Hackney

Health in Hackney Scrutiny Commission

9th June 2020

Covid-19 response – PANEL DISCUSSION

Item No

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OUTLINE

The Chair has invited a range of contributors to take part in a discussion to address:

What can local authorities do to mitigate the spread of Covid-19 in their areas and what space is there for local health partners and the council to supplement the national government approach?

A.) Attached please find the following supporting documents

(i) Briefing on **Test, Trace and Isolate in Hackney** on the pilot, announced on 23 May, which comprises Hackney, Newham, Camden and Barnet, from Dr Sandra Husbands, Director of Public Health for Hackney and the City of London

(ii) Report of The Independent SAGE group on '*Covid-19 what are the options for the UK* published on 12 May. Professor Costello and Professor Pollock are members.

(iii) Copy of New York State's **Metrics to Guide Reopening** Also available at <u>https://forward.ny.gov/metrics-guide-reopening-new-york</u>

B.) Below please find the Programme for the Discussion and the list of invited contributors.

| Time | Item | Contributor | Торіс |
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| 19.00 | Introduction | Cllr Ben Hayhurst | Chair, HiH |
| 19.05 | Local test and trace and isolate pilot with Camden, Newham, | Dr Sandra Husbands | Director of Public Health for Hackney and City of London On 23 May the government announced that London is one of 11 sites around the country for a test and trace pilot. The |

| | Barnet – paper provided | | London pilot will be a joint initiative between Camden, Hackney, Newham and Barnet. |
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| 19.15 | Input from London's Public Health lead | Professor Kevin Fenton | Regional Director Public Health England London and Regional Director of Public Health at NHSE London Has worked in a variety of public health roles across government and academia here and in US. Before taking up the London regional director role, he was Strategic Director of Place and Wellbeing and Director of Public Health (DPH) at Southwark Council as well as a Senior Advisor at PHE. |
| 19.25 | Input from expert | Professor Anthony Costello | Member of Independent SAGE Committee and a director of the Institute for Global Health at University College London and a former Director at World Health Organization The Independent SAGE group in its report on 12 May 2020 recommended that the government move to a local approach to testing and tracing. |
| 19.35 | Input from expert | Professor Allyson Pollock | Director of Newcastle University Centre for Excellence in Regulatory Science and member of the Independent SAGE Committee She was has set up and directed research and teaching units at Queen Mary University of London and the University of Edinburgh, establishing some of the UK's leading undergraduate and postgraduate teaching in global health. Prior to that she was Head of the Public Health Policy Unit at UCL and Director of Research & Development at UCL Hospitals NHS Trust. |
| 19.45 | Durham – background info provided | Dr Amanda Healy | Director of Public Health, Durham County Council Learning from Durham County Council's Director of Public Health on their approach. |
| 19.55 | DISCUSSION | 1 | |
| to 20.30 | To provide chall following: | enge to local | health and care leaders to address the |

What further practical and specific steps can Local Authorities and local health partners take to mitigate the spread of COVID in their area?

Publishing data on local transmission to inform local population and settings of prevalence and risk?

Is it possible to undertake greater local surveillance (in the absence of being provided with 111 call data or swab results (?)), can Local Authorities pool information from GPs, schools and other settings so as to gain a greater real time picture of transmission levels in their communities?

Highlighting to local Care Homes, schools, other settings and residents best practice from abroad?

Any room for improvement with respect to discharge from hospital to care home and/or admission of those with suspected COVID from care home to hospital?

Any scope to work with local acute trusts to supplement national testing?

Is it possible to further supplement national contact tracing via local GPs and public health teams?

Increased scope for data / evidence led approach and decisions with respect to matters under LA control or influence?

Attending the meeting will also be:

Clir Chris Kennedy, Cabinet Member for Health, Adult Social Care and Leisure Dr Sandra Husbands, Director of Public Health, Hackney and City of London Dr Nicole Klynman, Consultant in Public Health, Hackney Council Denise d'Souza, Interim Strategic Director of Adult Services Dr Mark Rickets, Chair, City and Hackney CCG David Maher, Managing Director, City and Hackney CCG Tracey Fletcher, Chief Executive, Homerton University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust Laura Sharpe, Chief Executive, City and Hackney GP Confederation Jon Williams, Director, Healthwatch Hackney

Carol Ackroyd, representative of Hackney Keep Our NHS Public

ACTION

Members are asked to give consideration to the briefings and discussion and make any recommendations as necessary.