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Bristol Covid -19 Health Protection Committee

Purpose

To provide oversight and assurance of Bristol's local outbreak management plan including:

- Plans for people, places and communities
- Support for vulnerable people who need to self-isolate
- Effective Testing and Contact Tracing
- Local response is informed by integrated data and local intelligence
- Systems for assessing and communicating risk

Objectives

- Outbreak management plans are in place for Care Homes and Schools
- High risk places, settings and places are identified and outbreak management plans are in place
- Vulnerable people are supported to self-isolate

Background

Building on the foundation of the statutory role of Directors of Public Health at the upper tier local authority level, and working with Public Health England's local health protection teams, local government will build on existing health protection plans to put in place measures to identify and contain outbreaks and protect the public's health.

The Director of Public Health will be responsible for defining these measures and producing the plans, working through the Bristol Covid-19 Health Protection Board.

The Director of Public Health and the Bristol Covid-19 Health Protection Board will provide advice to the Bristol One City, Local Engagement Board.

Data reports and alerts will be provided by the PH intelligence team, working with other local authorities, the NHS and PHE.

The Local Engagement Board will ensure messages are effectively communicated and that different sectors and communities are engaged and responded to.

Monitoring Risk

Data and alerts are reviewed on a daily basis by the Bristol Public Health team. Any anomalies are followed up with the PHE centre to look at for example, spikes or clusters. Information is shared with key partners, such as the NHS.

Operational Arrangements

Bristol Public Health Duty Team supported by environmental health provides the operational response to incidents and outbreak management following standard operation procedures, and informed by local outbreak plans and action cards.

A weekly Outbreak Management Group provides operational oversight.

Membership

- Director of Public Health
- Director of Adult Social Services
- Director of Education
- Consultant in Public Health – Health Protection
- Senior Public Health Analyst
- Head of Equality Bristol City Council
- Deputy Director Resilience Bristol City Council
- Environmental Health and Regulatory Services Bristol City Council
- Clinical Commissioning Group
- Sirona
- NHS Trusts
- University of Bristol
- University of the West of England
- Specialist Advisors

The Bristol Local Covid 19 Engagement Board

The Director of Public Health will provide advice to the Local Covid 19 Communication and Engagement Board

Frequency of meetings

- Monthly
- With additional task groups as required