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Nottingham City Council Outbreak Control Engagement Board

Exempt minutes of the meeting held via Zoom on 23 July 2021 from 11.00 am - 1.00 pm

Membership

Present

Councillor Sally Longford (Chair) Dr Hugh Porter Amanda Sullivan Councillor Adele Williams Steve Cooper Lucy Hubber

Absent

Mel Barrett
Ruby Bhattal
Andrew Errington
Councillor Neghat Khan
Councillor Rebecca Langton
Sara Storey

Colleagues, partners and others in attendance:

Jason Carter –University of Nottingham
Professor Nigel Wright - Nottingham Trent University
Paul Dales - Chief Environmental Health Officer
Nick Lee – Director of Education
Emma Powley – Interim Governance Officer

266 Declarations of Interest for agenda items 11-15

None

267 Private Minutes

The minutes of the confidential section of the meeting held on the 12 May 2021 and 25 June 2021 were agreed as a true record.

268 Situational round up

David Johns, Interim Director of Public Health Nottingham City Council, gave a situational roundup and highlighted the following information:

- a) There had been 1978 cases in the last 7 days the previous week there had been 1507 cases. This equated to a 7 day incident rate of 594.2 per 100,000 population, an increase from 452.7 (per 100,000) the previous week.
- b) The highest case rates were amongst the 12-17 year olds; despite rates in those aged over 60 remaining at their lowest, there were increases across all age groups and in hospitalisation.
- c) There had been continued community testing and community collect across he County. Test could be obtained from pharmacies, Nottingham City Council libraries and lateral flow tests could be ordered from 119 or the government website. It was explained that there had been a national shortage of test kits.

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d) The 7 day rolling age specific rates data showed the number of cases had risen amongst all age ranges, a significant increase being those in the 5-11 year old bracket.

269 Universities preparation for the new academic year

Having presented earlier in the agenda, there were no further updates.

270 Education Update

Nick Lee- Director of Education commented that there was some concern about the guidance issued in relation to Covid and pregnant staff as there was a lack of clarity as to how it wold be applied. The Department for Health guidance did not adequately reflect the school sector and this remained an ongoing issue.

271 Local COVID-19 Vaccination Plan Update

There were no further updates needed.