

Surrey Local Outbreak Engagement Board Terms of Reference

1. Context

- 1.1 The NHS Test and Trace service is part of the Government's COVID-19 recovery strategy. It is aimed at controlling the COVID-19 rate of reproduction (R), reducing the spread of infection and saving lives. In doing so its aim is to help to return life to as normal as possible, for as many people as possible, in a way that is safe, protects our health and care systems and releases our economy.
- 1.2 This strategy requires local authorities to work with partners to build on existing health protection plans to put in place measures to identify and contain outbreaks and protect the public's health.
- 1.3 On 14 September 2021 the Government published the COVID-19 Response: Autumn and Winter Plan 2021. This document includes:
 - Plan A - a comprehensive approach to managing COVID-19 throughout autumn and winter 2021-22
 - Plan B - a contingency plan that will only be enacted if the data suggests further measures are necessary to protect the NHS
- 1.4 On 7 October 2021, the COVID-19 Contain Framework: a guide for local decision makers was updated. The framework sets out how national, regional and local partners should continue to work with each other, the public, businesses, and other partners in their communities to prevent, manage and contain outbreaks of COVID-19.
- 1.5 These strategies require a public-facing board led by council members to communicate openly with the public. This will be through the Surrey Local Outbreak Engagement Board (LOEB).
- 1.6 This Board is a sub-committee of the Surrey Health and Wellbeing Board, approved by Council on 7 July 2020 and its initial terms of reference were noted by the Health and Wellbeing Board.

2. Purpose

- 2.1 The Board will oversee the local delivery of the primary objectives of the Government's strategy to reduce the spread of infection and save lives.

3. Role and Responsibilities

- 3.1 The Surrey Local Outbreak Engagement Board is responsible for:
 - 3.1.1 Sign-off of the general direction of travel for Surrey's COVID-19 Local Outbreak Management Plan (LOMP) and ongoing development of the plan;
 - 3.1.2 Senior level oversight of outbreak responses in Surrey, outlined in Surrey's COVID-19 LOMP and implemented primarily via the Surrey's Heartlands Integrated Care System (ICS) Resilience & EPRR Board;
 - 3.1.3 Oversight of resource allocation relating to the delivery of LOMP in Surrey;

- 3.1.4 Direction and leadership for community engagement for outbreak response;
- 3.1.5 Approving the public-facing communications for outbreak response; and
- 3.1.6 Noting recommendations from Surrey's Heartlands Integrated Care System (ICS) Resilience & EPRR Board.

4. Principles

- 4.1 The same principles followed by the Surrey Health and Wellbeing Board describes how Board members will work together. Board members will:
 - 4.1.1 Prioritise resources and make decisions in the best interests of the Surrey population based upon evidence and data;
 - 4.1.2 Embrace the opportunity for the collective leadership of place, recognising and balancing the needs and opportunities presented by Surrey's geography;
 - 4.1.3 Work in an open and transparent way ensuring there are no surprises for other partners – 'nothing about me without me';
 - 4.1.4 Use consensus as the primary driver for decision making;
 - 4.1.5 Hold each other (and the organisations and partnerships represented by Board members) to account for delivering on commitments made and agreed actions;
 - 4.1.6 Seek to align local and system level success wherever possible; and
 - 4.1.7 Champion an inclusive approach to engaging residents in the work of this Board.

5. Chairman

- 5.1 The Leader of the County Council will usually be the Chairman of the Surrey Local Outbreak Engagement Board or his/her nominated representative out of the Board members - the Cabinet Member for Adults and Health is the nominated the Chairman.
- 5.2 The Vice-Chairman was elected at the first Board meeting.

6. Membership

- 6.1 The Board membership is as follows:
 - The Leader of Surrey County Council
 - Chief Executive of Surrey County Council
 - Director of Public Health of Surrey County Council
 - Cabinet Member for Adults and Health, Surrey County Council
 - Cabinet Member for Children & Families, Surrey County Council
 - Chief Executive of Mole Valley District Council
 - Strategic Director, Waverley Borough Council
 - The Leader of Reigate & Banstead Borough Council
 - The Leader of Elmbridge Borough Council
 - Clinical Chair of Surrey Heartlands Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)
 - Chair of the Royal Surrey NHS Foundation Trust

- Lead Primary Care Network (PCN) Clinical Director, representing the collective voice of PCNs across Surrey Heartlands
- Chief Constable of Surrey Police
- Surrey Police and Crime Commissioner
- Independent Chair, Frimley Health & Care Integrated Care System
- Chief Executive of Surrey Chambers of Commerce
- Chief Executive Officer of Surrey Care Association

6.2 Board members are able to nominate a deputy (as agreed by the Chairman) who can attend and vote in their absence but must have delegated authority to make decisions.

7. Quorum

7.1 There will be at least four representatives, one of whom will be the Chairman or Vice-Chairman.

8. Decision-making

8.1 The decisions will be made by consensus. Decision making authority is vested in individual members of the board. Members will ensure that any decisions taken are with appropriate authority from their organisation.

8.2 Any member can make a proposition or propose an amendment to a proposed resolution if backed by a seconder. Votes will be taken if consensus is not reached. Voting will be by a show of hands.

9. Board Support

9.1 Surrey County Council Democratic Services are responsible for distribution of the agenda and reports, recording minutes, maintaining the actions tracker and the organisation of the meetings.

9.2 The Surrey County Council Public Health team are responsible for the board forward plan, developing the agenda and support for board members to fulfil their role.

10. Meeting

10.1 Meetings will be held every two months in public. In line with best practice, notice and agendas for public meetings will be published 5 clear working days before the meeting. The frequency of the meetings will be kept under review.

10.2 The Board may convene additional informal meetings if required to further develop its role and partnership arrangements.

10.3 Meetings will usually be held virtually (with the option to meet in person at Woodhatch Place, Reigate).

10.4 Conflicts of interest must be declared by any member of the Board.

11. Review of Terms of Reference

11.1 These terms of reference will be formally reviewed by the Board by mutual agreement of its members. Reviews will be undertaken to reflect any significant changes in circumstances as they arise. These terms of reference, together with any amendments, will be signed off by the Board members.

12. Governance

12.1 Surrey’s EPRR planning structure is outlined below and provides an overview of the relationship between Surrey Heartlands ISC Resilience and EPRR Board and the local system partnerships, including Surrey’s Health & Wellbeing Board.

