

ROCHDALE BOROUGH OUTBREAK CONTROL and ENGAGEMENT BOARD - COVID 19

Overview – Aims of the Rochdale Borough Outbreak Control and Engagement Board

The Rochdale Borough Outbreak Control and Engagement Board (the Board) will provide assurance and oversight on behalf of the Strategic Place Board, that the response and recovery phases of the COVID 19 pandemic includes:

- a. A robust Outbreak Control Plan, which meets both the requirements of Department of Health & Social Care and our local needs and ambitions to manage and minimise the impact of COVID 19 in the Borough of Rochdale
- b. Ensuring that there is ongoing provision of up to date and clear information in relation to the implementation of this plan for local agencies and the public, providing challenge and support where necessary.
- c. Oversight and assurance that there is ongoing two way communication and engagement with local people and organisations, especially those who are vulnerable and most at risk, in settings that present additional challenges and in communities where the impact of COVID 19 is greatest.

Key actions of the board

The Board will have responsibility:

1. To ensure that we have a robust Borough Outbreak Control Plan and implementation programme
2. The Board will oversee the ongoing development of local communication and engagement plans with residents, families, businesses and communities
3. The Board will oversee and advise on work completed and planned to minimise the negative impacts of any measures necessary for the management of COVID 19 on residents
4. The Board will provide challenge and support to agencies, on behalf of local people and in the pursuit of reducing inequalities arising from or exacerbated by COVID 19
5. The Board will advise on building trust and participation in the Test and Trace programme, and provide oversight for the expansion of these programmes to ensure equitable access.
6. The Board will oversee and promote the work of our community response and ensure that that we work closely with Community and Voluntary groups to ensure the sector is supported to work with local people.
7. The Board will oversee and make recommendations to all agencies to ensure that higher risk residents and groups are appropriately identified and supported
8. To provide assurance that materials are co-produced with the target groups use local insights and that they address the key issues that our communities are raising
9. To recommend measures to assess the success of the above, and to ensure that any learning from covid-19 is embedded in future planning
10. The Board will check that Recovery Plans are in place and that plans are in place to reduce or mitigate inequalities in all outcome areas

Accountability Arrangements

The Board will be formally constituted under the auspices of the Public Health and Health Protection duties of Rochdale Borough Council, and will be a Sub-Committee appointed by the Rochdale Borough Place Board (Health and Wellbeing Board).

Decisions of the Board are advisory and its recommendations will be considered through the Council's governance arrangements and those of the appropriate bodies which will retain their decision making sovereignty.

The Sub-Committee will be subject to scrutiny by the Health, Schools and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Membership

Council appointment

- Council Leader or Deputy (Chair)
- Cabinet Portfolio Holders for Children
- Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Neighbourhoods, Community and Culture
- Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Health and Wellbeing
- Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Business, Skills & Employment
- Member of Opposition (political balance to apply)

Co-opted appointments

- CCG Lay member
- VCSE Infrastructure Support (Action Together)
- Healthwatch

Supporting Officers

- Communications lead
- Director of Public Health and Wellbeing
- Consultant in Public Health
- Director of Integrated Commissioning
- Director of Children's Services
- Director of Neighbourhoods,
- HMR CCG Chair/representative
- One Rochdale Health and Care Representative
- Clinical Network Representative

Chairing Arrangements

To be appointed by the Strategic Place Board

Frequency of Meetings

Every 6 weeks

Quoracy

Three Councillors plus one other member of the Board.