

Trafford Covid-19 Public Engagement Board

Wednesday 3rd November 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 Akinola	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
Rebecca Demaine	Associate Director of Commissioning – Primary Care, Trafford CCG
Ben Wilmott	Covid-19 Senior Project Manager, Trafford Council
Kate Murdock	Operations Manager Health, Trafford Council
Andrew Latham	Chief Officer, HealthWatch Trafford
Danny Zammit	Strategic Neighbourhood Engagement Lead, Trafford Council
Kirsty Johnson	Covid-19 Project 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 and Councillor Cordingley.	
2.	Minutes	<p>The Chair asked that Item four within the minutes be amended to have an additional point stating the following; The Board were also advised that Trafford would be advising Care Homes to restrict visits to Care Homes in the Borough to under 16 year olds, owing to the high infection rates among the 4-16 year old cohort, with exceptions for end of life visits or visits undertaken out of doors and that this advice would be reviewed on 1st November.</p> <p>The Board agreed the amendment by the Chair. Following the amendment the board agreed the minutes of the meeting from 20th October as an accurate record.</p>	
3.	Membership	There had been no changes to the Membership since the last meeting.	
4.	Update on the current Covid-19	The Board agreed to note the update.	All

	situation in Trafford	<p>The following messages were shared with the Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The rates across Trafford were decreasing with rates at 456.7 per 100,000; 2. The rates in Trafford were higher than the national average and ranked 119th across England; 3. The rates in over 60s had decreased to 226 per 100,000; 4. Positivity rates were at 12% overall; 5. Hospitalisation rates had seen a small but steady increase; 6. That staff and pupils in secondary schools were still wearing facemasks in schools again and staff and parents were wearing them in Primary schools; 7. 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.</p> <p>The following messages were shared with the Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The testing sites in Trafford Park and Partington had changed their opening hours to 08:00 – 18:00; 2. UKHSA had confirmed that only 1 site was affected by false negative tests so to encourage still getting a PCR if necessary; 3. Testing at home twice weekly with Lateral Flow tests should continue; 4. If experiencing symptoms to get a PCR test. 	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. There was no schools currently meeting the outbreak threshold; 2. There were 12 primary schools and 7 secondary schools with cases; 3. 23 workplace settings currently had cases with most only having 1-2 cases; 4. The team had followed up 164 Level 2 cases over the past week with 70% contacted and 55% with full contact tracing completed. 	All

5c.	Mass Vaccination	<p>The Board agreed to note the update. The following messages were shared with the Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The importance of booking your booster and flu jab and to accept the appointment when offered through either your GP or the national booking service; 2. That no Trafford site was accepting walk ins for the booster vaccine, all were appointment only; 3. There was 92,000 people who were eligible for their booster vaccine; 4. All older age care home residents and staff had their booster vaccine by 3rd November; 5. There was strong encouragement for unvaccinated or partially vaccinated people to get their vaccine; 6. The booster vaccine is Pfizer only regardless of which vaccination received on first and second dose; 7. The 12-15 year old vaccination programme has been undertaken in 75% of schools in Trafford and is scheduled to be complete by the end of November; 8. The uptake of vaccination across school age children has been very variable. 	All
5d.	Update and escalations from the COVID-19 Community Engagement Group	<p>The Board agreed to note the update. The following messages were shared with the Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The team had been carrying out engagement work across the community relaying important covid secure messaging and promoting the vaccine; 2. 2 briefing sessions had been held with community champions to assess how the programme was running; 3. 46 people who had not yet had their vaccine had completed a questionnaire to understand reasons for vaccine hesitancy. 	N/A
6.	Public Engagement Board Activity and Feedback	None	
7.	Any Other Business	None	
8.	Date of Next Meeting	Wednesday 17 th November 2021 at 10:00 a.m.	