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## Bromley Borough Based Board

DATE: 18 January 2022

<b>Title</b>	<b>Place Based Director Report</b>	
This paper is for <b>information</b>		
Executive Summary	The purpose of this report is to provide the Committee with an overview of key work undertaken by the Borough.	
Recommended action for the Committee	The Committee is asked to note the update.	
Potential Conflicts of Interest		
Impacts of this proposal	Key risks & mitigations	Not Applicable
	Equality impact	Not Applicable
	Financial impact	Not Applicable
Wider support for this proposal	Public Engagement	Not Applicable
	Other Committee Discussion/ Internal Engagement	Not Applicable
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## Place Based Director Report for Bromley

Dr Angela Bhan

January 2022

### Covid Update

London has seen very high levels of Covid-19 infection in recent weeks, which have been coupled with the usual NHS winter pressures. This has also been the case in Bromley. As reported previously, Bromley has established a much enhanced partnership winter programme this year. This has included actions and services (including building on the award winning SPA – Single Point of Access) to better enable us to manage these pressures. The arrangements have included robust flu and Covid- 19 vaccination programmes, additional capacity in primary, community and secondary care, and new services to improve patient flows through the urgent and emergency care system. As a result, there have been fewer ambulance delays than in most years prior to the Covid-19 pandemic, and fewer delays in patient discharges. These pressures are still very real, and with the high degree of infectiousness of the most recent variant, Omicron, we have seen an additional impact on staff absences. In recent days, staff absences have started to reduce towards more normal levels for this time of year.

### Update on the Seasonal Flu vaccination programme

Patients have been invited to receive their flu vaccination at GP practices, community pharmacies and at some Covid vaccination centres. Patients who are housebound or resident in a care home setting have been visited to be given their flu vaccination. The vast majority of patients were vaccinated early in the season, and since then eligible patients have been sent reminders by text message, phone or letter. Current uptake is consistent with wider London uptake.

Uptake this flu season, up to 31 December 2021 (data source: ImmForm)

	65+	<65 at risk	Pregnant	2 year olds	3 year olds
Bromley	76.4%	43.1%	33.7%	50.8%	51.2%
SEL CCG	68.3%	37.4%	30.2%	40.2%	40.9%

### Update on the Covid vaccination programme

The Bromley programme continues to build on previous efforts to successfully provide a comprehensive vaccination service at the Civic Centre, in GP practices and GP-led vaccination centres, and community pharmacies. Over 644,000 Covid vaccinations have

been administered for Bromley residents, as first, second and booster doses to eligible individuals. Recent achievements include:

- 80% of people aged 12 and over have received a first dose, and 74% have received a second dose. Booster vaccinations continue apace. Amongst those aged 50 or over, nearly 91% of those eligible have received their booster dose.
- Amongst those residing in older people's care homes, 91% have had their booster, and 91% have had their flu vaccination.
- 85% of housebound residents have received their booster dose so far, and further home visits continue to be scheduled for when the remaining individuals are able to receive their vaccination.
- GP-led vaccination clinics have administered over 300,000 vaccinations to date, and at the Bromley Civic Centre, nearly 144,000 vaccinations have been given.
- A further pharmacy will soon begin offering a Covid vaccination service, bringing the total up to seven pharmacies operating this service in Bromley. Bromley residents can also visit <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/> to book or walk-in to an NHS vaccination service at any location convenient for them.
- Every secondary school has hosted at least one Covid vaccination clinic for 12-15 year olds, run by a specialist clinical team. Uptake amongst the 12-15 age group is approaching 48%.
- We continue to encourage everyone to come forward for their Covid vaccination. Recent efforts have included promotion through whole page messages in local media, events at the Glades shopping centre, special pop-up events with community partners, such as at Bromley Football Club, and 'quiet' clinics, such as those at Keston Mosque. Further outreach activities will be planned to respond to the needs of the neighbourhoods and communities across Bromley.

These achievements have only been possible with the support and active contribution of One Bromley partners. The intensive collaboration across One Bromley continues to ensure a consistent and comprehensive approach to vaccinations within the borough's response to this stage of the pandemic.

## **Community response to Covid**

One Bromley continues to develop and build on the existing Community Covid Support services we have in the Borough. Many of the National requirements are currently delivered through the GP Access Hubs and the Bromley Community Covid Management services (BCCMS) delivered through our One Bromley partners, Bromley Healthcare, the Bromley GP Alliance (BGPA) and Kings. Patients continue to be seen at our 'hot' hubs and we will be creating a clinical assessment service to improve access to the service from all part of the health system, including 111, primary care, ED and LAS. Our BCCMS already acts as a single point of access for symptomatic Covid patients and provides the Oximetry@Home service for Bromley patients. The service allows for the remote monitoring patients at home, with the help of a pulse oximeter, to ensure they receive the right care when needed. We will be expanding the capacity of the service to serve a wider population in Bromley by pro-actively identifying patients who may benefit from remote monitoring. A key role of the BCCMS is supporting the hospital in avoiding admissions, by providing a service to support patients referred from ED. We are looking to further develop services as part of our Bromley@Home work to enable us to support more patients coming out of the hospital into a 'virtual' ward environment, where patients are supported in the community by hospital medical staff and community nurses. This is important work which will develop a longer-term

service for patients discharged from hospital ensuring that they are properly supported in the community as appropriate.

## **Discharge arrangements**

Hospital Discharge arrangements continue to perform well in Bromley with 81% of supported discharges continuing to take place on the same day patients become medically fit for discharge. Multi-agency Stranded and Discharge events have been taking place throughout the latter half of December to get as many patients home for Christmas as possible. Bringing together senior clinicians from across the system to review, challenge and support acute plans, the focus is on ensuring only patients that meet the criteria to reside continue to be treated in a hospital-based setting. As a result of both the continued excellent SPA performance and Multi-agency Stranded and Discharge events, the highest number of discharges were seen in the week before Christmas with 115 discharges on Christmas Eve (average circa. 70-80) and 41 Supported Discharges taking place on 23rd December (average circa. 20-25).

Further capacity will continue to be added to discharge pathways throughout January to respond to the expected additional demand in order to ensure patients remain in the most suitable setting to meet their needs.

## **ICS Development**

Work on ICS development, including the Local Care Partnership for Bromley, is continuing, but the main focus for all partners in recent weeks has been the pandemic and winter pressures. These national challenges have been recognised, and a decision has been made to delay implementation of all ICS arrangements by 3 months (to 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022) .