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Nottingham City Council Outbreak Control Engagement Board

Exempt minutes of the meeting held remotely via Zoom - https://www.youtube.com/user/NottCityCouncil on 28 September 2021 from 9.05 am - 10.41 am

Membership
Present
Amanda Sullivan
Councillor Adele Williams

Absent
Mel Barrett
Councillor Sally Longford
Sara Storey

Colleagues, partners and others in attendance:

Paul Dales, Health & Safety Manager Lucy Hubber, Director of Public Health Amanda Sullivan, Nottingham and Nottinghamshire CCG Roz Howie, Programme Director NCC Nick Lee, Director of Education Clare Routledge, Executive Support Officer - Public Health Emma Powley, Governance Officer NCC

294 Declarations of interest - Item 11-14

None

295 Confidential Minutes - 13 August 2021

The confidential minutes of the meeting held on the 13 August 2021 were agreed as a true record.

296 Local Symptomatic Testing Strategy

The current funding of community testing staff was continuing and there has been a need to use agency staff. There was some uncertainty which was proving challenging and involved a lot of silo working. The short term nature of the funding did have significant impacts on staff.

297 Educational Settings Update

Nick Lee reported that the DfE helpline had been disappointing for School Leaders and they had collectively commented that it had not added any value.

There had been some County Council reports of anti-vaxxers sending phishing emails and there was some concern that it could harm of undermine the vaccination programme and approach. Work was continuing with the Police and Community Protection in order to prepare for any anti-vax activity.

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Schools remained under pressure to increase attendance rates but at the same time had to be conscious that some parents and guardians were keeping children off school whose siblings had a confirmed case of Covid. Emphasis was placed on supporting the School Leaders and teachers and keeping schools safe.

298 Local COVID-19 Vaccination Plan Update

There would be a phased opening of Community Pharmacy, PCN and GP's providing vaccinations as there was an NHS approval site process to go through and the information would be released once given the go-ahead.