

Report to: East Sussex Health and Wellbeing Board

Date of meeting: 1 March 2022

By: Director of Public Health

Title: East Sussex Outbreak Control Plan

Purpose: To update the Health and Wellbeing Board by presenting a refreshed East Sussex Outbreak Control Plan

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Board is recommended to:

- 1) review and approve the update of the East Sussex Outbreak Control Plan contained in Appendix 1; and**
 - 2) receive an update East Sussex Outbreak Control Plan at its 19 July 2022 meeting.**
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1 Background

1.1 COVID-19 (a coronavirus) was declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organisation in March 2020 after sustained global transmission.

1.2 East Sussex County Council (ESCC) published the first version of the East Sussex COVID-19 Outbreak Control Plan (OCP) at the end of June 2020 as required by the Government, to prevent cases of the virus where possible in East Sussex and to respond to any local outbreaks. The OCP continues to be an iterative document, with continuing updates as more learning / guidance is produced, as well as structured whole reviews every three months.

1.3 At its meeting of 14 December 2021, the Board agreed to receive an update on development of the OCP.

2 Supporting information

2.1 The OCP was updated in collaboration with a wide range of stakeholders including the NHS and Borough and District councils.

2.2 The latest version in Appendix 1 contains the Government's Autumn and Winter Plan including Plan B – the contingency plan to combat increasing rates of transmission, as well as general updates throughout.

2.3 We are anticipating a national update on what requirements there are for local arrangements for COVID-19 from April 2022 and the requirement for future outbreak control plans.

3. Conclusion and reasons for recommendations

3.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board, as the local accountable body, is recommended to approve the latest version of the OCP.

3.2 Members of the Health and Wellbeing Board will be advised at their future meetings of further updates to the East Sussex Outbreak Control Plan. It is also proposed the Board agree to review the updated Plan at the next meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Board on 19 July 2022.

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Background Documents: Outbreak Control Plan