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| Report To: | Governing Body Meetings in Common |
| Report Title: | Public Health Update – Coventry and Warwickshire |
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| Date: | 8 th July 2020 |
| Previously Considered by: | N/A |

Action Required *(delete as appropriate)*

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| Decision: | | Assurance: | | Information: | ✓ | Confidential | |
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Purpose of the Report:

To provide a Public Health update for Coventry and Warwickshire, with a focus on Test and Trace, and plans for the development of a Coventry, Solihull and Warwickshire (CSW) Local Outbreak Control Plan. This will be a key part of next steps for managing COVID-19 locally. The update also covers reset and recovery plans from a local authority and Public Health perspective.

Key Points:

- Both Coventry and Warwickshire have a lower rate of pillar 1 lab-confirmed cases than the West Midlands Combined Authority regional average of 319.39 or the West Midlands Region rate of 286.60 or England rate of 283.90
- Coventry, Solihull and Warwickshire (CSW) will be part of a national accelerated programme to rapidly test, learn and scale up localised approaches to the prevention and control of COVID-19;
- The addition of a theme of ‘Community Engagement to build trust and participation’ specific to CSW Local Outbreak Control Plan
- The establishment of multi-agency Covid-19 Health Protection Boards
- Coventry City Council’s approach to Reset and Recovery is guided by the following principles, which are aligned to the West Midlands Combined Authority: Reshaping and resetting, Long term focus, Interdependency, Right spatial level, Building on our strengths, Working with our communities, One Coventry led
- Warwickshire County Council has agreed the recovery principles, objectives and the three aspects of focus which will drive the recovery work these refer to the spatial levels, phasing and the four change portfolio themes of Place, Economy and Climate; Community and Voluntary sector; Health Wellbeing and Social Care; and organisation.

Recommendations

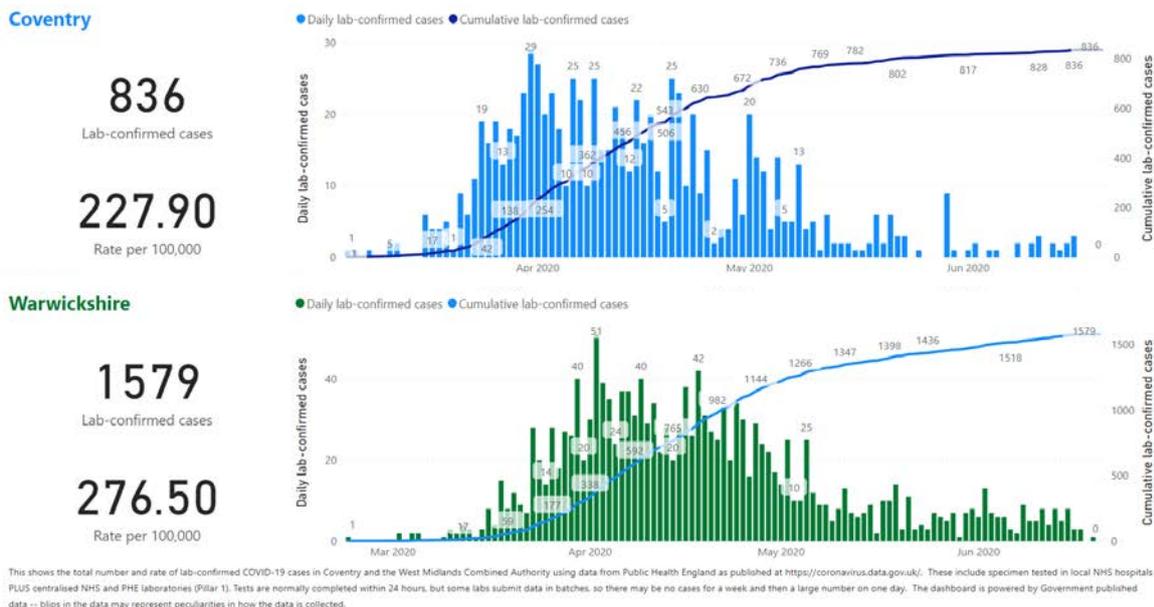
Governing Body Members are requested to:

1. **NOTE** progress to date around Test and Trace and local Outbreak Control Plan
2. **NOTE** Coventry City Council and Warwickshire County Council approaches to reset and recovery from a local authority and public health perspective
3. **CONTRIBUTE** comments or suggestions in view of CCG restoration and recovery planning.

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| Implications | | | | | | |
| Objective(s) / Plans supported by this report: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We will work collaboratively with our partners to continuously improve quality of care. We will inspire people to increase their confidence to manage their own health. We will enable our local health and care system to deliver a sustainable, integrated response to the needs of our Places, reducing health inequalities through our commissioning strategy. We will empower our diverse and motivated workforce to work in partnerships to improve population health. | | | | | |
| Conflicts of Interest: | N/A | | | | | |
| Financial: | Non-Recurrent Expenditure: | N/A | | | | |
| | Recurrent Expenditure: | N/A | | | | |
| | Is this expenditure included within the CCG's Financial Plan? (Delete as appropriate) | Yes | | No | | N/A ✓ |
| Performance: | N/A | | | | | |
| Quality and Safety: | N/A | | | | | |
| Equality and Diversity: | General Statement: The CCG is committed to fulfil its obligations under the Equality Act 2010, and to ensure services commissioned by the CCG are non-discriminatory on the grounds of any protected characteristics. Policies/decisions may need to be adjusted in line with any equality analysis or due regard. Any decision that is finalised without being influenced by appropriate due regard could be deemed unlawful. | | | | | |
| | Has an equality impact assessment been undertaken? (Delete as appropriate) | Yes (attached) | | No | | N/A ✓ |
| Patient and Public Engagement: | N/A | | | | | |
| Clinical Engagement: | N/A | | | | | |
| Risk and Assurance: | N/A | | | | | |

COVID 19: Epidemiology Summary for Coventry and Warwickshire

As of Sunday 21 June, there were 836 pillar 1 lab-confirmed cases in Coventry and 1,579 in Warwickshire. As a rate per 100,000 residents, that is 227.90 and 276.50 respectively. Both Coventry and Warwickshire have a lower rate than the West Midlands Combined Authority regional average of 319.39 or the West Midlands Region rate of 286.60 or England rate of 283.90. Local authorities also have access to pillar 2 data however this is not public information at time of writing.



Test and Trace

The national NHS Test and Trace service was launched on 28th May and forms a central part of the Government’s coronavirus recovery strategy. Anyone with symptoms of Covid 19 will now be tested and their close contacts will be traced. New guidance states that those who have been in close contact with someone who tests positive must isolate for 14 days, even if they have no symptoms, to avoid unknowingly spreading the virus. This is part of a wider ‘test, trace and isolate approach’, which will play a vital part in suppressing the basic reproduction number (R) of the Covid-19 virus which is key to ensuring the avoidance of a ‘second peak’ as existing restrictions are removed.

Test and trace includes 4 elements:

- Rapid testing at scale to control the virus and stop its spread;
- An integrated contact tracing service to follow up and advise any contacts of positive cases and support people to self-isolate;
- Using data to identify and target any outbreaks at local level; and
- Using our knowledge of the virus and how it behaves to inform social and economic decision making.

Local Authority Directors of Public Health are responsible for building on existing health protection to develop Local Outbreak Control Plans, that will put in place measures to identify and contain outbreaks and protect the public’s health, working through Multi- agency Covid-19 Health Protection Boards and with Public Health England’s local health protection teams.

Outbreak Control Plan

Coventry City Council, Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council and Warwickshire County Council, (CSW) have been selected as one of 11 national ‘Beacons’ to rapidly develop and test Local Outbreak Control

Plans. This means identifying common themes, innovating to develop faster approaches to testing and tracing, and identifying opportunities to upscale the programme rapidly, sharing best practice on operational responses to complex local outbreaks.

Together, CSW have developed a single COVID-19 Outbreak Control Plan:

- Clearly setting out how we will work together, what our priorities are, and how we will measure our progress in tackling the spread of infection and controlling outbreaks.
- Based upon the seven key themes identified by the Local Government Association and the Department of Health and Social Care as critical to outbreak plans for this phase of the pandemic.
- That agrees on eight key priorities emerging from these themes, strengthening community engagement and participation.

CSW Outbreak Control Plan: eight priorities:



The Covid-19 Health Protection Boards are the driving force behind the delivery of the Plans. Public Health England and the NHS are part of these multi agency boards to ensure alignment with the regional and national Test and Trace programme and will feed into the Local Resilience Forum. The Sub-regional CSW plan will be supported by three operational Local Outbreak Control Implementation plans, which will supply the detail in each area on prevention, infection control measures, and the management of outbreaks.

The Outbreak Control Plan is due to be completed by the end of June and will be signed off at the Covid-19 Health Protection Boards.

Coventry Reset and Recovery

This section sets out Coventry City Council's approach to reset and recovery, in particular the approach to resetting our health and well-being.

Over the past months, organisations in Coventry have responded to the immediate challenges presented by the arrival of the COVID-19 pandemic in the UK. As we move past the immediate response to the

pandemic, we need to consider how we work together in this new phase and develop a response to support the reset and recovery of health and well-being for our communities and our city.

The Council's approach to Reset and Recovery is guided by the following principles, which are aligned to the West Midlands Combined Authority:

- **Reshaping and resetting** - Our focus will be on the opportunity to reform, re-imagine and re-invent. Our approach will be to rethink what we do and how we do it as a whole system, in order to address longstanding issues and challenges in our city
- **Long term focus** -Our emphasis will be on the confidence to develop and deliver programmes, projects and activity that address long-term impact and need, and ensure a focus beyond the short-term interventions of an emergency response.
- **Interdependency:** Our approach recognises the interconnected facets that will contribute to the region's overall recovery, and that none of those should be tackled in isolation. Strategic co-ordination of these different elements of recovery is fundamental to our approach.
- **Right spatial level**
- **Building on our strengths:** We will utilise and build on the city's assets and opportunities
- **Working with our communities:** We will re-shape with, and not to, our citizens, businesses and partners
- **One Coventry led**

The following diagram sets out the various pillars that form part of the reset and recovery programme:



The Health and Well-being Pillar aims to reduce the long-term harm and the inequalities caused by covid-19 and build on the momentum of the last few weeks to re-shape how people are supported in the city. It is based upon on our existing population health model which was agreed last year, and we have identified a set of priorities for action. These priority areas build upon the work that has already been

done through the Health and Well-being Board and identify a number of new areas that have arisen due to COVID-19.



Our approach to resetting health and well-being will be shared with the H&WB Board in July and we will use that as an opportunity to further engage with partners.

Warwickshire: Covid-19 Recovery and Reform

In line with our overall vision to make Warwickshire the best it can be, sustainable now and for future generations, our proposed approach to recovery focuses on supporting delivery of Council Plan objectives.

The following principles and objectives have been developed with our partners to guide our approach to recovery:

WCC Recovery Principles:

1. positive – seek out the opportunities;
2. pace – move with speed and capitalise on existing momentum;
3. innovative – consider new ideas and thinking;
4. flexible – be responsive and flexible to changing conditions; and
5. embed – use existing structures where possible.

WCC Recovery Objectives:

1. to understand the short, medium and long-term impact of Covid-19 recovery for our communities, businesses and staff.
2. to coordinate the recovery protocol in line with the West Midlands and Warwickshire LRF procedures;
3. to inform future direction of the Organisation in terms of recovery and reform, ensuring the Council and wider county have the best opportunity to 'bounce forwards';
4. to align recovery activity with review and update of the Council Plan, MTFS, Change Portfolio, supporting strategies, risk and performance framework;
5. to co-ordinate effort and resource across all service areas and ensure a 'one Council' approach; and
6. to manage key stakeholder and partner relationships relevant to recovery, including line of sight on regional, sub-regional and national developments around recovery and reform and supporting translation of this for Warwickshire.

There are three key aspects of focus which will drive our recovery work:

- Spatial levels;
- Phasing; and
- Change portfolio themes.

Spatial levels

Recovery will require coherent effort at various spatial levels:

- National – The pandemic is a national crisis. We continue to work closely with central government, the Local Government Association and other national bodies to remain in step with national policy and guidance.
- Regional/Sub-regional – Our recovery approach is aligned to the West Midlands-Warwickshire regional approach. The Chief Executive represents Warwickshire on the Regional Coordination Group.
- County – Locally, we have worked with colleagues from the District and Borough Councils, Police, Coventry and Warwickshire LEP and Growth Hub, and NHS partners to coordinate effort in both response and recovery phases. The Warwickshire Recovery Advisory Group, comprising Council Leaders and Chief Executives and key partners, has recently been established to co-ordinate recovery activity across the county.
- Locally – Voluntary and community sector groups, businesses, and town and parish councils are involved in the Covid-19 response. Elected Members will play a key role in mobilising this effort, working alongside the district and borough councils leading local place-shaping activity.

Phasing

Reflecting the scale of the challenge, our approach to recovery will need to be phased. Short-term reinstatement of services is connected to the longer-term 'reform' or 'reset' process, so our approach will involve different phases:

- **Foundations (0-3 months):** - standing up and reinstating WCC services in line with the national guidance about Covid-secure workplaces; - seizing immediate opportunities to support communities/business; - establishing recovery governance and approach; and - engaging with regional approach to setting recovery priorities including participating in the regional citizens' panel.
- **Consolidate (3-9 months):**
 - detailed regional impact assessment;
 - establish recovery programme at regional, county level; and
 - initiate priority change programmes/projects.
- **Accelerate (>10 months):** - longer term recovery for the Council, communities and economy; - delivery of key programmes to address future challenges; and - refreshing the Medium-Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) and Council Plan for 2021/22 onwards.

Change Portfolio Themes

Our assessment of the previous change portfolio suggests four themes should shape the future Council Change Portfolio to drive recovery:

- Place, Economy and Climate (including skills and education);
- Community and Voluntary sector;
- Health Wellbeing and Social Care; and
- Organisation (including the reinstatement of services).

These themes reflect both regional and county recovery activity. We will also consider how existing programmes and projects fit within the change portfolio. The themes will be shaped into detailed programmes during the Foundation phase of recovery. Immediate actions will also be progressed as proposed in separate reports on place shaping priorities and our support to business.