

Trafford Covid-19 Public Engagement Board

Wednesday 6th October 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 Welton	Ward Councillor, Trafford Council
Councillor Cordingley	Member of the Health Scrutiny Committee, Trafford Council
Helen Gollins	Consultant in Public Health, Trafford Council
Ellie Caddick	Covid-19 Communications Lead, Trafford Council
Kirsty Johnson	Covid-19 Project Manager, Trafford Council
Andrew Latham	Chief Officer, HealthWatch Trafford
Khan Moghal	Chair, Voice of BME Trafford
Dorothy Evans	Voluntary, African Caribbean Care Group
George Devlin	Lay Member for Patient and Public Participation, Trafford CCG
Rebecca Demaine	Associate Director of Commissioning – Primary Care, Trafford CCG
Catherine O'Connor	Strategic Neighbourhood Engagement Lead, Trafford Council
Ben Wilmott	Covid-19 Senior Project Manager, Trafford Council
Louise Wright	Sport Relationship Manager, 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	Apologies were received from Nigel Smith, Sara Radcliffe, Michelle Hill, Councillor Chilton and Joanne Gibson.	
2.	Minutes	The minutes of the meeting 22 nd September 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 were the highest they've ever been at around 530 per 100,000; 2. The rates in people over 60 had declined; 3. 11-14 year olds had the highest rates but schools were working hard to keep schools safe; 4. There was a new Greater Manchester Schools Framework which outlined new measures for schools; 5. That it was important to keep children off school if 	All

		<p>there was a positive case in the household and do a PCR test on day 3-5 in order to return to school;</p> <p>6. 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.</p>	
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. General support remained across Trafford even though the pathfinder had ended through local welfare schemes; 2. The self-isolation support grant had been extended until March. 	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. Additional PCR testing was being carried out at schools in Trafford with a high number of positive cases; 2. Testing at home for school children should continue twice weekly until the end of term; 3. The importance of following the instructions of Lateral Flow tests as there were a variety of tests available which worked in different ways; 4. Testing at home twice weekly with Lateral Flow tests should continue. 	All
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. The team were working with schools who met the outbreak threshold and carrying out risk assessments; 2. There was currently 26 schools in Trafford with temporary extra measures in place; 3. The team had reached 63% of the Level 2 cases; 4. There was low activity across workplaces with only 36 cases across 20 business settings. 	All
6c.	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. The 'Booster' and Flu vaccination programmes 	All

		<p>were live;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. People in the eligible cohorts were being contacted through the national booking system or their GP; 3. The booster vaccine was Pfizer; 4. The 12-15 year old school programme had around 50% uptake and it was important to encourage parents to consent for their child to be vaccinated. 	
6d.	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 focus was currently on vaccine equity and the team were working with Public Health to work with the homeless and people with mental health problems; 2. Work was being carried out to encourage vaccine uptake in low uptake areas; 3. The Communications team had delivered some messaging aimed at children's sports club around testing and social distancing; 4. The team were working on a winter engagement programme which would be launching soon; 5. Questionnaires were being carried out with unvaccinated people to understand their reasoning for not being vaccinated. 	N/A
7.	Public Engagement Board Activity and Feedback	None	
8.	Any Other Business	None	
9.	Date of Next Meeting	Wednesday 20 th October 2021 at 10:00 a.m.	