

	Health and Wellbeing Board 8th April 2020
Title	Local Outbreak Management Plan
Report of	Director of Public Health and Prevention
Wards	All
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Urgent	No
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Enclosures	Appendix 1 - Local Outbreak Management Plan document
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Summary	
<p>The COVID-19 Local Outbreak Management Plan (LOMP) is required to be produced by each Local Authority (LA) within a national framework, supported by NHS Test and Trace and PHE regional and national teams, and other government departments as needed. COVID-19 local outbreak plans are based on the tried and tested practice of preventing and containing outbreaks in individual settings like workplaces and care homes, enhanced with a broader range of partners, capacity, communications and clear governance. Each local system is required to publish its LOMP.</p> <p>Barnet Council already has a LOMP local outbreak plan developed in line with the Association of Directors of Public Health guiding principles that set how local systems work together to develop and implement the plans. However, as more of the population is vaccinated, levels of immunity in the population rise and prevalence declines, we increasingly expect to be dealing with localised outbreaks that require decisive local-led action. Our biggest challenges will be tackling enduring transmission and Variants of Concern, that have the potential to undermine the progress we have collectively made. For this reason, the LOMP has been updated to set out an effective response to these issues, with the support of NHS Test and Trace to support and enable this local response</p>	

The Local outbreak plans centres on the following themes:

- High-risk workplaces (including healthcare, prisons and education settings), communities and locations
- Vulnerable and underserved communities
- Governance
- Resourcing
- Communications and engagement
- Data integration and information sharing

The plan reflects the approach to the core aspects of the end-to-end COVID-19 response including:

- Community testing
- Contact tracing
- Support for self-isolation
- Outbreak management
- Surveillance

The current plan also addresses the following developments:

- Responding to Variants of Concern (VOC)
- Action on enduring transmission
- Enhanced Contact Tracing, in partnership with HPT
- Ongoing role of Non-Pharmaceutical Interventions (NPIs)
- Interface with vaccines roll out
- Activities to enable 'living with COVID' (COVID secure)

Recommendations

- 1. That the Health and Wellbeing Board approve the Local Outbreak Management Plan (LOMP).**
- 2. That in respect of the LOMP authority be delegated to the Director of Public Health and Prevention in consultation with the Chairman.**

1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

- 1.1 The purpose of the Barnet Local Outbreak Management Plan (LOMP) is to set out how the council will respond to outbreaks of COVID-19 outbreaks in the borough and coordinate efforts across all stakeholders to keep residents safe. The primary audience for the plan are local decision makers, advisors and stakeholders (e.g. member of Barnet resilience forum) who may be affected by the plan. The LOMP will also be published on Barnet Council's website and available to the general public. The plan is a collaborative effort developed locally across the council describing our interface with NHS Test and Trace, PHE regional and national teams, and other government departments as needed. Each LA already has a local outbreak plan developed in line with the Association of Directors of Public Health guiding principles that sets out how

local systems should work together to develop and implement the plans, including across geographical and administrative boundaries.

2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 Each local authority is required to develop and publish their LOMP. The updating of LOMPs should involve local and regional system partners, building on the extraordinary work undertaken during 2020 and early 2021. For example, the health protection teams, voluntary and community sector, business community, blue light responders, Integrated Care Systems and local NHS providers. Effective actions to respond to COVID-19 require strong partnership with local communities, on the basis of tailored communications and engagement, and informed consent.

3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

- 3.1 Not applicable, as LOMP is a requirement for LAs set out by Government.

4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

- 4.1 The report will be published on the Barnet council website and submitted to PHE and DHSC.

5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

5.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance

- 5.1.1 LAs have responsibility and priority to respond to Covid-19 pandemic. The performance of LOMP will be monitored within the council and in relevant boards including:

- Barnet Health protection board
- Barnet resilience forum

- 5.1.2 Implementing the LOMP and responding to Covid-19 pandemic has immediate and long-term implications on health and wellbeing of Barnet's residents. The mid- and long-term implications of Covid-19 pandemic are also reflected in the new Health and Wellbeing Strategy, with the aim to support Barnet Council at delivering services for health and wellbeing of Barnet's residents while also responding to Covid-19 related matters.

- 5.1.3 The Covid-19 pandemic has impacted health and wellbeing needs of the local population already and the impact will continue in future as well including both physical & mental health and wider determinants of health (as identified in Barnet's Joint Strategic Needs Assessment).

5.2 Resources (Finance & Value for Money, Procurement, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)

- 5.2.1 LAs have received funding for implementing LOMP through the National Containment Framework which covers the financial decisions that need to be made.

5.3 **Social Value**

- 5.3.1 The LOMP (and the wider response to Covid-19 pandemic) is addressing social- economic inequalities and is providing equal support for all residents.

5.4 **Legal and Constitutional References**

- 5.4.1 The legal context for managing outbreaks of communicable disease which present a risk to the health of the public requiring urgent investigation and management sits:

- With Public Health England under the Health and Social Care Act 2012
- With Directors of Public Health under the Health and Social Care Act 2012
- With Chief Environmental Health Officers under the Public Health (Control of Disease) Act 1984
- With NHS Clinical Commissioning Groups to collaborate with Directors of Public Health and Public Health England to take local action (e.g. testing and treating) to assist the management of outbreaks under the Health and Social Care Act 2012
- With other responders' specific responsibilities to respond to major incidents as part of the Civil Contingencies Act 2004
- In the context of COVID-19 there is also the Coronavirus Act 2020.

- 5.4.2 Article 7 Committees, Forums, Working Groups and Partnerships of the Council's Constitution sets out the terms of reference of the Health and Wellbeing Board which includes:

- To jointly assess the health and social care needs of the population with NHS commissioners, and apply the findings of a Barnet joint strategic needs assessment (JSNA) to all relevant strategies and policies.
- To promote partnership and, as appropriate, integration, across all necessary areas, including the use of joined-up commissioning plans across the NHS, social care and public health. To explore partnership work across North Central London where appropriate
- To work together to ensure the best fit between available resources to meet the health and social care needs of the population of Barnet (including children), by both improving services for health and social care and helping people to move as close as possible to a state of complete physical, mental and social wellbeing.
- Specific responsibilities for overseeing public health and developing further health and social care integration

5.5 **Risk Management**

- 5.5.1 Two risks in the Corporate Risk Management Framework are associated with this decision:

1. PH06: Pandemic type disease outbreak
2. STR21: Covid-19 recovery planning

5.6 **Equalities and Diversity**

The LOMP is equally addressing people from different groups.

5.7 **Corporate Parenting**

5.7.1 Not applicable

5.8 Consultation and Engagement

5.8.1 Consultation with relevant council services and colleagues from other LAs has taken place.

5.9 Insight

5.9.1 National and regional data sources have been used to inform the LOMP.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

6.1 Local Outbreak Management Plan draft (see Appendix 1)



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