



## TRAFFORD COUNCIL

# AGENDA PAPERS FOR TRAFFORD COVID-19 PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT BOARD

Date: Wednesday, 7 April 2021

Time: 10.00 am

Place: Virtual meeting

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<b>A G E N D A</b>		<b>Pages</b>
1.	<b>ATTENDANCES</b>  To note attendances, including officers, and any apologies for absence.	
2.	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b>  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.	<b>MINUTES</b>  To receive and, if so determined, to approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 24.03.21.	1 - 4
4.	<b>UPDATE ON THE CURRENT COVID-19 SITUATION IN TRAFFORD</b>  Update from the Director of Public Health	5 - 8
5.	<b>10 POINT PLAN UPDATE</b>  (a) <b>Mass Testing in Trafford</b> Verbal update from the Consultant in Public Health  (b) <b>Contact Tracing and Outbreak Management</b> Verbal update from the Consultant in Public Health and the Operations Manager Health	

- (c) **Mass Vaccination in Trafford**  
Verbal update from the Associate Director of Primary Care, Trafford Clinical Commissioning Group
- (d) **Update and Escalations from the Community Engagement Team**  
Verbal update from the Head of Regulatory Services
- (e) **Update and Escalations from the Community Enforcement Group**  
Verbal update from the Strategic Manager Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour

**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**

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2021 – 10:00 a.m. – Virtual meeting

Present:

Councillor Freeman (Chair)	Executive Member for Covid-19 Recovery and Reform
Councillor Newgrosh	Leader of the Liberal Democrats Group, Trafford Council
Councillor Welton	Ward Member for Altrincham, Trafford Council
Councillor Lloyd	Member of the Health Scrutiny Committee, Trafford Council
Eleanor Roaf	Director of Public Health, Trafford Council
Nigel Smith	Head of Regulatory Services, Trafford Council
Khan Moghal	Chair, VoicebeMet
Donna Sager	Consultant in Public Health, Trafford Council
Ellie Caddick	Covid-19 Communications Lead, Trafford Council
Tracy Clarke	Communications and Engagement Specialist, Trafford CCG
George Devlin	Lay Member for Patient and Public Participation, Trafford CCG
Andrew Latham	Chief Officer, HealthWatch Trafford
Catherine O'Connor	Business Change Analyst, Trafford Council
Kate Murdock	Operations Manager – Health, Trafford Council
Laura Hobbs	Programme Leader, Project Management Office, Trafford Council
Louise Wright	Partnerships and Communities Team, Trafford Council
Rebecca Demaine	Associate Director of Commissioning – Primary Care, Trafford CCG
Joanne Gibson	Head of All Age Commissioning, Trafford Council
Molly Shaw	Governance Services, Trafford Council
Alexander Murray	Governance Officer, Trafford Council

	Item	Decision / Action	Key Person for Action
1.	Welcome and apologies	A minutes silence was performed to reflect on the year anniversary of the first lockdown.  Apologies were received from Councillor Cordingley.	
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	<b>The board agreed:</b> <b>1.</b> To note the update; <b>2.</b> To note that the rate of infection has significantly decreased; <b>3.</b> To note over the last week there has been no recorded cases of covid-19 in over 70s; <b>4.</b> To encourage the messaging around lateral flow testing being used only for asymptomatic testing and to take a PCR test if you have symptoms; <b>5.</b> To note that shielding ends at the end of March and	<b>All</b> <b>All</b> <b>All</b> <b>All</b> <b>All</b>

		<p>there will be new support available to people who are self-isolating;</p> <p>6. To note that face covering, hand hygiene, social distancing and working from home are essential measures to manage the pandemic.</p>	All
5	10POINT ACTION PLAN		
5a.	Mass Testing	<p><b>The board agreed:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To note the update;</li> <li>2. To note that the asymptomatic testing site will remain at Trafford Town Hall until June as funding has been secured;</li> <li>3. That the use of 4 libraries and 3 community hubs will soon be available for testing kits to be collected from;</li> <li>4. To note there has been a reduction in the uptake of PCR tests but a significant increase in the uptake of Lateral Flow tests due to them being available to a wider range of groups.</li> </ol>	All All All All
5b.	Contact Tracing and Outbreak Management	<p><b>The board agreed:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To note the update;</li> <li>2. To note there are currently 7 primary schools, 10 secondary schools and 3 early years settings with cases of covid-19;</li> <li>3. The new Outbreak Control Plan has been agreed and will be added to the website and circulated to Board Members after the meeting.</li> </ol>	All All All
5c.	Mass Vaccination	<p><b>The board agreed:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To note the update;</li> <li>2. To note there is plenty of vaccination stock for this week but there will be a drop over April;</li> <li>3. To note there has been a lower uptake of the second dose compared with the first dose;</li> <li>4. The need for targeted communication around encouraging the uptake of the second dose to ensure more protection;</li> <li>5. There is not currently guidance on having mixed doses of different vaccines but updated guidance is expected.</li> </ol>	All All All Communications CCG
5d.	Update and escalations from the COVID-19 Community Engagement Group	<p><b>The board agreed:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To note the success in a higher uptake of the vaccine in the North of the borough;</li> <li>2. To note in the next few weeks there will be door knocking in lower uptake areas to promote clinics, provide reassurance and information;</li> <li>3. To note work with local champions to build on existing activities in the area;</li> <li>4. To note the work beginning around engaging with</li> </ol>	All All All All

		homeless people and rough sleepers in collaboration with HOST and St John Ambulance.	
5e.	Update and escalations from the Community Enforcement Group	<p><b>The board agreed:</b></p> <p>1. To note the importance of managing expectations around lockdown restrictions easing and to highlight that the 12<sup>th</sup> April is the earliest possible date for reopening.</p>	<b>All</b>
6.	Public Engagement Board Activity and Feedback	None.	
7.	Any Other Business	<p>1. Councillor Freeman informed the Board that the meetings would continue during the pre-election period but that the local authority Councillors would not be attending during that period.</p> <p>2. Eleanor Roaf, Director of Public Health, would chair the meetings of the Board during the pre-election period which goes from the 29<sup>th</sup> March 2021 until the 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021.</p>	<b>Governance Services</b>
8.	Date of Next Meeting	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> April 2021 at 10:00am	

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**Report to:** Public Engagement Board

**Date:** 06/04/2021

**Report of:** COVID-19 Programme Team

**CLT Lead:** Eleanor Roaf, Director Public Health Trafford

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**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.

Overview of the current position

- Over the most recent 7-day period (25 March – 31 March) we have seen an increase in Trafford's case rate.
- There were 163 confirmed cases in Trafford during the week of March 25 – March 31, a rate of 68.7/100,000 residents. The highest number of cases on a single day was on Sunday March 28th, with 31 cases.
- Our testing rates decreased over those 7 days, and we also saw our positivity rate increase from 2.4% to 3.4%.
- Our cases are spread across Trafford, but with a slightly higher rate overall in the North of the borough
- More recent data is showing a slight drop in cases, and we hope this will continue. We would encourage all our residents to take particular care over the next few weeks as we have a significant number of people still unvaccinated, and we know that rates can rise fast.
- We have seen a rate increase for our school age population, particularly those in their secondary years, in addition to the 19 – 24 age group
- The rate in our residents aged over 60 remains similar to the previous week, at 24.1/100k
- Ward rates remain volatile due to small numbers but have are static across majority of wards (18/21) in the reported time period. Five wards have rates over 100/100k, whereas 10 wards have rates on or below 50/100k.
- We continue to see new workplace outbreaks, although the size of the outbreaks are much smaller than previous weeks. We would urge all businesses to increase their efforts to make their workplaces Covid secure and encourage their staff to work from

home wherever possible. Increased infectivity of the new strain means that all precautions need to be rigorously applied to minimise spread.

- As predicted, we have seen a slight increase in rates since children have returned to school as a result of increased social mixing. At present, we are seeing an increase in rates for Trafford's secondary school age group over the past 7 days, and have been exceeding 100/100k in this age group. It is critical that people do not see the return of children to school as a green light for increased social activity.
- Over 95% of residents 75+, and over 90% of residents 70+ have been administered their first vaccine dose. Rollout of the 2<sup>nd</sup> dose has commenced in these priority groups and the vaccine is now available for residents aged 50+.

Trafford's case rates have increased over the past 14 days, exceeding 50/100k over the most recently reported week. We would like to emphasise the need for residents to continue to limit their social contacts, maintain social distancing, and keep good hand and respiratory hygiene habits at all times. It is especially important that residents continue to work from home wherever possible, and should not use the opening of schools as an opportunity to return to their place of work. The opening of hospitality and retail next week means that the risks of infection spreading increase, unless we all take extreme care.

The vaccination programme is progressing well, as coverage is exceeding 95% in residents 75+, and over 90% in residents 70+. Vaccinations are now available for residents aged 50+, and the rollout of the 2<sup>nd</sup> dose is underway among the 1-4 priority groups. We are still seeing inequalities in vaccine uptake, although work is ongoing to reduce them. There is lower uptake in some of our more deprived areas and in some BAME groups. These population groups have been disproportionately affected by the pandemic, so addressing these inequalities are essential to limit further harm.

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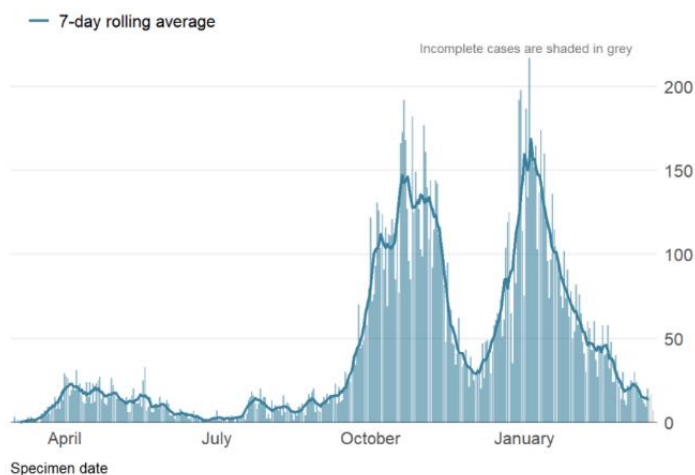
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## **1.0 Distribution of COVID-19 cases within Trafford**

1.1 Early December saw a gradual increase in cases, rising more sharply near the end of the month and going into early January.

1.2 Trafford's cases started to drop following the national lockdown. We then started to see case rates stall over a 14-day period in mid-late February.

1.3 We have seen case rates increase over the most recent 14-day period, averaging just over 23 cases per day and seeing a rate per 100,000 residents exceed 50/100k.



Source: PHE Covid-19 Situational Awareness explorer

**Figure 1. Epidemic curve of daily confirmed new cases**

Trafford, 02 March to 18 March 2021

1.4 As of week ending March 31, each of Trafford's age groups has a rate below 100/100k, with two exceptions. There is a notable rate increase in the secondary school age group,.

1.5 We have seen slight increases in the number of positive cases among Trafford's older population over the past 4 weeks, although seeing case rates remain below 25/100k for residents 60 years and over.

## 2.0 Geographical spread of COVID-19 in Trafford

2.1 Ward rates remain volatile due to small numbers, but we still see cases spread across the whole borough.

2.2 Five wards have rates over 100/100,000 (Gorse Hill, Village, Clifford. Longford and Davyhulme East)

## 3.0 Testing in Trafford

3.1 Over the week to 31<sup>st</sup> March, we had a decrease in our testing rate, with 286.4/100,000 taking a test. This is below the NW and England averages

3.2 As of March 31<sup>st</sup> Trafford's 7-day positivity rate is 3.4%, an increase on the previous week and well above the England average of 1.8%

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

4.1 As of March 31<sup>st</sup>, Trafford has 7<sup>th</sup> lowest 7-day incidence rate compared to the other 9 GM boroughs. This is a worse position than the previous week, and we have seen our rates rise while others have fallen.