

SUNDERLAND HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

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COVID-19 IN SUNDERLAND – UPDATE

Report of the Executive Director of Health, Housing and Communities

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 Board will be provided with an update of the Covid-19 situation in Sunderland. This will include a summary of the current position regarding estimated prevalence and actions being taken to combat the pandemic locally.
- 2.2 The Health Protection Board and Gold Command Group are meeting, in line with agreed arrangements.

3.0 Current Position

- 3.1 The current guidance on Covid-19 is focused on living safely with respiratory infections, including Covid-19. The government has removed all domestic restrictions in England. There are still steps that people can take to reduce the risk of catching and spreading Covid-19.
- 3.2 It is proposed that this is the last in-depth presentation to the Board on Covid-19 in Sunderland. The situation will be monitored and a brief 'for information' report with key data brought to future meetings. If there are significant changes then a more in-depth paper will be brought to the Board.
- 3.3 Take-up of vaccines for Covid-19 and flu will continue to be monitored through existing partnership mechanisms, and as part of winter planning.
- 3.4 The ongoing impacts of Covid-19 on health inequalities and recovery will be kept under review and current recommendations are set out in the Director of Public Health Annual Report 2021-22.
- 3.5 At the time of writing (24/06/2022), the ONS weekly estimated prevalence of Covid-19 has risen from 1 in 50 to 1 in 40 for the Sunderland, South Tyneside and Gateshead sub-region. The national figure is 1 in 40.

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; and
- agree to receive brief data updates on Covid-19 in future, with more in-depth reports coming to the Board if there are significant changes to the Covid-19 situation.