

REPORT TO: Health and Wellbeing Board
DATE: 19th January 2022
REPORTING OFFICER: Director of Public Health
PORTFOLIO: Health and Wellbeing
SUBJECT: Public Health response to COVID-19 Coronavirus
WARD(S) Borough-wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To update the Board on the public health response to COVID-19 Coronavirus with a presentation covering the most recent data; latest update on Halton outbreak support team activity, Testing and Vaccination.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That the Board note the presentation.

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 The public health response is dynamic and in order to provide the most up to date information a presentation will be provided. The presentation will cover the most recent COVID-19 coronavirus figures for Halton. It will include an update on the work done by the Halton outbreak support team and its collaboration with others to successfully identify and manage local outbreaks and the presentation will also detail the most recent information on testing and vaccination for people in Halton.

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

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

5.0 OTHER/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There is ring fenced allocated funding for outbreak response.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

6.1 Children & Young People in Halton

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

6.2 Employment, Learning & Skills in Halton

N/A

6.3 A Healthy Halton

All issues outlined in the presentation focus directly on this priority.

6.4 A Safer Halton

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

6.5 Halton's Urban Renewal

None identified at present

7.0 RISK ANALYSIS

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

8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

- 8.1 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 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 from minority ethnic groups, in particular those of Black and Asian heritage

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

None