

Trafford Covid-19 Public Engagement Board

Wednesday 20th 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
Councillor Lloyd	Member of the Health Scrutiny Committee, Trafford Council
Helen Gollins	Consultant in Public Health, Trafford Council
Ellie Caddick	Covid-19 Communications Lead, Trafford Council
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
Nigel Smith	Head of Regulatory Services, Trafford Council
Ben Wilmott	Covid-19 Senior Project Manager, Trafford Council
Catherine Martland	Outbreak and Contact Tracing Hub Officer, Trafford Council
Molly Shaw	Governance Services, Trafford Council
Fabiola Fuschi	Governance Officer, Trafford Council

	Item	Decision / Action	Key Person for Action
1.	Welcome and apologies	Apologies were received from Rebecca Demaine and Kirsty Johnson.	
2.	Minutes	The minutes of the meeting 6 th October 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 slowly decreasing with rates at 656 per 100,000; 2. Trafford still had the highest rates across Greater Manchester; 3. 0-14 year olds had the highest rates; 4. The rates in over 60s had increased to 257 per 100,000; 5. Positivity rates had declined to 12%; 6. Hospitalisation rates had seen a small but steady increase; 7. That staff and pupils in secondary schools were 	All

		<p>now wearing facemasks in schools again and staff and parents were wearing them in Primary schools;</p> <p>8. 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.	10POINT ACTION PLAN		
5a.	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. There was a new type of Lateral Flow test which was a nasal swab only and had to be administered by adults for children under 14; 2. To encourage people to get PCR tests when experiencing any symptoms of Covid-19; 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
5b.	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 10 schools who met the outbreak threshold and carrying out risk assessments; 2. There had been 414 case notifications across schools and only 14 across other settings; 3. The team had followed up 394 Level 2 cases over the past week with 73% contacted. 	All
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. MFT were rolling out the 12-15 year old vaccination programme; 2. Over 2000 children across 10 schools in Trafford had received their vaccination; 3. There was strong encouragement for unvaccinated or partially vaccinated people to get their vaccine. 	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 promoting vaccine uptake and cascading Covid-19 secure messaging across the community; 2. Provided targeted support to schools when required; 3. Worked with public health on a vaccination questionnaire to understand reasons around vaccine hesitancy and in particular uncover reasons around second dose hesitancy; <p>Autumn/Winter Plan B:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Autumn Winter Plan B outlined the government's plan to sustain the progress made and prepare the country for future challenges; 2. It focused on ensuring the NHS doesn't come under unsustainable pressure during the winter period; 3. If the data suggests the NHS will come under unsustainable pressure the Government will: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Communicate to the public clearly and urgently that the level of risk has increased and the need to behave cautiously; b. Introduce mandatory vaccine only Covid-19 certification status in certain settings; c. Legally mandating face coverings in certain settings; d. Consider making working from home mandatory again. 	All
6.	Public Engagement Board Activity and Feedback	None	
7.	Any Other Business	None	
8.	Date of Next Meeting	Wednesday 3 rd November 2021 at 10:00 a.m.	