

Trafford Covid-19 Public Engagement Board

Wednesday 1st December 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 Lloyd	Member of the Health Scrutiny Committee, 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
Ben Wilmott	Covid-19 Senior Project Manager, Trafford Council
Jilla Burgess-Allen	Consultant in Public Health, Trafford Council
Louise Wright	Sport Relationship Manager, Trafford Council
Molly Shaw	Governance Services, Trafford Council
Kirsty Johnson	Covid-19 Project Manager, Trafford Council
Fabiola Fuschi	Governance Officer, Trafford Council

	Item	Decision / Action	Key Person for Action
1.	Welcome and apologies	Apologies were received from Councillor Welton and Andrew Latham, Trafford HealthWatch.	
2.	Minutes	The minutes of the meeting 17 th November 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 increasing with rates at 417 per 100,000; 2. Trafford had the second highest rates across Greater Manchester; 3. 0-14 year olds had the highest rates; 4. The rates in over 60s had decreased slightly; 5. Positivity rates had declined to 10.5%; 6. Hospitalisation rates and death rates had seen a small decrease; 7. That there were no reported cases of the new Omicron variant in Trafford; 8. There was no evidence that the vaccine wouldn't be effective against the new variant so it was 	All

		<p>important to still encourage people to be vaccinated;</p> <p>9. 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. That it was important to plan ahead and take a Lateral Flow test if: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Visiting elderly people b. Visiting a crowded place c. Attending work or school 2. To encourage people to get PCR tests when experiencing any symptoms; 3. 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. There were 37 primary schools with cases and 8 were meeting outbreak thresholds; 2. There were 13 secondary schools with cases but none were meeting outbreak thresholds; 3. There were no current outbreaks in care homes; 4. Workplace and events – two workplace settings in outbreak situations, Public Health continue providing advice and guidance; events continue to have low infection rate in proportion to people attending; 5. The local Contact Tracing team had followed up local cases over the past week with 88% contacted and 74% with full completion of contact tracing; 6. Self-isolation support was still being offered to the community. 	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. There was new guidance in light of the new Omicron variant however this guidance was not yet operational: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Over 18s to be offered booster vaccine; b. Only need a 3 month gap between second dose and booster vaccine; 	All

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. 12-15 year olds would be offered a second dose; d. Immuno-compromised people would be offered a fourth dose <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. There was strong encouragement for unvaccinated or partially vaccinated people to get their vaccine; 3. That people were strongly advised to book on line an appointment for the booster vaccine instead of using walk-in centres, in order to leave capacity for 1st and 2nd dose. However, people would still be able to receive the booster without booking. 	
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 'Well for Winter' programme was due to commence and included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Health messaging and calls to action; b. Reflecting with communities; c. Promoting vaccine confidence; d. Building on networks; e. Carrying out events. 2. The team had been delivering focus sessions to understand early concerns about the new Omicron variant. 	N/A
6.	Public Engagement Board Activity and Feedback	None	
7.	Any Other Business	In consideration of the latest restrictions introduced by the Government to control the spread of the new Covid-19 variant (i.e.: wearing a face covering in shops and public transport), the Board agreed to bring back Community Enforcement as a standing item on the agenda from 15 th December and to receive a regular update on the Council's enforcement activity in connection with the new restrictions.	Regulatory Services
8.	Date of Next Meeting	Wednesday 15 th December 2021 at 10:00 a.m.	