

Bromley Borough Based Board

9 July 2020

Title	BROMLEY COVID-19 HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE REPORT	
This paper is for noting and discussion		
Executive Summary	<p>The Covid- 19 report is in two parts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An update of the activities and actions taken by health and social care in Bromley to manage the impact of Coronavirus on the population. System partners (through One Bromley) have worked well together and as independent organisations to do as much as possible to protect, support and manage people who are unwell. • A summary of the outputs and recommendations made by Public Health England in relation to those who are most vulnerable to Covid-19 	
Recommended action for the Board	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Note the contents of the presentation 2. Consider the impact of Covid-19 on vulnerable groups 	
Potential Conflicts of Interest	None.	
Impacts of this proposal	Key risks & mitigations	Ongoing consideration of the risks of Covid-19 and how we address them
	Equality impact	Consideration of the vulnerabilities of the certain groups should reduce inequalities in the future
	Financial impact	Still being considered and collated
Wider support for this proposal	Public Engagement	N/A
	Other Committee Discussion/ Internal Engagement	N/A.
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ONE BROMLEY

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Covid-19 Summary/Update

- Activities and actions taken so far by health and social care
- Understanding the impact of Covid-19 on vulnerable groups

Infrastructure and System Actions

Bromley Multi agency oversight

- Strategic Partnership Group (LBB multi agency group)
- Local resilience Forum
- Local Bromley Operational Delivery Groups

One Bromley

One Bromley Executive focussing on the strategic management of Covid-19 pandemic across the health and care system. Membership consists of Chief Executives/ Managing Directors and clinical leaders across Bromley health, care and community organisations with a remit to provide:

- Collective delivery of local workstreams which require leadership and co-ordination at a local level
- Improved communication and response across One Bromley provider organisations.
- Support and ensure alignment and co-ordination across wider partnership
- Agree outputs and outcomes
- Provide oversight
- Escalation of risks and issues at ground level

South East London (SEL) Control Centre

- A SEL Covid-19 Incident Control Team was established – to oversee and coordinate SEL's NHS Covid-19 response
- Covid-19 response teams in place at each key organisation, noting organisational activity is now primarily focussed on the Covid-19 response and any other business critical activity
- SEL wide work to support local response in key areas e.g. primary care
- National and regional guidance is being issued several times daily - and distributed widely across the system

PRUH :

- Reorganised services to help delivery of additional wards and increased critical care capacity to support Covid-19 patients
- Positive bed position with currently around 90% bed occupancy and 70% critical care occupancy
- 100% ED performance achieved during June, sustained good performance
- Orpington to remain a clean site , regular swabbing of staff
- Virtual outpatient where possible

SINGLE POINT of ACCESS:

- SPA working well and good capacity. Functioning over the weekend also
- Length of Stay review being done
- Follow up reviews on patients to check and avoid re admission

CARE HOMES:

- Training on PPE, hand washing and workwear training completed for all care homes
- Antigen testing for all symptomatic and asymptomatic residents and staff completed in May
- Infection prevention and control support for all care homes made available
- Financial resources to support IPC issued to care homes, based on number of beds
- Delivery of 450,000 items of PPE by Bromley Council
- Antigen testing is starting in MH and LD homes for residents and staff

BROMLEY WELL

- Services running (e.g. take home & settle doing emergency shop, equipment etc.) - full service delivery
- The Age UK / Medequip meet the driver pilot has started with patients who have key safes to save hospital OTs having to leave the hospital to do this.

COMMUNITY

Bromley Community Covid-19 Medical Service:

- Service to manage those with Covid-19 or suspected Covid-19 in the community is going well with decreasing demand. The service will run through GP Hubs and be able to be fully stood up in the event of an increasing numbers of Covid-19 cases

Respiratory hubs:

- Numbers of Covid-19 patients reducing
- BGPA reporting an increase in non-covid-19 face to face appointments. A central Bromley location has been identified to potentially see both Covid-19 and non-Covid-19 patients during different times of the day/ out of hours

PRIMARY CARE

- All practices are open, but doing more work digitally. Activity is increasing. We are looking to re start services that have ceased such as cancer screening, and to also to renew the focus on other preventive programmes such immunisation
- GPs have asked for GP Access Hubs to return to face to face visits, as practices have seen an increase in activity in recent weeks. A small number of Primary Care Access Hub face to face appointments are now being offered at the Stock Hill clinic
- Oxygen saturation probes: Bromley was allocated 970 probes for first wave (community use solely). The probes have been received locally and allocated to BGPA & BHC with a smaller allocation to Primary Care Networks

EOL

- System worked with St Christopher's Hospice in developing a multi-partner approach to supporting Care Homes
- Linked in end of Life pathways into the wider system through the Single Point of Access
- Partners in arrangements to ensure the availability of drugs to EOL patients

SHIELDING

- Bromley Council established a temporary volunteering and assistance programme to support vulnerable residents in Bromley and ensure they remain healthy and feel safe during the COVID-19 crisis
- The Operation Shielding team contacts residents on the list to ensure they have received their deliveries and cross-checks this list of residents with those supplied by GPs, community health services and against the list of residents who have registered through the LBB wider assistance form or helpline.
- An emergency distribution hub for ambient meals and dry goods has been established by the Council at Bromley Civic Centre.

TEST & TRACE

- LBB has set up a Health Protection Covid Board. A number of plans have been developed:
 - Local Outbreak Control Plan
 - Plan for supporting vulnerable people
 - Plan for engaging with local communities
 - Mitigation planning for the local system.

ANTIBODY TESTING

- All NHS and care staff in the Bromley area are able to access an antibody test. At the time of writing, around 1500 health and social care staff have been tested in the community. Testing is being carried out through the King's laboratories. Venous blood is required for these tests, hospital staff are having their blood taken in the hospital and community and social care staff are attending phlebotomy service in Beckenham and Orpington, delivered by Bromley GP Alliance. Many general practices taking blood for their own staff. Oversight of delivery is being coordinated by SEL CCG.

Understanding the impact of Covid-10 on vulnerable groups

Disparities in the risk and outcomes from Covid -19

Biggest disparities

Age and sex

- Those who are 80 or older are at greater risk of death, 70 times more likely to die than those under 40
- Higher risks in males

Ethnicity

- Higher risk in all cause deaths in those born outside the UK and Ireland
- Biggest relative increases for people born in Central and Western Africa, the Caribbean and south east Asia
- People from BAME groups most likely to be diagnosed and death rates higher
- People of Bangladeshi origin had twice the risk of death when compared to people of white British ethnicity

Occupation

- Higher risk of death in the caring professions
- Nearly 11,000 Covid-19 cases identified in nurses, midwives and nursing associates
- Higher risk of death in those who drive and those who work as security guards for a living

Mortality rates from Covid-19 in deprived areas were double the rates in the least deprived areas

Those with co-morbidities had a higher risk of death

About a third of all deaths were in residents of care homes

PHE 'Beyond the Data report' – understanding the impact on BAME groups

SEVEN RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Mandate comprehensive and quality ethnicity data collection and recording as part of routine NHS and social care data collections, including death certification
- Support community participatory research where researchers and community stakeholders engage as equal partners to better understand the determinants of Covid-19 in BAME communities
- Improve the access, experiences and outcomes of NHS, local governments and integrated care systems by BAME groups
- Accelerate the development of culturally competent occupational risk assessment tools that can be employed in a variety of occupational settings
- Fund, develop and implement culturally competent Covid-19 education and prevention programmes, working in partnership with local BAME and faith communities
- Accelerate efforts to target culturally competent health promotion and disease prevention programmes for non communicable disease, promoting elements like healthy weight and physical activity
- Ensure Covid-19 recovery strategies actively reduce inequalities caused by the wider determinants of health