

**SUNDERLAND HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD
COVID-19 IN SUNDERLAND – UPDATE**

19 March 2021

Report of the Executive Director of Public Health & Integrated Commissioning

1.0 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To provide the Health and Wellbeing Board with an update of the Covid-19 situation in Sunderland.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 The Executive Director of Public Health & Integrated Commissioning will provide the committee with an ongoing update of the Covid-19 situation in Sunderland. This will include a summary of the current position regarding cases, actions taken to combat the pandemic and planned actions both locally and in concert with colleagues across the region.
- 2.2 The Health Protection Board and Outbreak Control Board continue to meet, in line with the arrangements set out in the Covid-19 Control Plan.

3.0 Current Position

- 3.1 The progress of the Covid-19 pandemic continues to present significant challenges and the presentation will provide the opportunity for the Board to receive an up-to-date overview of the situation in Sunderland.
- 3.2 Due to the ongoing and constantly evolving nature of the pandemic, a presentation will be shared at the time of the meeting to ensure that it represents the most recent summary of the situation in Sunderland.
- 3.3 At the time of writing (10/03/2021), Sunderland has been seeing a steady decline in the number of daily cases of Covid-19 and has a 7-day rate of 83.5 cases per 100,000. This represents a significant improvement since the high levels of cases seen immediately after Christmas 2020, though the rate remains the 6th highest in the North East and is higher than England as a whole.

4.0 Recommendation

- 4.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board is recommended to:
- Receive the update and presentation on the Covid-19 pandemic and comment on the information provided.

