# Bristol Covid-19 Local Engagement Board

## Minutes

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<td>06/11/2020</td>
<td>14:00 – 15:00</td>
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**Co-Chair**

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<td>Marvin Rees</td>
<td>Mayor</td>
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<td>Asher Craig</td>
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**Attendees:**

- Marvin Rees (MR) - Mayor
- Cllr Asher Craig (AC) – Deputy Mayor
- Cllr Claire Hiscott (CH) – Deputy Leader of Conservative Group
- Cllr Paula O’Rourke (PO) – Clifton Ward Councillor
- Cllr Tim Kent (TK) – Hengrove & Withchurch Ward Councillor
- Mike Jackson (MJ) – BCC Chief Executive
- Tim Borrett (TB) – BCC Director: Policy, Strategy and Partnerships
- Andrea Dell (AD) – Head of the City Office
- James Durie (JD) – Business West
- Sue Mountstevens (SMo) – Police and Crime Commissioner
- Sandra Meadows (SMe) – Voscur
- Huzaifa Adamali (HA) – Respiratory Consultant – Southmead Hospital
- Oona Goldsworthy (OG) – Brunel Care
- Beth Wash (BW) – BCC Senior External Communications Officers
- John Twigger (JT) – Principle Public Health Intelligence Specialist, BCC
- Kurt James (KJ) – Project Manager, BCC
- Saskia Konynenburg (SK) - External Communications and Consultation, BCC
- Joseph Poole (JP) – NHS Bristol

**Apologies:**

- Christina Gray (CG) – BCC Director: Public Health
- Sado Jirde (SJ) – Black South West Network

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**Agenda Item:**

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<td>14:00</td>
<td>Welcome</td>
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<td>• Cllr Asher Craig welcomed members and Stakeholders to this week’s Covid-19 Local Engagement Board.</td>
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3. **14:10** Public Health / Local Outbreak Management Planning Update

- JT provided an update on the current figures in the city.
- Since the end of September, cases have risen sharply throughout October.
- We have reached a peak over the last 4-5 days although this could be due to lab delays.
- There are currently 1772 positive cases in Bristol.
- The rate over the last seven days has risen to 382 per 100,000 which above the National rate of 231 per 100,000.
- Seeing rises in all of the age groups, 30-59 group has risen sharply and the over 60s.
- Hospital admissions have risen within BNSSG to 136, mainly between BRI and Southmead Hospital.
- Within last week there have been 4 deaths, which is an increase.

4. **14:25** Communications activity and COVID Marshals

- There are a number of car washes that are operating when they shouldn’t be so the Covid Marshals have been round to shut them down.
- We are recruiting more marshals, they will need to be trained in order to operate in a Covid secure way.
- National campaign started today which will reach 95% of adults.
- Priority campaign focused on the number of infections across the city.
- Student outbreak in universities is slowing and numbers going down.
- Communication needs to raise awareness that household social mixing is a driver for infection.
- 69% of public are concerned about not be able to see family and friends.
- Driving the numbers down is the main priority so public must be encouraged to stick to the rules.
- Saskia advised that a city-wide campaign is being developed to encourage residents to follow the rules to get back to normal sooner.
- AC suggested speaking to the Rising Arts Agency to get involved with this.

5. **14:30** Q&A discussion

**Why are there so many cases in BRI and Southmead but Weston-Super-Mare seems to have escaped?**

- Southmead serves South Gloucester and surrounding areas which tend to be an older population and those hospitalised tend to be over 60.
- BRI serves Bristol which has a younger and more diverse population.
- It is unclear why Weston’s figures are lower when they have an older population.

**Do you have a theme of the BAME communities in terms of breakdown?**

- Ethnicity is recorded when a test is taken. Just over 70% of people declare their ethnicity.
- Around 25% of people have declared they are of black, Asian or other minority ethnic black.
- The majority of these are from black and Asian communities.

**Are we reaching the peak or have we peaked and it flattened?**
- Delays in getting tests back from Public Health England so wouldn’t like to say yet.

**How are we looking after our rough sleepers?**
- We have a large multi-agency Covid-19 response to rough sleeping in Bristol, which has been proactive throughout the pandemic. This now falls within Councillor Helen Godwin’s portfolio.

**There has been mixed messaging around visiting care homes and fear of not being able to visit. Also measures put in place are impractical and inhumane. Can Care Homes receive some clarification on this?**
- Care Home visiting is allowed, within a framework of dynamic risk assessment. There is specific reference to this in each of the DPH’s biweekly statistical reports. The DPH and DASS have written several times to care providers, and public health and adult social care meet regularly with the care providers group. The DPH and DASS recognise this is a sensitive issue, and will continue to communicate with care homes on this matter.

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<td>• SK/AD - to pick up on existing plans with engagement and communication on youth groups.</td>
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<td>• SK/TB – link in with Andy Street regarding the Campaign.</td>
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<td>• Care homes – look at additional sign posting to make sure the correct advice and right guidance is being provided.</td>
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