

Trafford Covid-19 Public Engagement Board

Wednesday 26th January 2022 – 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 Lloyd	Member of the Health Scrutiny Committee, Trafford Council
Councillor Welton	Ward Councillor, Trafford Council
Helen Gollins	Acting Director of Public Health, Trafford Council
Khan Moghal	Chair, Voice of BME Trafford
Andrew Latham	Chief Officer, HealthWatch Trafford
Dorothy Evans	Voluntary, African Caribbean Care Group
George Devlin	Lay Member for Patient and Public Participation, Trafford CCG
Ben Wilmott	Covid-19 Senior Project Manager, Trafford Council
Jilla Burgess-Allen	Consultant in Public Health, Trafford Council
Mark Jarvis	Medical Director, Trafford CCG
Danny Zammit	Strategic Neighbourhood Lead, 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 Councillor Cordingley and Ellie Caddick.	
2.	Minutes	The minutes of the meeting 12 th January 2022 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 had decreased with rates at 867.9 per 100,000; 2. Trafford had the third highest rates across Greater Manchester; 3. The positivity rate was 20%; 4. 0-14 and 30-44 year olds had the highest rates; 5. The rates in over 60s had increased to 379 per 100,000; 6. Broadheath, Ashton upon Mersey, Bucklow St Martins, Brooklands and Village wards had the highest rates across Trafford; 7. In Primary schools, testing rates were low but positivity rates were high; 8. The number of Covid-19 related admissions into 	All

		<p>hospitals across Greater Manchester had declined;</p> <p>9. The importance of registering results of Lateral Flow tests regardless of the result;</p> <p>10. 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. It is now possible to end self-isolation early following 2 negative Lateral Flow tests taken on day 5 and day 6, 24 hours apart; 2. That demand for Lateral Flow tests is still high but they should be available from Stretford, Urmston, Altrincham and Sale Libraries; 3. 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 4. To encourage people to get PCR tests when experiencing any symptoms; 5. 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 23 primary schools meeting outbreak thresholds; 2. There were 3 secondary schools meeting outbreak thresholds; 3. The local Contact Tracing team had received 3600 Level 2 cases to follow up since Christmas; 4. There had been a dip in the completion rate of full contact tracing due to the volume of referrals however Trafford had the 2nd highest completion rate across Greater Manchester; 5. The self-isolation pathfinder evaluation was ongoing; 6. To be able to claim the £500 self-isolation support you must have a confirmatory PCR test within the 10 day self-isolation period; 7. The importance of undertaking full contact tracing when testing positive for Covid-19. 	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. 30,000 people were vaccinated in 3 weeks of December; 2. 82% of the eligible population have been boosted; 3. That you are eligible for a booster vaccination 28 days after being positive for Covid-19; 4. The rate of vaccination has dropped to around 2000 a week across Trafford; 5. There was targeted work being done in areas of low uptake to encourage residents to have their vaccinations. 	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 were helping schools to boost the uptake of the 12-15 year old vaccine programme; 2. There was an upcoming art project where students would create art to capture their experience of the pandemic. 	All
6.	Public Engagement Board Activity and Feedback	None.	
7.	Any Other Business	None.	
8.	Date of Next Meeting	Wednesday 9 th February 2022 at 10:00 a.m.	