

Trafford Covid-19 Public Engagement Board

Wednesday 9th February 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 Cordingley	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
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
Ben Wilmott	Covid-19 Senior Project Manager, Trafford Council
Jilla Burgess-Allen	Consultant in Public Health, Trafford Council
Mark Jarvis	Medical Director, Trafford CCG
Ellie Caddick	Covid-19 Communications Lead, Trafford Council
Kirsty Johnson	Covid-19 Project Manager, Trafford Council
Danny Zammit	Strategic Neighbourhood Lead, Trafford Council
Beenish Hanif	Health Protection 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 George Devlin.	
2.	Minutes	The minutes of the meeting 26 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 Government were expected to release their guidance on 'living safely with Covid' soon; 2. The Public Health team had reviewed their plans for next year and would bring a plan for the next 12 months along to the next meeting of the Board; 3. The rates across Trafford had decreased with rates at 582.1 per 100,000; 4. Trafford had the third highest rates across Greater Manchester; 5. The positivity rate was 13%; 	<p>All</p> <p>Public Health</p>

		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. 0-14 and 30-44 year olds had the highest rates; 7. The rates in over 60s had decreased to 335 per 100,000; 8. Broadheath, Ashton upon Mersey, Hale Central and Village wards had the highest rates across Trafford; 9. The number of Covid-19 related admissions into hospitals across Greater Manchester had declined; 10. There is a higher number of reinfection rates in the North of the borough where the vaccination rates are lower; 11. 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. The following messages were shared with the Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Staff in adult social care settings were being asked to take a Lateral Flow test at the start of each work day which means the weekly asymptomatic PCR test is no longer required; 2. That demand for Lateral Flow tests had dropped; 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. 	All
5b.	Contact Tracing and Outbreak Management	<p>The Board agreed to note the update. The following messages were shared with the Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There was 5 primary schools meeting outbreak thresholds; 2. The year groups with the highest number of cases were from Year 2 to Year 9; 3. There was no current outbreaks in workplace settings; 4. The local Contact Tracing team carried out contact tracing with Level 2 cases and had a completion rate of 80% which was the highest across Greater Manchester; 5. The self-isolation pathfinder evaluation was ongoing; 	All

		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Support had been given to 71 people in the last week across Trafford who were self-isolating; 7. To be able to claim the £500 self-isolation support you must have a confirmatory PCR test within the 10 day self-isolation period; 8. Unvaccinated contacts of a positive case must still isolate for 10 days. 	
5c.	Care Homes and Supported Accommodation	<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 outbreaks in care home settings had reduced significantly and at present there was only 3 with outbreaks, compared with 28 in January; 2. The cases in care home outbreaks had mostly been staff, not residents, which highlights the success of PPE; 3. The cases of residents had mostly been mild symptoms which demonstrates the success of the vaccination programme; 4. Residents in care homes now isolate for 10 days rather than 14 days; 5. There were no restrictions on the number of visitors a care home resident can have, providing the care home is not in an outbreak situation; 6. The visiting restrictions for under 16s have been lifted. 	All
5d.	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. 80% of the eligible population have been double vaccinated; 2. 85% of the eligible population have been boosted; 3. The majority of 12-15 year olds are now eligible for their 2nd dose but the uptake for this dose was very low; 4. It was considered that a letter be sent out to all secondary schools across Trafford emphasising the importance of the 12-15 year olds having their second dose. 	All

5e.	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 were door knocking to promote the mobile vaccination clinics; 2. The team were helping schools to boost the uptake of the 12-15 year old vaccine programme; 3. Primary schools were being contacted to deliver sessions to promote covid-safe behaviours. 	All
6.	Public Engagement Board Activity and Feedback	None.	
7.	Any Other Business	None.	
8.	Date of Next Meeting	Wednesday 23 rd February 2022 at 10:00 a.m.	