

ITEM 8

NORTH YORKSHIRE OUTBREAK MANAGEMENT ADVISORY BOARD – 19TH OCTOBER 2020

UPDATE ON EVENTS

Update on Events

- Multiagency partnership work continues to review and assess events across North Yorkshire and within localities. Where risks are identified these are escalated to NYCC Public Health for action.
- To date the majority of event organisers have cancelled voluntarily (where appropriate) having receiving advice from Districts or a letter from the Director of Public Health.
- Different 'levels' of response have been agreed to reflect risks identified together with the different national tier alert levels and any local restrictions agreed. Current advice is in line with North Yorkshire being at 'medium alert'.
- NY Police co-ordinate a list of all 'known' events across North Yorkshire.
- Events organisers are encouraged to discuss any planned events first with local Safety Advisory Groups. Guidance has been produced for event organisers on planning events to mitigate the risks of COVID-19.
- All events (as far as possible) are identified and their Covid risk assessment reviewed by Districts. Event organisers are required to take measures to ensure a COVID-19 environment and demonstrate compliance with 10 key public health principles (see next slide).

Update on Events (cont)

1. Demonstrate safe and effective management of crowd density throughout all site areas in order to maintain approved current social distancing
2. Demonstrate how queues can be managed effectively
3. Ability to ensure the use of face coverings within national guidance (or local guidance)
4. Demonstrate enhanced cleaning, hand washing and hygiene procedures for staff, vendors and public, sufficient for projected numbers.
5. Ability to manage waste, including face mask and other PPE disposal
6. Ensure good ventilation in all areas
7. Prepared contingency plans to mitigate risk from escalation / lockdown
8. Ability to identify, report and respond to suspected or confirmed Covid-19 cases
9. Appoint a competent Covid-19 Officer
10. Demonstrate robust calculations of visitor projections relative to COVID compliant site capacity

Update on Events (cont)

- Key forthcoming events of concern are 'bonfire nights' and 'Halloween'.
- Communications, including press releases have been developed with partners and are being rolled out.
- Also working with Districts around Remembrance Services.