

Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Board

Minutes of the Meeting held on Friday, 3rd July, 2020 at 1.00 pm, Virtual Meeting

Present:

Chair

County Councillor Shaun Turner, Lancashire County Council

Committee Members

County Councillor Graham Gooch, Lancashire County Council
County Councillor Geoff Driver CBE, Lancashire County Council
County Councillor Phillippa Williamson, Lancashire County Council
Dr Sakthi Karunanithi, Public Health, Lancashire County Council
Louise Taylor, Adult Services and Health and Wellbeing, Lancashire County Council
Edwina Grant OBE, Education and Children's Services, Lancashire County Council
Stephen Young, Growth, Environment, Transport and Community Services, Lancashire County Council
Sue Bishop, Morecambe Bay CCG
Dr Julie Higgins, East Lancashire CCG
Dr Peter Gregory, West Lancashire CCG
Karen Partington, Lancashire Teaching Hospitals Foundation Trust
Gary Hall, Lancashire Chief Executive Group
Stephen Ashley, LCSAP, LASB
Councillor Bridget Hilton, Central District Council
Cllr Viv Willder, Fylde Coast District Council
Councillor Margaret France, Central Health and Wellbeing Partnership
Greg Mitten, West Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Partnership
Adrian Leather, Third Sector
Tammy Bradley, Housing Providers
David Blacklock, Healthwatch

Apologies

Denis Gizzi	Chorley and South Ribble CCG and Greater Preston CCG
Dr Adam Janjua	Fylde and Wyre CCG
Suzanne Lodge	North Lancashire Health & Wellbeing Partnership
Graham Urwin	NHS England, Lancashire and Greater Manchester
Councillor Steve Hughes	Rossendale Borough Council
Chief Inspector Ian Sewart	Lancashire Constabulary
David Russel	Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service
Caroline Donovan	Lancashire Care Trust
Councillor Graham Cain	Blackpool Borough Council (Chair of HWBB)
Arif Raipura	Blackpool Borough Council (DPH)

1. Welcome, introductions and apologies

The Chair welcomed all to the first virtual meeting of the Board.

Apologies were noted as above.

Replacements for the meeting were as follows

- Denis Gizzi for Dr Lindsey Dickinson, Chorley and South Ribble CCG and Dr Sumantra Mukerji, Greater Preston CCG (Mr Gizzi subsequently had to offer apologies as he was unable to join the meeting)
- Sue Bishop for Dr Geoff Jolliffe, Morecambe Bay CCG

Dominic Harrison, Director of Public Health, Blackburn with Darwen Council was also in attendance at the meeting.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

None.

3. Covid 19 - Lancashire Outbreak Engagement Board

Dr Sakthi Karunanithi, Director of Public Health, Lancashire County Council, outlined the proposal to create a Lancashire Outbreak Engagement Board as part of the Outbreak Control Plan.

In outlining the proposals, Dr Karunanithi, noted that the latest Covid-19 statistics showed an improvement in the number of cases and deaths, although it was stressed that Lancashire had experienced higher rates of infection than other areas during the earlier stages of the pandemic. It was also stressed that the virus remained a very serious concern, and continued vigilance and observance of social distancing and handwashing was essential. It was also reported that there had been significant improvements in the data available at a local level, allowing a rapid response to hotspots and outbreaks, including in care and health settings.

In response to questions, it was noted that currently there was no data on asymptomatic cases, although there was a wider estimate that around 10% of the population had at some point been infected. In relation to testing, it was reported that, whilst there was no formal data on the turnaround for results, around 50% of results were being received within 48 hours, and NHS labs were generally providing results within 24 hours. It was further noted that there were no published figures for "R" rates at district level, but that the R rate was considered to be of less use as the total number of infections declined. A range of other data and intelligence was used to assess and measure the position across Lancashire, and that overall the position was positive, although with a caveat that the situation needed continued attention and endeavour.

It was noted that the VCFS had played a significant role in the efforts to tackle Covid-19 and support individuals and communities, and that this work would continue through the wider LRF work.

Resolved: That the Terms of Reference for the Lancashire Outbreak Engagement Board as set out at Appendix A be approved.

4. Covid 19 Update

Dr Sakthi Karunanithi, Director of Public Health, Lancashire County Council, provided further information on the current situation, noting the further easing of lockdown arrangements and the essential link between health, a successful economy and strong communities.

Resolved: That the update be noted.

5. Urgent Business

There was no urgent business.

6. Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of the Board would take place on Tuesday 21 July at 2pm. The meeting would be held online.

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