

Appendix 1

Action Plan (for the thematic priority ‘Keeping infection rates low and residents safe from COVID-19’) update

Action number	Description	Responsible officer(s)	Actions completed and/or ongoing
1.	Contribute to the Buckinghamshire Outbreak Plan	Daniel Flecknoe, Francis Habgood & Andrew Burnett	<p>Partnership working between Buckinghamshire Council, Public Health England (PHE), FedBucks, and Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Health are continuing to work with the Civil Contingencies Unit to keep the local outbreak plan updated and to make it more prevention focused. • The Council have been involved in successfully responding to several COVID-19 outbreaks in the county, in collaboration with PHE, in settings including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Schools (involving the education team, public health, school representatives, communications and PHE) - Businesses (involving the environmental health team, public health, business representatives and PHE) - Care homes (involving adult social care, public health, care home representatives, FedBucks and PHE) - Prisons (involving public health, prison staff representatives and PHE) • The Council’s stress testing team has conducted numerous exercises with appropriate partner organisations to run through different outbreak scenarios and to identify gaps in current response plans. <p><i>Timescale – this work is ongoing, and updates will be regularly reported to the Buckinghamshire Health Protection Board.</i></p>

2.	Local contact tracing (LCT) system in place to contact Buckinghamshire residents who test positive for COVID-19	Andrew Burnett & Kate Mulhearn	<p>Partnership working between Buckinghamshire Council’s public health, customer services and corporate governance teams.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Buckinghamshire local contact tracing service went live at the end of November 2020. • When the National Test & Trace team are unable to contact a resident within 24hrs, the Council’s Local Contact Tracing Team call them from a dedicated local number. • The team of trained staff encourage and support people to self-isolate and obtain details of any close contacts who also need to be advised to self-isolate. • Details of close contacts are passed back to the National Test & Trace team for them to follow up. <p><i>Timescale – this work is ongoing, and updates will be regularly reported to the Buckinghamshire Health Protection Board.</i></p>
3.	Deliver rapid lateral flow device testing to asymptomatic at-risk targeted groups	Francis Habgood & Andrew Burnett	<p>Partnership working between Buckinghamshire Council, Department of Health & Social Care and local venue providers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buckinghamshire Council submitted a successful proposal to the Department of Health and Social Care in January to run a local lateral flow test (LFT) service. • Testing sites have been identified and sufficient staff were appointed & trained in a very short period of time. • A soft launch of the Aylesbury and High Wycombe LFT sites is being undertaken in the first week of February, with sites in Buckingham and Amersham planned for the following week. • In the first instance the service is aimed at key workers with public-facing roles. Subject to successful roll-out and working, we

			<p>intend to expand this to other people who are unable to work from home, including local businesses.</p> <p><i>Timescale – Four LFT testing sites are planned to be operational in Buckinghamshire by 15/02/2021.</i></p>
4.	Provide appropriate levels of pillar 2 testing capacity to help address local need	Daniel Flecknoe	<p>Partnership working between Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire (BOB) local authorities, the Local Resilience Forum and the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The three BOB local authorities currently jointly fund a regional emergency planning role in order to coordinate Mobile Testing Unit deployments across the region. • A regional Testing Oversight Group has been established in order to monitor the effectiveness, capacity and uptake of current Pillar 2 delivery. • Any issues or concerns are escalated to the DHSC regional convener for the South East. • There are currently no significant outstanding concerns reported about Pillar 2 testing availability in Buckinghamshire. <p><i>Timescale – this work is ongoing, and updates will be regularly reported to the Buckinghamshire Health Protection Board.</i></p>
5.	Surge surveillance of COVID-19 established and ongoing, with daily and weekly assessments involving relevant stakeholders	Tiffany Burch	<p>Partnership working between Buckinghamshire Council public health, data intelligence team and local NHS Trusts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daily and weekly surveillance of case numbers, deaths and hospitalisations in Buckinghamshire is carried out by the public health team in collaboration with local NHS Trusts.

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Such of these data as can be made public are shared on the Council COVID-19 dashboard - https://covid-dashboard.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/ • The public health team will continue to regularly update the dashboard as new figures become available. <p><i>Timescale – this work is ongoing, and updates will be regularly reported to the Buckinghamshire Health Protection Board.</i></p>
6.	Support the coordination of COVID-19 vaccination programme	Richard Barker, Daniel Flecknoe & Louise Hurst	<p>Partnership working between Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust, Primary Care Networks and Buckinghamshire Council.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The vaccine programme in Buckinghamshire is being rolled out by the NHS, supported by the local authority. • The aim is that all Buckinghamshire residents in the top four priority groups¹ will have been offered a vaccine through their GP by the middle of February. • Nearly 190,000 people across the BOB region have now received their COVID-19 vaccine (this includes some second doses). • All Buckinghamshire care homes have now been visited to provide first doses of the vaccine to both residents and staff. • The COVID Vaccination Working Group continues to support the operational roll-out of vaccines across the county. • Public health are now chairing a vaccine equalities subgroup with the aim of identifying disparities in COVID-19 vaccine coverage, using local insight to understand common barriers and recommending effective action to address them.

¹ The top four priority groups for COVID-19 vaccination are: 1) residents in a care home for older adults and their carers, 2) all those 80 years of age and over and frontline health and social care workers, 3) all those 75 years of age and over, and 4) all those 70 years of age and over and clinically extremely vulnerable individuals.

			<p><i>Timescale – ongoing work, but with the target of providing the vaccine offer to all residents in the top 4 priority groups by mid-February. The vaccine equalities subgroup will continue to report to the Buckinghamshire COVID Vaccination Working Group.</i></p>
7.	Support the coordination of flu vaccine programmes	Daniel Flecknoe & Carrie Wood	<p>Partnership working between Buckinghamshire CCG, Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust, Buckinghamshire Council and Primary Care Networks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The communications and public health teams have supported local and regional flu vaccination programmes throughout the Autumn and Winter. • Vaccination coverage for vulnerable groups in Buckinghamshire has improved compared to the 2019/20 influenza season (82% of >65s and 60% of 2-3yr olds have now been vaccinated). • Consultations and hospitalisations due to influenza have been extremely low compared to previous years, presumably because transmission has been suppressed by COVID precautions. <p><i>Timescale – Seasonal influenza wash-up report to be produced and submitted to the Health Protection Board by 12/03/2021.</i></p>