

WEST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

Report Title	COVID-19 Local Outbreak Management Plan
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Appendix A – Northamptonshire Local Outbreak Management Plan

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1. To provide political oversight of the COVID-19 Northamptonshire Local Outbreak Management Plan (LOMP).

2. Executive Summary

- 2.1 The LOMP provides details on how Northamptonshire will identify and contain any COVID-19 outbreaks and what this might mean for residents, businesses, communities, and visitors.
- 2.2 The plan sets out how local teams will prevent outbreaks, and where this is not possible, minimise the spread of COVID-19 infection across Northamptonshire.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 It is recommended that the Board: Note the plan
- 3.2 Governance for overseeing the local COVID-19 outbreak response will become a responsibility of the West Northamptonshire Health and Wellbeing Board.

4. Report Background

- 4.1 All upper-tier local authorities were instructed to produce a COVID-19 Local Outbreak Management Plan (LOMP). The first Northamptonshire LOMP outlining our objectives as a system in preventing and controlling COVID-19 outbreaks was published in June 2020. The scope of this plan has been broadened to reflect the changes recommended in the national CONTAIN framework (published 7th October 2021) and reflecting the organisational change from Public Health England to the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA)
- 4.2 The Northamptonshire COVID-19 Health Protection Board is operationally responsible for the Local Outbreak Management Plan. It will make decisions on how outbreaks are managed, informed by local information, clinical data, and scientific modelling.
- 4.3 In order to ensure political oversight of the LOMP, each upper tier local authority was also required to create an Oversight and Engagement Board however, as West Northamptonshire moves from a pandemic 'response' phase to a 'recovery' phase, a decision to delegate this responsibility from the Oversight and Engagement Board to each new unitary authority Health and Wellbeing Board was made. This will allow a more local focus on the delivery of the plan and authority-specific political input to future updates.
- 4.4 Directors of Public Health have a crucial leadership role to play ensuring that plans in place as well as ensuring the necessary capacity and capability to quickly deploy resources to the most critical areas in response to coronavirus outbreaks and to help prevent the spread of the virus. However, as a range of services contribute to the delivery of the LOMP, oversight through the Health and Wellbeing Board also means wider partner input into the delivery and amendments will be easier and require fewer meetings.
- 4.5 The West Northamptonshire Health and Wellbeing Board will aim to sustain the progress made through the previous county level Oversight and Engagement Board and prepare the authority for future challenges.

5. Issues and Choices

- 5.1 The Board is asked to note the COVID-19 LOMP and changes to the associated governance arrangements.

6. Implications (including financial implications)

6.1 Resources and Financial

- 6.1.1 The COVID-19 LOMP outlines a range of proactive and reactive actions to be taken to prevent and manage outbreaks. Specific funding has been made available for each local authority area to support these activities, namely the COVID-19 Contain Outbreak Management Fund. The use of this fund is restricted by grant conditions and is authorised by the Director of Public Health through a Joint North and West Northamptonshire board which is also attended by the CEOs and S151 Officers of both authorities.

6.2 **Legal**

6.2.1 All upper-tier local authorities were instructed to produce a COVID-19 Local Outbreak Management Plan (LOMP), and to ensure political oversight of the LOMP, each upper tier local authority was also required to create an Oversight and Engagement Board. A decision has been agreed to delegate this responsibility from the Oversight and Engagement Board to each new unitary authority Health and Wellbeing Board was made.

6.3 **Risk**

6.3.1 The COVID-19 LOMP identifies several potential high-risk settings and vulnerable populations and details support offered to the settings and communities identified to help prevent and mitigate outbreaks.

6.4 **Consultation**

6.4.1 This has been circulated to the Northamptonshire COVID-19 Health Protection Board for consultation.

6.5 **Consideration by Scrutiny**

6.5.1 The COVID-19 LOMP has not been submitted to the Scrutiny Commission.