the agenda which need to be considered by the Board before the next confirmed meeting.

SARA TODD
Chief Executive

Membership of the Committee

Council Leader or named Elected Member, nominated leads from opposition parties
VCSE representatives – including specialists relating to key population groups (older people; BAME; children; mental health , Learning Difficulties), Partnerships lead, Communications lead, Director of Public Health, Director of Adult Social Services, Director for Children’s Services, Neighbourhood representatives, Clinical Commissioning Group representative, Trafford Local Care Organisation representative, Healthwatch Representative

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Trafford Covid-19 Public Engagement Board

Monday 16th November 2020 – 10:00 a.m. – Virtual meeting

Present:

Councillor Western (Chair)	Leader of the Council
Councillor Nathan Evans	Leader of the Conservative Group, Trafford Council
Councillor Michael Welton	Trafford Council
Councillor Julian Newgrosh	Leader of the Liberal Democrats Group, Trafford Council
Eleanor Roaf	Director of Public Health, Trafford Council
Debbie Walsh	Interim Director of Integrated Services, Trafford Local Care Organisation
Mr Khan Mohgal	Chair, VoicebeMet
Donna Sager	Consultant in Public Health, Trafford Council
Tracy Clarke	Communications and Engagement Specialist, Trafford CCG
Laura Hobbs	Programme Leader, Project Management Office, Trafford Council
Martin Dillon	Communications and Marketing Manager, Trafford Council
Dorothy Evans	Voluntary, Community Social Enterprise (VCSE) Representative, African Caribbean Care Group
Martyn Pritchard	Accountable Officer, Trafford CCG
Helen Grant	Strategy Crime Manager and Antisocial Behaviour, Trafford Council
George Devlin	Lay Member for Patient and Public Participation, Trafford CCG
Helen Gollins	Consultant in Public Health, Trafford Council
Diane Eaton	Corporate Director of Adult Services, Trafford Council
Andrew Latham	Chief Officer, HealthWatch Trafford
Joanne Gibson	Head of All Age Commissioning, Trafford Council
Rebecca Demaine	Associate Director of Commissioning, Primary Care Partnerships and Communities Team, Trafford Council
Louise Wright	Partnerships and Communities Team, Trafford Council
Fabiola Fuschi	Governance Officer, Trafford Council

	Item	Decision / Action	Key Person for Action
1.	Welcome and apologies	No apologies received	
2.	Minutes	Agreed	
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:</p> <p>1. To note the update;</p> <p>2. To note that incidence of Covid-19 cases in Trafford is still high;</p> <p>3. To note the encouraging results of vaccine trials;</p> <p>4. To note the progress on mass testing in Liverpool region; same strategy might be implemented in Greater Manchester.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>All</p> <p>All</p>

5	10POINT ACTION PLAN		
5a.	Mass Testing	<p>The board agreed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To note that plans are in place to offer mass testing to asymptomatic housebound and most vulnerable groups; 2. To note that new swab testing with faster results is available and training on how to deliver the new testing will be rolled out soon; 3. To note that more testing in Residential and Nursing Homes is available; 4. To note that antibody testing will be available for members of staff working in Adult Social Care; details of the web-site with relevant information will be circulated. 	<p>All</p> <p>All</p> <p>All</p> <p>Consultant in Public Health</p>
5b.	Mass Vaccination	<p>The board agreed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To note the information concerning the mass vaccination programme. 2. To share information from Greater Manchester Mass Vaccination Programme stakeholder's briefing November 2020 	<p>All</p> <p>Associate Director of Commissioning, Primary Care</p>
5c.	Update and escalations from the COVID-19 Engagement Coordination Group and Enforcement Group	<p>The board agreed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To note the update; 2. To prepare and divulge easy read material for vulnerable groups on preventative measures against Covid-19. 	<p>All</p> <p>Public Health and Comms</p>
5d.	Update and escalations from the COVID-19 Enforcement Group	<p>The board agreed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To note the update. 	<p>All</p>
5e.	Update and escalations from the Health & Social Care Communications and Engagement Steering Group	<p>The board agreed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To share with board members information concerning pausing elective care, "Frequently Asked Question" sheet and key learning from this exercise. 	<p>Comms and Engagement Specialist, Trafford CCG</p>
5f.	Update from the Age Well Board	<p>The board agreed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To note the update. 	<p>All</p>
6.	Public Engagement Board Activity and Feedback	<p>None</p>	
7.	Other risks, issues and escalations	<p>The board agreed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To note that new guidance is in place to ensure that family members can safely visits their relatives in residential care and nursing settings. 	<p>All</p>

		<p>2. To consider how residential and nursing setting visitors can be involved in a regular testing programme;</p> <p>3. To have an ongoing discussion on how to continue to inform and include all communities about measures to tackle Covid-19 pandemic.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>All</p>
8.	Any Other Business	None	
9	Date of Next Meeting	Monday 30 th Nov 2020 at 10:00 a.m.	

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Report to: Public Engagement Board

Date: 30/11/2020

Report of: COVID-19 Programme Team

CLT Lead: Eleanor Roaf, Director Public Health Trafford

Report Title: Data surveillance update paper to Public Engagement Board

Report Summary:

This paper provides an update on the current data position for COVID-19 within Trafford and provides comparative information with other GM localities. Data insights into any potential trends are provided based on best available public health information and intelligence available.

Overall position

As of November 22nd, Trafford's weekly incidence, when compared to all other local authorities across England, is outside of the top 150 (156th), dropping 119 places from the previous reporting period (week ending Nov 05). We have witnessed a significant drop in daily confirmed cases since the beginning of November, as Trafford's 7-day average of confirmed cases sits at 57.4. Contributing factors to the large drop in rates include: the long period of time that Trafford spent in the higher tier restrictions, on top of the current 3 week period (to which the reported data goes up to) of the national lockdown. Trafford currently has 17 wards with a weekly incidence less than 200/100,000 population, and only 1 ward with a weekly incidence greater than 400/100,000. We have seen rates go down in most of our age groups, although we are still experiencing higher rates in our 80+ population than what we would want to see. As we continue to see our incidence rates drop and overall spread of transmission become reduced, it's important to note that setting outbreaks such as businesses, schools or medical/care facilities will contribute to varying rates within specific population groups. Our key messages are still prioritised around limiting social contacts, ensuring residents maintain social distancing, and hand and respiratory hygiene at all times.

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1.0 Distribution of COVID-19 cases within Trafford

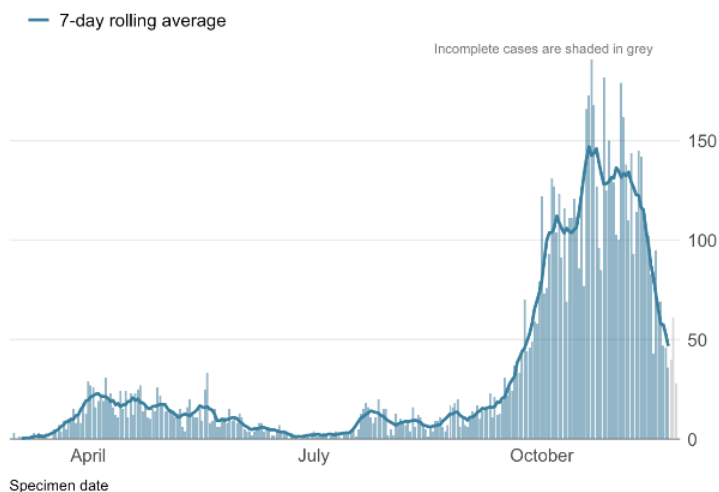
1.1 During the week 16 November – 22 November, there were a total of **402** confirmed cases in Trafford, equivalent to a rate of **169.4** per 100,000 residents. During the previous reported week (30th October – 05th November) there were a total of **934** cases, at a rate of **393.5** per 100,000 resident. The highest number of daily cases during week ending November 22 was **95**, reported on November 16th.

1.2 Below (figure 1) is the epidemic curve for Trafford, indicating the total number of confirmed cases and 7-day rolling average since March 2nd.

1.3 The rise in daily cases since the end of August is represented by the sharp rise in the 7-day rolling average; indicating that total cases per day have consistently stayed high throughout the month of September, going into October.

1.4 Throughout the first two weeks of October daily cases started to level out, however since week beginning October 19, Trafford experienced a sharp rise in daily cases, mostly greater than 150 confirmed cases per day.

1.5 Since the sharp rise in cases that we experienced throughout mid to late October, we have seen a sharp drop in cases, continuing to drop throughout the whole of November, being a contributing factor to our weekly incidence rate sitting at 169.4/100,000.



Source: PHE Covid-19 Situational Awareness Explorer

Figure 1. Epidemic curve of daily confirmed new cases
Trafford, 02 March to 24 November

1.6 As of week ending November 22, incidence rates across Trafford’s age and gender groups have dropped, however we are seeing slightly higher rates among females between 10-49 (greater than 200/100,000 in each age group).

1.7 We have seen rates in our younger age groups (<20) continue to drop, although rates in our secondary school group are highest within the younger population – 12-16 year olds having an incidence rate greater than 250/100,000.

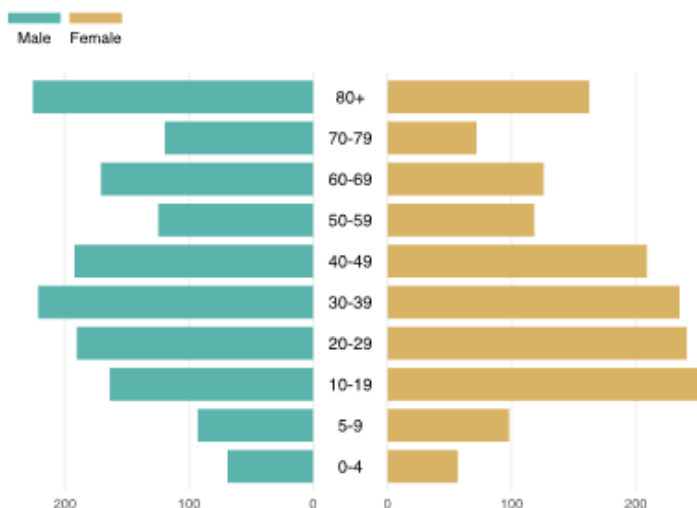


Figure 2. Incidence per 100,000 population by age and gender

Trafford, 16 – 22 November 2020

1.8 As of November 22, total weekly cases in Trafford’s 65+ population have dropped below 100, and now at a rate less than 200/100,000 population. We are however seeing worryingly high rates in our 80+ age group.

1.9 Trafford’s ‘White’ ethnic group, as of week ending November 22, contribute to the highest number of cases (**240**), followed by the ‘Asian / Asian British’ ethnic group (**74**).

1.10 As overall cases have dropped (as shown in table 1), the change in rates among ethnic groups has dropped proportionately, indicating cases are dropping evenly across each ethnic group.

Table 1. Case count and incidence per 100,000 population by ethnicity

Trafford, 16 – 22 November 2020

Source: PHE Daily COVID-19 Surveillance Reports

Cases in last 7 days

Ethnic group	n	Per 100,000
Other	14	636.4
Asian / Asian British	74	411.7
Black / Black British	19	290.5
White	240	123.8
Mixed	4	66.3

2.0 Geographical spread of COVID-19 in Trafford

- 2.1 We have seen a big drop in total weekly cases and subsequent incidence rates in wards situated in the West locality, where previously these wards were experiencing the greatest rise in rates.
- 2.2 As of week ending Nov 22, Hale Barns is the only ward with a weekly incidence greater than 300/100,000 (546.1/100,000), whilst we have a total of 6 wards (Bucklow-St Martins, Hale Central, Urmston, Priory, Altrincham and Village) with a weekly incidence less than 100/100,000.

3.0 Testing in Trafford

- 3.1 Over a 14 day period, ending November 22, the majority (**87.8%**) of COVID tests were conducted in our pillar 2 sites, consisting of all out-of-hospital testing sites. The proportion of tests being conducted in our pillar 1 testing sites has increased slightly.
- 3.2 Although the biggest proportion of tests are still being conducted in pillar 2 testing sites, the proportion of tests being conducted in pillar 1 testing sites has increased by 3.3% from the previous 14-day period ending Nov 8.
- 3.2 Total positivity rate amongst both testing sites sits at **10.6%**.

4.0 Comparative data of COVID-19 cases within the local authorities of Greater Manchester

- 4.1 As presented in figure 3, each local authority across GM has experienced a reduction in weekly incidence rates, starting between mid to late October. All boroughs have similar incidence rates to the average rates that we're seeing across the whole of England.
- 4.2 As of Nov 23, each borough has a weekly incidence less than 400/100,000 population.
- 4.3 As of week ending November 23, Trafford has the lowest weekly incidence rate throughout the whole of GM.

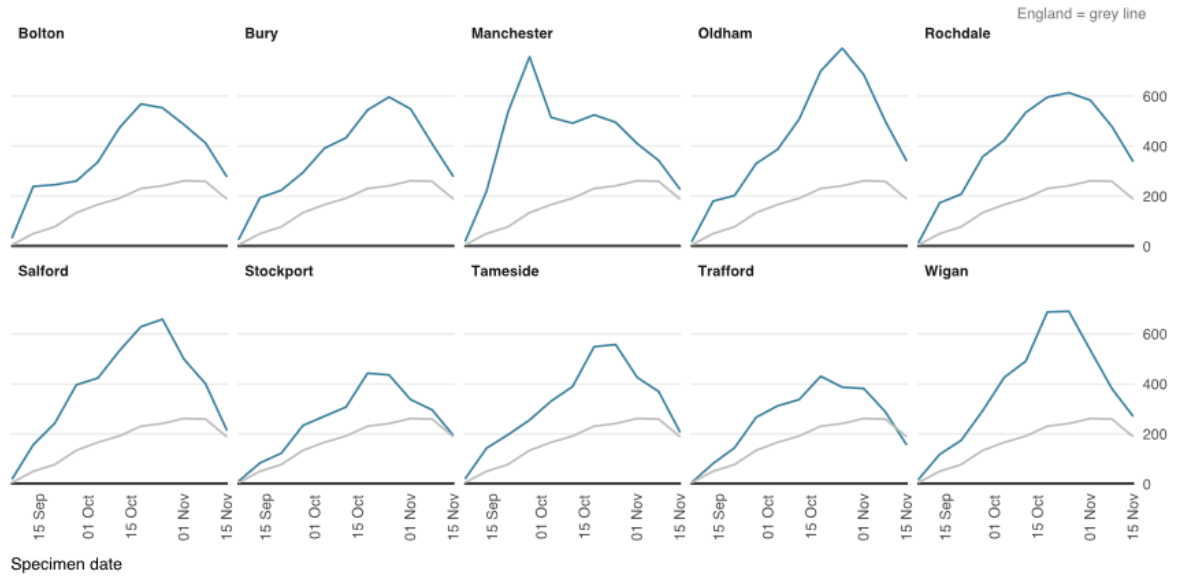


Figure 3. Weekly incidence per 100,000 population by local authority
Greater Manchester, 16 September to 23 November 2020

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Report to: Public Engagement Board
Date: Monday 30th November 2020
Report for: Information
Report of: Strategic Manager – Crime and Antisocial Behaviour

Report Title

Enforcement Sub Group

Summary

Following the national lockdown in March 2020, the Council established a multi-agency weekly enforcement group meeting to share information and intelligence, track demand and capacity and co-ordinate our responses. The frequency of these meetings reduced over time but have now been stepped back up to weekly meetings which are held every Monday and are chaired by the Director of Growth and Regulatory Services.

Recommendation(s)

That the update from this meeting be noted.

Contact person for access to background papers and further information:

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For non-confidential reports add the following:

Background Papers: *Please list*

Background Information

Background information – must include all relevant and explanatory information.

It should also include consideration of the following implications. Please specify what the implications are or if they have been included in the body of the report. If any do not apply, insert 'not applicable' so that it is clear that all implications have been considered.

Implications:

Relationship to Corporate Priorities	
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Relationship to GM Policy or Strategy Framework	
Financial	Managed currently within existing resources
Legal Implications	Adherence to the Coronavirus regulations
Equality/Diversity Implications	
Sustainability Implications	
Staffing/E-Government/Asset Management Implications	
Risk Management Implications	
Health and Safety Implications	Protection of public health

1.0 Background

- 1.1 The 'Enforcement Sub-Group' was established in March 2020 and comprises members from a range of services and organisations, Principally these are; the council's Director for Growth and Regulatory Services (Chair), Environmental Health, Community Safety, Licensing, Greater Manchester Police, Social Housing, Legal, Communications and Public Health.
- 1.2 The purpose of the group is to be able to understand the current data in relation to the prevalence and transmission of Covid-19 and to co-ordinate any responses that may require enforcement of the regulations.
- 1.3 The group links in with the Community Engagement work-stream, as the main aim is to engage and educate residents and businesses to keep our communities safe.
- 1.4 The group also looks at demand and capacity for services, and works to ensure that actions are co-ordinated and that efforts are not duplicated, reducing opportunities for inefficiency.
- 1.5 The group also plans and executes joined-up operations which are multi-agency in nature.
- 1.6 The council's principal solicitor also attends the meeting to provide legal updates and to answer any queries that any of the attendees may have about the regulations.
- 1.7 A member of the council's communications team also attends so that key messages for the week can be agreed and disseminated through our communication channels.

2.0 Updates

2.1 Licensed Premises

- 2.1.1 The Enforcement Sub-Group is attended by representatives from our Legal Department and the council's Licensing Team.

2.1.2 Staff have continued to monitor premises and have found that compliance has been good.

2.2 Public Transport

2.2.1 The Community Safety Team along with Transport for Greater Manchester and the Police have previously undertaken a couple of operations around face covering compliance on public transport. The aim of this was to ensure people were aware where they were required to wear one, and to ensure that passengers had access to a face covering through providing free face masks.

2.2.2 The regulations provide for exemptions from the requirement to wear a face covering in designated places, however people are not mandated to carry an exemption card (although many do). It would be useful if the regulations included this to assist the process.

2.3 Offices, shops and workplaces

2.3.1 Our Environmental Health Team along with Public Health engage and advise businesses where there is an outbreak of Covid-19.

2.3.2 Where concerns are raised by individuals about the measures and mitigations in their place of work, these are referred to Environmental Health if they fall within their remit. (Note: some workplaces such as food processing plants fall within the remit of the Health & Safety Executive)

2.3.3 The Environmental Health Team liaise closely with Greater Manchester Police due to the need for joined up responses and have issued Prohibition Notices to businesses who fail to comply with the regulations.

2.3.4 The council is currently in the process of recruiting additional Environmental Health Officers.

2.3.5 Environmental Health, Trading Standards and Licensing have been engaging with circa 300 businesses and premises per week. These are through spot checks, responses to complaints from members of the public, requests from businesses and investigation of Covid clusters or outbreaks in businesses.

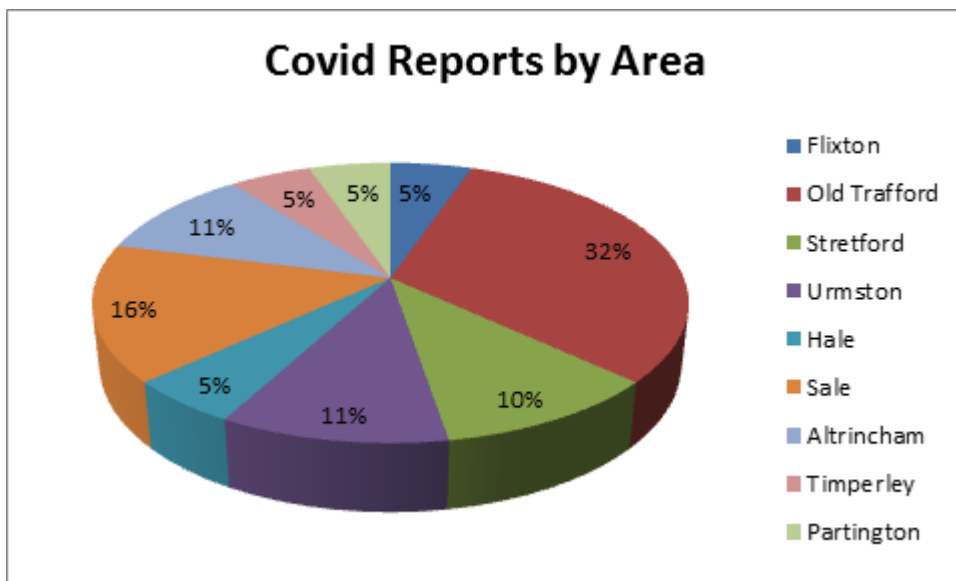
2.4 Residential Premises

2.4.1 Reports of gatherings within residential premises are managed between Greater Manchester Police, and the council's Community Safety Team and our main social housing provider. A proportionate approach is taken, which will involve a stepped process for minor breaches, but where there is flagrant disregard for the regulations, and an excessive number of people when the police arrive, then fixed penalties can and have been issued, and the parties dispersed from the premises.

2.4.2 Information about Covid breaches is reported via various channels, some reports are being made to Public Health, some directly to Community Safety and some to Greater Manchester Police. A Community Safety Officer has now

been tasked with pulling reports together from each source to ensure that responses are neither duplicated nor missed.

The following chart shows the distribution of reports across the borough. Please note that data is received on a Monday, so this chart is for the week ending 22nd November 2020.



2.5 Quarantining

2.5.1 Some reports have been received by the council and Greater Manchester Police that individuals or families returning from specified countries on the 'quarantine list' have failed to quarantine upon their return. This has caused some real concern in our communities. Dealing with these cases requires a joined-up approach between the council, Greater Manchester Police and the UK Border Control.

3.0 Next steps

3.1 The group will continue to meet weekly and share intelligence and information and plan actions as necessary. Some other GM boroughs are meeting more regularly than this, and the frequency of the group meetings will be kept under review.

3.2 The group will also jointly review any changes to the legislation and guidance to ensure that organisations are giving correct and consistent information to businesses and residents.

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