

Report to: East Sussex Health and Wellbeing Board

Date of meeting: 19 July 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) stop receiving updates of the East Sussex Outbreak Control Plan

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 March meeting, 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 minor updates on accuracy and removing the previous free testing provision provided by the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC).

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 Given the 'Living with COVID-19' guidance and the withdrawal of key national support for COVID-19, the Board is recommended to no longer receive updates on the Outbreak Control Plan unless there are substantial changes advised nationally.

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Background Documents: Outbreak Control Plan