

REPORT TO: Health Policy and Performance Board

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PORTFOLIO: Health and Wellbeing

SUBJECT: COVID-19 Response Update

WARDS: Borough wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To provide the Board with a presentation covering the most recent data on COVID-19 Coronavirus; latest update on Halton outbreak support team approach, and Halton's testing approach in the community and for schools.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That

- 2.1 That the presentation content be noted.

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 3.1 While COVID-19 Coronavirus presents an unprecedented challenge, well-established local arrangements for public health are being used as the basis of an enhanced response. The pandemic has had a profound impact on the Council's finances, its staff, all of its services and the way it operates. This response is dynamic and in order to provide the most up to date information a presentation will be provided.
- 3.2 The presentation will cover the most recent COVID-19 Coronavirus figures for Halton. An update on how the Halton outbreak support team are working within the contain framework to successfully identify and manage local outbreaks using information from NHS Test and Trace and how this works with the Cheshire Hub.
- 3.3 The presentation will also detail the most recent information on Halton's testing approach in the community and for schools.

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no specific implications in respect of Council policy.

5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There is ring fenced allocated funding for outbreak response.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

6.1 Children and Young People in Halton

The outbreak response will protect the health of children and young people in Halton.

6.2 Employment, Learning and Skills in Halton

N/A.

6.3 A Healthy Halton

The outbreak response will protect the health of people in Halton.

6.4 A Safer Halton

The outbreak response will protect the health of people in Halton.

6.5 Halton's Urban Renewal

None.

7.0 RISK ANALYSIS

The outbreak response team will reduce the risk to local people from an outbreak.

8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

There are no equality or diversity issues as a result of the actions outlined in the presentation, however among people already diagnosed with COVID- 19, people who were 80 or older were seventy times more likely to die than those under 40. Risk of dying among those diagnosed with COVID-19 was also higher in males than females; higher in those living in the more deprived areas than those living in the least deprived; and higher in those in Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) groups than in White ethnic groups.

9.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

None under the meaning of the Act.