

Health and Wellbeing Board

Item 7

Report title:	Outbreak Control Plan for Norfolk
Date of meeting:	8 July 2020
Sponsor (H&WB member):	Dr Louise Smith, Director of Public Health
Reason for the Report To share the Outbreak Control Plan for Norfolk with Health and Wellbeing Board members.	
Report summary The Outbreak Control Plan for Norfolk sets out our how we are preparing for people, businesses and communities to go about their normal daily lives as safely as possible whilst the Covid-19 pandemic remains.	
Recommendations The HWB is asked to: a) Receive a presentation on Norfolk's Local Outbreak Control Plan	

1. Background

- 1.1 On 22nd May 2020 the UK Government announced that as part of its national strategy to reduce infection from Covid-19 it required every upper tier local authority area in England to create a Local Outbreak Control Plan (LOCP). The LOCP is both a strategy to deliver long-standing, evidence-based health protection activities and the development of capabilities to allow Norfolk to do this at scale in the face of the unprecedented challenge posed by Covid-19.
- 1.2 Norfolk County Council has been one of 11 authorities across the country working as a pilot group to develop good practice. Norfolk County Council's Director of Public Health is leading on the development of the plan, working closely with member leads, district councils, NHS Chief Executives and bringing in, where appropriate, the Norfolk Resilience Forum.

2. Proposals

- 2.1 The Outbreak Control Plan for Norfolk is available at www.norfolk.gov.uk/controlplan and was submitted to the Department of Health and Social Care via the regional LOCP team for the 30 June submission deadline. The Plan proposes to:
 - i. Support people in Norfolk to protect themselves by:
 - Prioritising preventative measures such as hand washing
 - Supporting social distancing in public places
 - Encouraging people to access testing immediately if they are unwell.
 - ii. Take actions to protect others through:
 - Early identification of outbreaks

- Containing and suppressing the spread of outbreaks by proactive management
 - Allowing economic recovery by having an effective infection control
- iii. Assure the public that Norfolk is protected effectively through:
- Publication of a Local Plan
 - Coordination of capabilities across agencies and stakeholders
 - Establishment of Member Governance Arrangements
 - A comprehensive communication and engagement programme

2.2 The plan incorporates the seven themes set out in the initial request to local authorities:

- i. Preventing and managing outbreaks in care homes and schools
- ii. Preventing and managing outbreaks in high risk locations, workplaces and communities
- iii. Deploying local testing capacity optimally
- iv. Delivering contact tracing for complex settings and cohorts
- v. National and local data integration to enable other themes and prevent outbreaks
- vi. Supporting vulnerable people to self-isolate
- vii. Establishing local governance structures to take local actions to contain outbreaks and communicate with the general public

2.3 To support the delivery of the Outbreak Control Plan for Norfolk, four new groups are being formed with distinct roles and responsibilities:

- i. Norfolk Covid-19 Engagement Board will provide political ownership and public-facing engagement and communication
- ii. Norfolk Covid-19 Health Protection Board will have responsibility for local outbreak control and protecting the population of Norfolk with oversight of programme delivery
- iii. Norfolk Covid-19 Specialist Advisory Group will be responsible for data, intelligence and evidence advising the Health Protection Board
- iv. Norfolk Outbreak Control Plan Delivery Group will be responsible for programme operational delivery

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