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COVID-19 Outbreak Control Plan
for Health and Social Care Overview
and Scrutiny Committee

Including updates on
testing, NHS Test and Trace and
outbreak management.

- Requirement: All Upper Tier Local Authorities are required to have an outbreak control plan
- Purpose: To reduce the spread of COVID-19 in Bradford District to prevent avoidable mortality and harm

Aim and objectives of the plan

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- To reduce the spread of COVID-19 in Bradford District to prevent avoidable mortality and harm.

Objectives

- Enable lockdown to be eased while minimising the spread of COVID-19 in Bradford District.
- Good engagement and communication with residents and partners to seek and maintain commitment and consensus to ensure Test and Trace can work.
- Testing is accessible to all residents in Bradford District.
- Effective surveillance of the COVID-19 pandemic in Bradford District to enable early identification of outbreaks and good outbreak management.
- Robust complex case management and outbreak management processes are in place with clear roles and responsibilities agreed.
- Reduce the health inequalities and health impact of COVID-19 for the people of Bradford District.

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Background and Context

- 28th May the national NHS Test and Trace Service was launched, supported by a bank of 25000 contact tracers
- The outbreak control plan sets out how local health protection expertise and capabilities are combined with the national response
- The Bradford District Covid-19 Outbreak Control Plan builds on the existing outbreak plan, scaling up and enhancing existing arrangements and services to meet the needs of local communities.

Principles

- The prevention and management of the transmission of COVID-19 should:
 - Be guided by robust community engagement to maintain trust and implement test and trace with consensus and local ownership
 - Be based on need and address health inequalities
 - Be rooted in public health systems and leadership and build on our strengths and what is already in place
 - Adopt a whole system approach
 - Be delivered through an efficient and locally effective and responsive system dependent on being informed by timely access to data and intelligence
 - Be sufficiently resourced
 - Be evidence based
 - Build in local learning and improvement

Governance

Legal context

The legal context :

- Health and Social Care Act 2012
- Public Health (Control of Disease) Act 1984
- The Civil Contingencies Act 2004
- The Coronavirus Act 2020.

Local governance

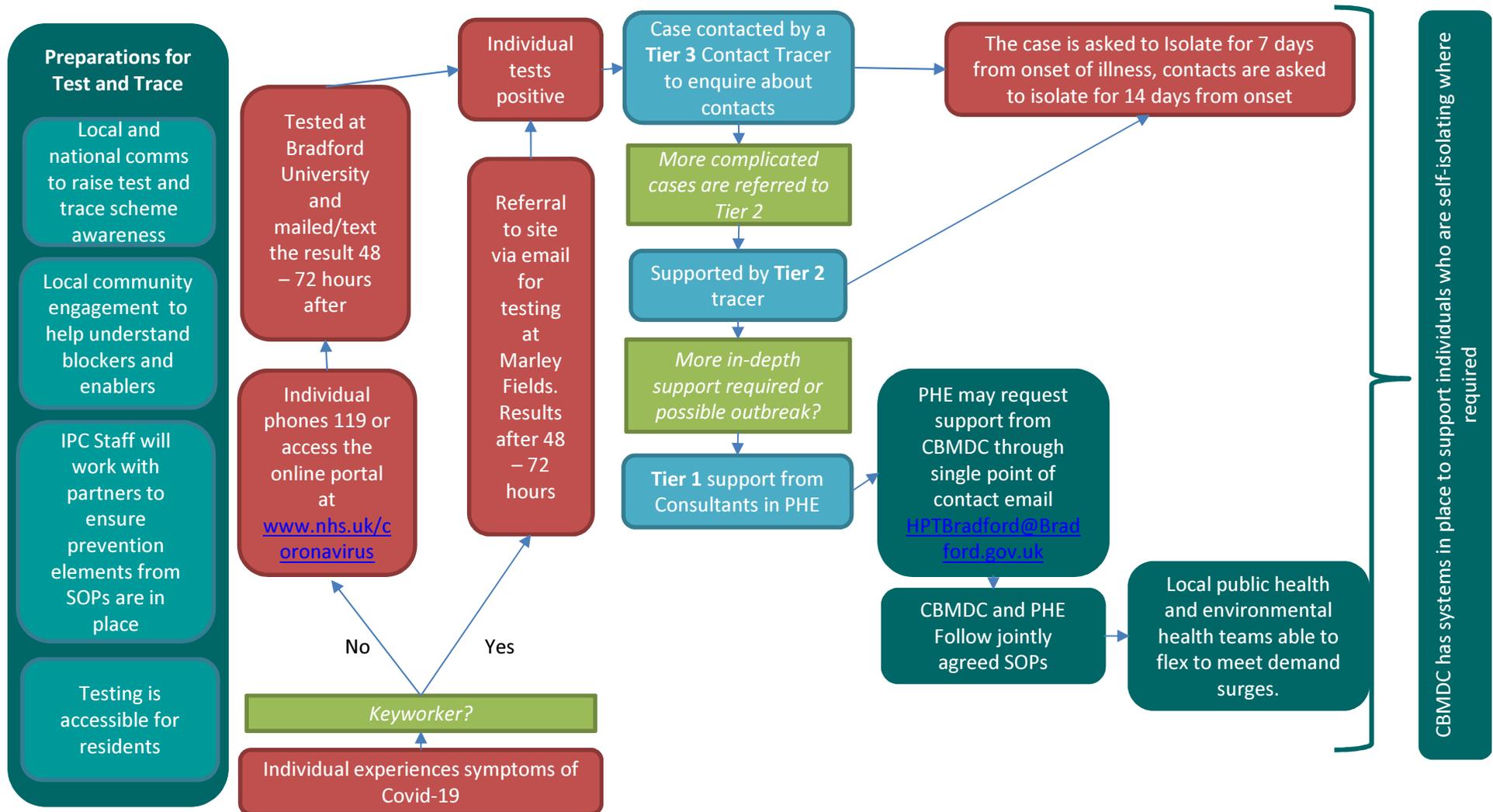
Outbreak Control Board (function to be carried out by H&WBB)

Health Protection Assurance Group

Test and Trace Steering Group

Workstreams

Overview of how test and trace works in Bradford District



Complex cases and outbreaks

- We routinely manage outbreaks in partnership with Public Health England (PHE)
- Need increased capacity to effectively manage the volume of COVID-19 complex cases and outbreaks
- A risk assessment will be undertaken directly by a Consultant in Communicable Disease from PHE and the DPH.
- If required, an Outbreak Control Team (OCT) meeting will be set up
- Complex cases or outbreaks will be managed by following Standard Operating Procedures agreed between DsPH and Yorkshire and Humber PHE.

Testing

- Standard route – phone 119 or book through www.nhs.uk/coronavirus
- Bradford University car park testing centre
- Marley Fields testing site for key workers and families
- Postal tests
- National pilot: city centre drop in and home testing kits via trusted organisations

Data

- Data to understand activity of the COVID-19 pandemic
- Data from the Joint Biosecurity Centre and Test and Trace system of positive cases to scan for hotspots of infection to manage and prevent
- Data required to manage cases and outbreaks and how these are shared between the local authority and PHE

Engagement

- Social media campaigns using Community Action, Engaging People, Healthwatch and the new COVID-19 young people's initiative
- Small grants to Community Anchors to support work carried out by Self Champions or other staff and/or volunteers within these organisations
- Micro-grants for small organisations to do specific outreach activity, investing in a network of small organisations to work with our hardest to engage communities e.g. Roma, asylum seekers, people with learning difficulties etc. and access translation into different community languages.

Communication

- The communications team will need to flex to support the delivery of Test and Trace iteratively
- Lots of communications when Test and Trace went live
- Comms re avoiding Test and Trace scams
- General COVID-10 infection prevention and control messages – linked to public health comms
- Will communicate infection prevention and control messages in line with the Standard Operating Procedures once agreed and respond to issues as they arise

Workforce development

- Direct investment in posts
- Commissioning of additional capacity to deliver elements of the plan and
- Building skills in partner organisations

Support to isolate

- Supporting people to access food banks
- Medication pick up and delivery via the Fire and Rescue Service
- Shopping for people who are self-isolating via the VCS
- Ward Officers and Warden support with communications

Standard Operating Procedures

- Developed by local authorities and PHE Y&H
- Will be exercised to localise content and train people to use them
- They cover:
 - Primary Care
 - Education settings
 - Domiciliary care
 - Underserved groups
 - Vulnerable populations in residential settings
 - Care homes
 - Workplaces

Outbreak Control Board: Context

- For the test, trace and contain stage to be successful, it is critical that as a district we communicate widely with the public and employers to gain their support for any actions that we need to implement.

Purpose

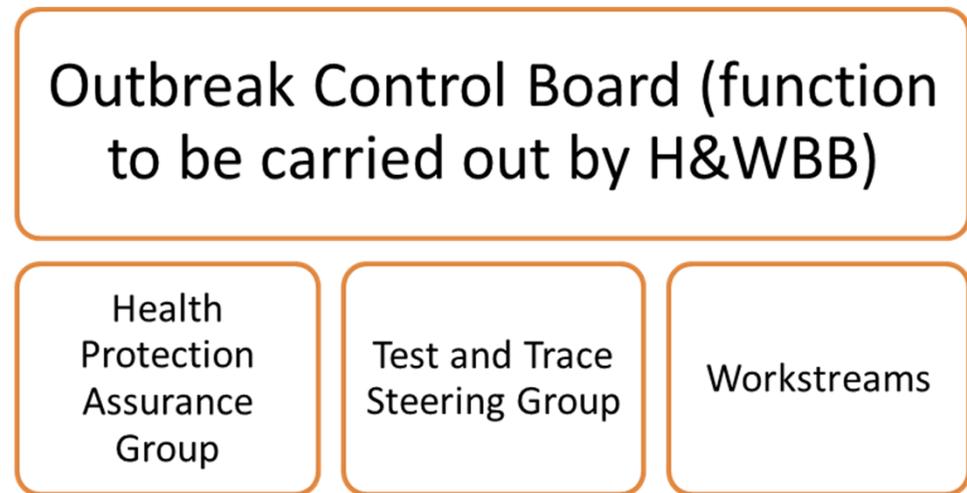
- The board will ensure that there is effective communication and public oversight of the implementation of the test, trace and contain stage for Bradford District
- The initial urgent task is to support and help strengthen a specific communication plan, which ensures that all sectors and communities are communicated with effectively and that as a result any required behaviours are adopted by individuals and organisations.
- It will also provide public oversight of the implementation of the Test, Trace, Contain stages in the city's response to the pandemic.

Objectives

- The key role of the board is to support the effective communication of the test, trace and contain plan for the city.
- It will support and strengthen the communication plan that will need to underpin every decision we take as we move through the next stage of managing the pandemic, helping to make sure that all communities and sectors are communicated with effectively.
- It will help ensure that all key stakeholders have been identified and that the best routes to communicate with them are utilised.
- It will oversee the evaluation of the communication plan, measuring success through the successful adoption of the required behaviours by individuals and organisations across the city with no community or sector left behind.
- It will receive regular updates from the Health Protection Board via the Director of Public Health
- Through these updates it will provide public oversight of progress on the implementation of the Test, Trace, Contain stages
- It will also ensure that the implementation plan builds on existing good practice and that lessons learned from other geographies are taken into account.
- It will identify any barriers to progress and delivery and help resolve them, making the most of any opportunities that may arise.

Governance

- Decisions of the Board will be given effect through the governance arrangements of the sovereign bodies represented
- The quorum is three for all meetings and must include the Chair or the Deputy Chair.
- Items can be reviewed and recommendations from the board requested by email, at the chair's discretion.



Update from the steering group

- Action plan written
- Outbreak control plan drafted
- Communications – launch, funding received by the council, preventing being tricked by test and trace scammers
- Engagement – a SLA has been agreed with CABAD who are coordinating engagement across 14 community anchor organisations
- Standard Operating procedures – have been agreed between Y&H PHE and local authorities. We will exercise these locally to refine and for partners to become familiar with them
- Schools- local activity to refine the schools SOP for use locally
- Inclusion health working group – agree ToR, building relationships and networks – agreements for partners to contact trace and working through a pilot to test asymptomatic homeless people. Linking with the National action learning set too
- Workforce development – IPC staff recruited, recruitment active for health protection staff and environmental health staff, comments given on proposed PHE training offer
- Workplaces – work underway to prepare for potential outbreaks in food processing factories or large warehouses
- National pilot – exploring the possibility of setting up a drop in testing centre in the centre of town and a store of postal swabs with trusted partners

