



North Yorkshire Outbreak Management Advisory Board

Notes of a discussion held remotely, via Microsoft Teams, on Monday 19th October 2020

THOSE WHO JOINED THE DISCUSSION:

North Yorkshire County Council Representatives:

Councillor Carl Les, Leader of North Yorkshire County Council
 Councillor Caroline Dickinson, Executive Member, Public Health, Prevention, Supported Housing
 Councillor Michael Harrison, Executive Member for Adult Services and Health Integration
 Councillor Stuart Parsons, Leader of the Independent Group, North Yorkshire County Council
 Richard Flinton, Chief Executive, North Yorkshire County Council
 Barry Khan, Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services)
 Lincoln Sargeant, Director of Public Health

District Council Representatives:

Councillor Steve Arnold, Ryedale District Council (substitute for Councillor Keane Duncan)
 Councillor Mark Crane, Leader, Selby District Council
 Councillor Richard Foster, Leader, Craven District Council
 Councillor Ann Myatt, Harrogate Borough Council
 Councillor Stephen Watson, Portfolio Holder for Environmental Health, Waste and Recycling, Hambleton District Council

Other Partners' Representatives:

Phil Cain, Deputy Chief Constable (substitute for Lisa Winward, Chief Constable)
 Ashley Green, Chief Executive Officer, Healthwatch, North Yorkshire
 David Kerfoot, Chair, North Yorkshire and York Local Enterprise Partnership
 Julia Mulligan, Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner
 Susan Peckitt (substitute for Amanda Bloor), North Yorkshire Clinical Commissioning Group
 Leah Swain, Chief Executive, Community First Yorkshire
 Sally Tyrer, Chair, North Yorkshire Local Medical Committee
 Ian Yapp, Head Teacher, Riverside Primary School

In attendance (all from North Yorkshire County Council, unless stated):

Lisa Dixon, Director, Scarborough Borough Council
 Patrick Duffy, Senior Democratic Services Officer (Clerk)
 Vanessa Glover, Head of Communications
 Marie-Ann Jackson, Head of Stronger Communities
 Diane Parsons, Principal Democratic Services Officer
 Victoria Turner, Public Health Consultant

Apologies received from:

Amanda Bloor, Accountable Officer, North Yorkshire Clinical Commissioning Group
 Councillor Keane Duncan, Leader, Ryedale District Council
 Phil Mettam, Humber, Coast and Vale NHS Test and Trace Lead
 Richard Webb, Corporate Director, Health and Adult Services
 Lisa Winward, Chief Constable

NOTE: Councillor Liz Colling was unable to join the meeting due to technology issues but followed the discussion via the live broadcast

NO.	ITEM	ACTION
57	<p data-bbox="300 210 1206 241">WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION BY THE VICE-CHAIR</p> <p data-bbox="300 277 1206 376">County Councillor Michael Harrison advised that, as Vice-Chair, he would be chairing today's meeting as the Chair, County Councillor Carl Les, would be joining late.</p> <p data-bbox="497 403 1008 434" style="text-align: center;">County Councillor Harrison in the Chair</p> <p data-bbox="300 461 1206 524">County Councillor Harrison welcomed Members of the Board and any members of the public or media viewing the meeting.</p> <p data-bbox="300 560 1206 622">He advised that he is the Executive Member for Adult Services and Health Integration at North Yorkshire County Council and that:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="306 663 1206 792">- the main role of this Board is to support the effective communication of the test, trace and contain plan for the county and to ensure that the public and local businesses are effectively communicated with; <li data-bbox="306 833 1206 963">- decisions of the Board are purely advisory and its recommendations will be considered through the governance arrangements of the bodies represented, which retain their decision making sovereignty; <li data-bbox="306 1003 1206 1066">- the papers for this meeting had been published in advance on the County Council's website; <li data-bbox="306 1106 1206 1702">- the Board comprises:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="363 1169 1206 1232">• Three other County Councillors – Caroline Dickinson, Carl Les and Stuart Parsons <li data-bbox="363 1272 1206 1335">• Representatives – usually the Leaders – of each of the 7 District Councils in North Yorkshire <li data-bbox="363 1375 1206 1438">• The Chief Executive, Director of Public Health and Director of Health and Adult Services for North Yorkshire <li data-bbox="363 1473 970 1505">• The Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner <li data-bbox="363 1541 689 1572">• The Chief Constable <li data-bbox="363 1608 1206 1702">• Representatives of Business; the Care Sector; Healthwatch; the NHS: Public Health England; Schools; and the Voluntary and Community Sector <li data-bbox="306 1742 1206 1805">- people can see the names of everyone on the Board and the organisations they represent on the Council's website. 	
58	<p data-bbox="300 1836 478 1868">APOLOGIES</p> <p data-bbox="300 1895 951 1926">As stated in the attendance on the previous page.</p>	
59	<p data-bbox="300 1962 740 1993">DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</p> <p data-bbox="300 2020 804 2051">There were no declarations of interest.</p>	

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NOTES OF MEETING HELD ON 16TH SEPTEMBER 2020

AGREED that these were an accurate reflection of the discussion.
(There were no matters arising.)

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UPDATE ON THE CURRENT POSITION IN NORTH YORKSHIRE

Slides had been circulated with the Agenda containing data internationally; for the UK; North Yorkshire and by District.

Lincoln Sargeant advised that:-

- This is now the largest pandemic on record and the leading cause of death worldwide
- We are now seeing a second wave. The initial peak dealt primarily with people ill enough to be hospitalised. We are now seeing far more younger, fitter people test positive
- The number of people dying is increasing again and Hospital admissions beginning to rise. The aim is to prevent an increase in cases transmitting into Hospital admissions and mortality
- The position in North Yorkshire is similar to the national picture. People have had difficulty in accessing tests and the Test and Trace Service had been unable to follow up on several thousand people who tested positive between 24th September and 2nd October 2020, with the result that the number of cases continued to rise. There are in the region of 110 cases each day across North Yorkshire, the majority of which are in Harrogate Town
- Our rate of positive cases remains lower than those for England and Yorkshire and the Humber
- The latest rates by District within the county are as follows:-

New infection rate per 100,000 population over the last 7 days up to 15th October 2020	
Nationally	157
North Yorkshire	129
Selby	160
Harrogate	157.9
Craven	131.3
Hambleton	127.7
Richmondshire	100.5
Ryedale	97.5
Scarborough	90.1

- There are 61 cases in Care Homes and there have been 241 deaths in Care Homes as at 2nd October 2020
- The increasing rates of infection among people aged over 65 are a particular concern

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A further concern is when infections among younger people transmit to older people who, by definition, are more vulnerable - The death rate is still lower than average for the time of year <p>Councillor Parsons queried how many cases in North Yorkshire are of students living elsewhere but still registered to an address here? Lincoln Sargeant responded that this is now less of an issue, but the scenario referred to by Councillor Parsons will have affected some of our statistics for October.</p> <p>Councillor Parsons also queried how many cases in Catterick Garrison had been contracted within the Garrison - or close by - and how many were as a result of military on duty for the nation? He suspected some cases will have been brought back by the military, who had been sent elsewhere to help with test and trace. We should acknowledge our debt to these personnel. Lincoln Sargeant responded that stronger links are being forged with military colleagues on sharing of information, so he will ask them about this.</p> <p>The Chair expressed surprise that, given the pandemic, the death rate is lower than the average for this time of year. Lincoln Sargeant said this masks the fact that people with serious conditions will be presenting at a later stage than they might have done previously.</p> <p>NOTED.</p>	Lincoln Sargeant
62	<p>NATIONAL RESTRICTIONS</p> <p>Before bringing in Victoria Turner, Lincoln Sargeant reported that there have been 251 cases associated with North Yorkshire schools, but little spread.</p> <p>We are seeing the pattern of spread largely through inter-house contact. It is important to remember this when considering the impact of interventions and balancing restrictions against other impacts.</p> <p>Victoria Turner talked Members through the new national restrictions and the main restrictions for each of these.</p> <p>North Yorkshire is in the Medium Tier, which is the lowest tier,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Tier 1, Medium:</i> Contains baseline national restrictions, such as the Rule of Six - <i>Tier 2, High:</i> Additional restrictions include no mixing between households indoors; and Care Homes closed to visitors, except in exceptional circumstances - <i>Tier 3, Very High:</i> Additional constraints include no mixing indoors and outdoors; avoiding travel in and out of the area, wherever possible, except for work and school; pubs and bars to close, except where they operate as a restaurant <p>The County Council aims to respond in a nuanced way to identify areas of concern at a local level.</p> <p>Lincoln Sargeant advised that there is some discussion as to whether the Humber, Coast and Vale area should move together into the High</p>	

	<p>Tier. This is on the grounds of consistency, as some areas within Humber, Coast and Vale are in the High Tier. However, strong evidence would be required that additional restrictions would slow the spread. There is also the question as to how sustainable this would be, especially for hospitality and leisure, which are so vital to the economy of North Yorkshire.</p> <p>In response to a question from the Chair, Victoria Turner said that there are no travel restrictions between Tiers 1 and 2.</p> <p>Ian Yapp, on behalf of Schools in his area, thanked Lincoln Sargeant for the support from his Team and Doctor Dora, who had been excellent.</p> <p>Ian also enquired if Public Health had any thoughts on a circuit break? He added that this would really have to be thought through. For instance, if this were introduced, there would need to be an additional week at the end of it for schools to ensure their Covid buffers are put back in place. Lincoln Sargeant advised that the direction of travel is to keep schools open. Any decision had to be based on sound epidemiological principles. He would feed Ian's views into the national debate about this, via Public Health's links.</p> <p>NOTED.</p>	<p>Lincoln Sargeant</p>
<p>63</p>	<p>THEME 6 OF OUTBREAK MANAGEMENT PLAN – VULNERABLE PEOPLE</p> <p>Marie-Ann Jackson, outlined support available to vulnerable people in the county. The slides for her presentation had been circulated with the papers for the meeting.</p> <p>As Head of Stronger Communities, her role during the pandemic had been to galvanise support from within the Council and the community to vulnerable people</p> <p>She highlighted the following in particular:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The trigger for additional support is the Public Health Outbreak Management Command. From this forum, information is cascaded to localities, so that they can be prepared for an increase in demand - There are four main elements of support in place:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Community Support Organisations</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are 23 across the county, providing support for people self-isolating • People can be assisted in a variety of ways and can be referred to more specialist support, as required <u>Universal Plus (NYCC)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides additional capacity for CSO volunteers and helps avoid volunteer fatigue • County Council staff work with District Council colleagues and other agencies to deploy staff as required 	

- All access is via a single point of contact – the Customer Services Centre at the County Council

“Marshalling” roles

- Give advice to people in high footfall areas, especially on face coverings
- It is not an enforcement role
- The County Council is working on an information/communications piece around young people, some of whom are not following advice, which can be difficult to keep up with
- Working with Streets Ahead and North Yorkshire Youth and North Yorkshire Sport to dovetail with their Detached Youth Teams to be deployed into areas of concern

Support for Clinically Extremely Vulnerable (Shielded)

- Pro-active targeted messaging, as required
- The Communications approach has been to use a broad and diverse range of channels, delivered by Trusted Partners in some cases. For instance, messages to the Refugee Community via a Faith Leader
- Approximately 25,000 people shielded during the first wave of Covid. Updated Guidance recently issued by the Government is linked to the National Tiers
- Our key message remains Support from *family, friends and neighbours* first and, for anyone without a local network to help them, contact the County Council’s Customer Services Centre

In response to a question posed by Ashley Green, Healthwatch North Yorkshire, about directing queries to the CSO’s, Marie-Ann Jackson advised that referrals should be made centrally, via 01609 780780, to ensure each request can be closed off and no one is missed.

County Councillor Parsons commented that the system works well. He had been asked to help a constituent and the County Council had stepped in and resolved the issue quickly.

David Kerfoot sought clarity as to who organisations should have discussions with as to whether to remain open or to close. Marie-Ann Jackson advised that in the case of a small, social setting, Stronger Communities will take advice from Public Health colleagues. If more support is required, Stronger Communities will take advice from Public Health colleagues.

Marie-Ann Jackson concluded by outlining a case study relating to vulnerable groups.

The Chair thanked Marie-Ann for her informative presentation.

64	<p>EVENTS</p> <p>Lincoln Sargeant introduced this Item. Slides had been circulated with the papers for the meeting.</p> <p>He highlighted that:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Events had been looked at very closely as soon as it became clear cases were rising again - It is important to act quickly and decisively to decrease the potential for spread - Close liaison takes place with partners to ensure a proportionate response - Event organisers are required to take measures to ensure a COVID-19 secure environment and demonstrate compliance with 10 key public health principles (which were outlined) <p>Barry Khan expressed his thanks to the Police and District Councils for their help in ensuring a sophisticated response and to the Hospitality Sector, who had worked with the County Council and its partners in the vast majority of cases.</p> <p>County Councillor Stuart Parsons stressed the need to work with The Royal British Legion in preparations for Remembrance Day Services. Barry Khan said that the Government had recently published Guidance about this and it was clear that, unfortunately, the services will have to be very different this year. Communications have been developed and are being rolled out.</p> <p>NOTED</p>	
65	<p>PARTNER UPDATES</p> <p><u>Leah Swain, Community First Yorkshire:</u> The second Resilience Survey, as to how the Voluntary and Community Sector are coping with Covid, has closed. The results will be circulated widely. Please ensure you are signed up to Community First's briefing and keep an eye on their website.</p> <p><u>Ashley Green, Healthwatch, North Yorkshire:</u> Noticing a large increase, month on month, in the number of <i>hits</i> as there is a thirst for information about Covid – an increase from 5,000 in the summer to over 12,000 now.</p> <p>Will be publishing a small Covid report at the start of November on the public's experiences of Covid. Will send it on to Patrick Duffy for onward circulation to the Board.</p> <p>NOTED.</p>	Ashley Green Patrick Duffy
66	<p>NEXT MEETING</p> <p>Thursday 19th November 2020 at 2.00 p.m.</p>	ALL TO NOTE
67	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p>There was no other business to consider.</p>	

The meeting concluded at 1.15 p.m.

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