

16 March 2021**Agenda Item: 4**

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH

COVID-19 SITUATIONAL UPDATE & PLANNED REFRESH OF THE LOCAL OUTBREAK PLAN

Purpose of the Report

1. To provide a situational update on COVID-19 cases in Nottinghamshire and the rollout of the national vaccination programme.
2. To request endorsement for the revised Local Outbreak Management Plan for Nottinghamshire County.

Information

Situation update

3. The [Nottingham and Nottinghamshire COVID-19 dashboard](#) provides the latest data on Coronavirus cases locally. It is updated each day at 12 noon and shows the rates of COVID-19 infection in each district of Nottinghamshire. This represents one of the key indicators used to inform what level of measures are needed to contain the spread of the virus.
4. The dashboard presents the most recent reliable data from testing carried out in hospital settings, known as Pillar 1 tests, as well as the results taken from the community, or Pillar 2 testing. Data is excluded for test results still coming through for the most recent 4 days of data because that data is widely understood to be incomplete.
5. At the Committee meeting members will be offered a short presentation from the Director of Public Health using the most up to date information.
6. An update will also be provided at the meeting of the latest status of the vaccine rollout programme in Nottinghamshire.

Local Outbreak Control Plan

7. The [Nottinghamshire County Local Outbreak Control Plan](#) describes arrangements to contain the spread of COVID-19 and keep people safe.
8. Many of the arrangements described in the plan have been invoked on a more or less daily basis since then. Many of the arrangements have proved to be effective; others have been

modified in the light of local experience or lessons from elsewhere. At points during the Autumn and again in 2021, national lockdown measures have been applied by government to suppress transmission to a degree which local arrangements on their own would have been unable to deliver. During this period, national test and trace infrastructure has continued to develop, including the deployment of asymptomatic testing. Most significantly, the delivery of safe and effective vaccines is now providing protection to hundreds of thousands of residents, including those known to be most vulnerable to hospitalisation and death due to COVID-19.

9. Following the publication of the government's roadmap for exiting national lockdown and the learning which has been acquired over the last nine months, local authorities were notified on 26 February of the requirement to update their local outbreak management plans by 12 March. In addition to incorporating lessons of the last nine months, the revised plan will need to address arrangements for the next phase of the response, account for funding, and reflect potential changes in local roles and responsibilities as partner organisations move towards recovery.
10. The government's Contain Framework which provides the national framework within which local plans should be developed will not now be published until week beginning 15 March. Directors of Public Health have been advised that an "Outbreak Management Response Toolkit" which formalises the national and regional assets and capacity to support local outbreak management will also be published at a date yet to be confirmed. In the meantime, sufficient guidance has been provided to local authorities to guide the initial work required to produce an updated Local Outbreak Management Plan for 12 March. This will form the basis of a discussion with the Regional Contain Team which is expected to take place towards the end of March.
11. The short timescales in which the Local Outbreak Management Plan must be updated means that a final version will not be ready until close of business on 12 March. Therefore, the revised plan will be published for members on Monday 15 March 2021. At Committee on 16 March 2021, Committee will be offered a presentation to outline the refreshed plan.

Other Options Considered

12. None.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

13. A situational update with the latest data enables members to recommend additional actions to the [Nottinghamshire County COVID-19 Outbreak Control Engagement Board](#) which provides oversight of local outbreak control arrangements.
14. The County Council is required by Government to update its Local Outbreak Control Plan

Statutory and Policy Implications

15. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, data protection and information governance finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (public health services), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and adults at risk, service users, smarter working, sustainability and

the environment and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

Financial Implications

16. There are no financial implications contained within this report.

RECOMMENDATION/S

That Committee:

- 1) Considers the latest information available in the COVID-19 dashboard and the presentation delivered at the meeting and identifies any possible measures to recommend to the Nottinghamshire County COVID-19 Engagement Board
- 2) Endorses the revised Local Outbreak Management Plan for Nottinghamshire County and identifies any additional considerations to be addressed in future updates made to it

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Constitutional Comments (AK 08/02/21)

17. This report falls within the remit of COVID-19 Resilience, Recovery and Renewal Committee by virtue of its terms of reference.

Financial Comments (DG 08/03/21)

18. All costs relating to Nottinghamshire County Council are covered by the Contain Outbreak Management Fund (COMF) and the Community Testing Fund. The income received to Period 11 was £13.961m and £0.17m respectively, with further income due to the 31st March.

Background Papers and Published Documents

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

[Contain Outbreak Management Fund](#)

Adult Social Care & Public Health Committee (11 January 2021)

[Local Covid-19 Outbreak Response and Public Health Priorities for the Period to April 2021](#)

Adult Social Care & Public Health Committee (9 November 2020)

[Local Authority Test & Trace Grant Resource Plan](#)

Adult Social Care & Public Health Committee (14 September 2020)

[Implementation of the Health Protection \(Coronavirus Restrictions \(England\) \(No 3\) Regulations 2020](#)

Adult Social Care & Public Health Committee (14 September 2020)

[COVID-19 local outbreak control: learning and next steps](#)

Health & Wellbeing Board (2 September 2020)

[COVID-19 contain framework: a guide for local decision-makers](#)

Department of Health & Social Care (28 August 2020)

[COVID-19 local outbreak control plan](#)

Health & Wellbeing Board (24 July 2020)

[Nottinghamshire County Local Outbreak Control Plan](#)

Nottinghamshire County Council (June 2020)

Recent press releases:

- [Nottinghamshire County Council working with HSE to make sure businesses are Covid-secure](#) (24 February 2021)
- [Nottinghamshire County Council welcomes Prime Minister's Roadmap](#) (24 February 2021)
- [City and county council prepare to support vaccination of carers](#) (22 February 2021)
- [Community testing for those without Covid-19 symptoms now available in more areas](#) (16 February 2021)
- [Chairman gives thanks to vaccine volunteers](#) (21 January 2021)
- [How our £2.3million Covid-19 winter fund is supporting children, families and vulnerable people](#) (18 January 2021)
- [Statement on Community Testing](#) (11 January 2021)
- [Nottinghamshire people urged to play their part during national lockdown](#) (05 January 2021)
- [First care home residents in Notts get COVID vaccine](#) (31 December 2020)
- [Leader welcomes vaccine news](#) (30 December 2020)

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

- All