

<b>DECISION-MAKER:</b>	Southampton Outbreak Engagement Board		
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	Southampton Outbreak Control Plan and Programme		
<b>DATE OF DECISION:</b>	29 September 2020		
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	Director of Public Health		
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<b>STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY</b>			
NOT APPLICABLE			
<b>BRIEF SUMMARY</b>			
1.1.	In May 2020 all upper tier Local Authorities were asked to ensure they had robust COVID-19 Outbreak Control Plans in place to support the national effort to prevent the spread of COVID-19 infection. In line with national guidance, Southampton City Council published a Southampton Outbreak Control Plan on 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2020 to supplement existing public health, emergency planning and outbreak control plans.		
1.2.	The aim of the Plan is to provide a framework for how Southampton City Council and partners will work together to both prevent COVID-19 transmission and to identify and proactively manage local outbreaks of COVID-19 infection, whilst maintaining the support of residents to follow public health advice and supporting those that need additional help to enable them to do so.		
1.3.	A key element of the Plan is therefore prevention; preventing the transmission of COVID-19 to reduce cases and outbreaks from occurring in the first place. A second key element is outbreak management and containment of COVID-19 to prevent onward transmission to prevent further cases and outbreaks, and a third element is supporting higher risk settings, residents, and the most (clinically and socially) vulnerable in our city to adhere to public health measures. There are a number of what the Plan describes as “enablers” to support the realisation of these; including use of intelligence and behavioural insights to inform the local response, robust communications and public engagement, exercising of the Plan to share learning and identify gaps in planning, and NHS testing (including Local Testing Sites) and contact tracing.		
1.4.	<p>The objectives of the Outbreak Control Plan are therefore to ensure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A strategic and coordinated approach to the prevention of COVID-19 infection and to minimising the risk of outbreaks occurring.</li> <li>• Effective surveillance and monitoring of data and intelligence to inform the early identification and proactive management of potential outbreaks.</li> <li>• A collaborative and coordinated approach to supporting settings in both minimising the risk of outbreaks occurring and responding to and managing COVID-19 outbreaks.</li> <li>• Effective measures are taken to control any outbreaks in conjunction with PHE, to limit spread and prevent recurrence (including use of testing, see below).</li> </ul>		

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deployment and prioritisation of testing capacity through the LRF Regional Coordinating Group (i.e. use of Mobile Testing Units) and other testing capacity that is available.</li> <li>• Oversight of infection control capability and capacity in local complex settings.</li> <li>• Robust communications and engagement with relevant settings, agencies and the public, informed by intelligence and behavioural insights data.</li> <li>• The needs of vulnerable people are considered and met, including enabling those that need additional support to be able to self-isolate where they are a confirmed case or a contact of a confirmed case.</li> </ul>
1.5.		<p>This Outbreak Control Plan is also crucial in setting out how local leadership and actions will support the work of the national NHS Test and Trace service. The utilisation of national and local intelligence to identify and manage local outbreaks, ensure that testing capacity is deployed effectively in high-risk locations, and engage with local residents and agencies to support confirmed cases and contacts to self-isolate for example, are all key in supporting the national programme.</p>
1.6.		<p>The Plan is a multi-agency Plan, approved by the Southampton Health Protection Board, and describes how partners across the system will work together to protect the health of the population of Southampton. The faith, voluntary and community sectors for example are vital in supporting the health and wellbeing of clinically and socially vulnerable residents, as was seen during the first wave of the pandemic, and partners such as Go Southampton key in working with and supporting businesses to operate in accordance with national COVID-19 guidance.</p>
1.7.		<p>Both the development and operationalisation of the Plan is overseen by the Health Protection Board, and a number of sub-groups report into the Health Protection Board, including a Care Home Oversight Group, Education Oversight Group, and an operational Outbreak Control Plan Group. The latter Group supports the operationalisation of the Outbreak Control Plan; a large programme consisting of ten key projects, which have interdependencies between them. Additional resource has been secured to support the delivery of the programme, including a Programme Manager and project support, and key posts that strengthen the health protection system.</p>
1.8.		<p>The Outbreak Control Plan and its delivery needs to be responsive to an ever-evolving situation; as we experience changes in national policy, we learn from other areas and from within the Southampton system, and we collate and analyse intelligence (i.e. Test and Trace, Public Health England, and local intelligence, including behavioural insights and feedback from partners and residents). The Outbreak Control Plan is therefore refreshed when new national and local developments come into place, and operationalisation of the Plan is responsive to these.</p>
<b>RECOMMENDATIONS:</b>		
	(i)	<p>That Southampton Outbreak Engagement Board members note the Outbreak Control Plan (OCP), and the OCP Programme that has been established to ensure operationalisation of the Plan.</p>
	(ii)	<p>That Southampton Outbreak Engagement Board members ask partners and residents whether there are aspects of the OCP and its operationalisation that they would like to support further.</p>

<b>REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS</b>	
1.	The Southampton Outbreak Control Plan outlines how the city will respond to the current COVID-19 pandemic, and hence the engagement of partners in its development and delivery is key. This includes Southampton residents who have played a crucial role in keeping the city's rate of COVID-19 lower than similar cities in the UK to date.
<b>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED</b>	
	Not applicable.
<b>DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)</b>	
2.	All partners on the Southampton Health Protection Board are consulted on the development of the Outbreak Control Plan. The Board reviews and approves any updates of the Plan.
<b>RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS</b>	
<b><u>Capital/Revenue</u></b>	
3.	A Test and Trace Grant has been provided to all Local Authorities to support them to operationalise and deliver their Outbreak Control Plans.
<b><u>Property/Other</u></b>	
4.	Not applicable.
<b>LEGAL IMPLICATIONS</b>	
<b><u>Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:</u></b>	
5.	The Coronavirus Act 2020 provides the primary statutory framework for responding to COVID-19 outbreaks and is supported by a number of Regulations, Orders and statutory and non-statutory guidance on specific subject areas. The primary Regulations are the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (England) Regulations 2020, informally known as "the Lockdown Regulations". These were enacted and came to force on 26 March 2020. The Regulations expand on the Act and set out the detailed restrictions of what is and is not permitted, which when taken together impose the key elements of lockdown. Any easing of lockdown comes from amending or lifting these national Regulations. The powers of the Police to enforce lockdown also flow from these national Regulations and Orders and guidance made pursuant to them.
6.	Using the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (England) (no.3) Regulations 2020.  On 18th July 2020, legislation to grant local authorities new powers to respond to a serious and imminent threat to public health and to prevent COVID-19 ("coronavirus") transmission in a local authority's area took effect. The regulations include powers for local authorities to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• restrict access to, or close, individual premises</li> <li>• prohibit certain events (or types of event) from taking place</li> <li>• restrict access to, or close, public outdoor places (or types of outdoor public places).</li> </ul>

	For further details see section ' <i>Legal context for managing outbreaks</i> ' on page 35 of the attached Southampton Outbreak Control Plan.	
7.	The DHSC guidance <u>Local authority powers to impose restrictions: Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (England) (No.3) Regulations 2020</u> provides advice to local authorities on how to implement the Regulations and to support those impacted by any intervention made under them.	
<b><u>Other Legal Implications:</u></b>		
8.	None	
<b>RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS</b>		
9.	No decision being requested. For information and discussion only.	
<b>POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS</b>		
10.	In alignment with SCC Plans, including SCC Pandemic Influenza Plan as appropriate.	
<b>KEY DECISION?</b>		no
<b>WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:</b>		All
<b><u>SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION</u></b>		
<b>Appendices</b>		
1.	Southampton Outbreak Control Plan	
2.	Operationalisation of Outbreak Control Plan Programme and governance	
<b>Documents In Members' Rooms</b>		
1.	None	
<b>Equality Impact Assessment</b>		
<b>Do the implications/subject of the report require an Equality and Safety Impact Assessment (ESIA) to be carried out.</b>		<b>Yes (complete)</b>
<b>Data Protection Impact Assessment</b>		
<b>Do the implications/subject of the report require a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) to be carried out.</b>		<b>No</b>
<b>Other Background Documents</b>		
<b>Other Background documents available for inspection at:</b>		
<b>Title of Background Paper(s)</b>		<b>Relevant Paragraph of the Access to Information Procedure Rules / Schedule 12A allowing document to be Exempt/Confidential (if applicable)</b>
1.	Not applicable.	