

South Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership

REPORT

Meeting of South Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership	Integration Joint Board
Held on	25 March 2020
Agenda Item	5
Title	COVID-19
Summary: Update on COVID 19 plans for IJB. The purpose of this report is to inform the Integrated Joint Board of the supports put in place by Ayrshire and Arran with regard to the Corona Virus <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Scotland is in the Containment phase with a steady increase in those testing positive. There are 3 stages of the plan with regard to a virus that is of global concern. Other countries are at differing stages of the effects of COVID 19. The assumption from Health Protecting Scotland is 50-80% attack rate, 50% symptomatic, 8% hospitalisation rate. 19% intensive support and care. 1% fatality. Doubling effect day by day. This will be extremely challenging and difficult in the coming weeks. Public Health are leading and supporting the continuity planning for Ayrshire and Arran under the direction of Health Protection Scotland and Scottish Government. At this stage we are delivering a Public Health support telephone line for General Practitioner and the public. For those individuals who have contacted their General Practitioner or NHS 24, they are triaged through the public health telephone service, this is based in Afton House Ailsa. There is a Community Treatment Centre supporting screening as well as a drive through for those individuals who are having symptoms. These are both at Crosshouse Hospital.	
Presented by	Director of Health and Social Care
Action required: It is recommended that the Integration Joint Board support the partnership in the extreme circumstances and the impact that this virus may have on the workforce and population of South Ayrshire.	

Implications checklist – check box if applicable and include detail in report

Financial	<input type="checkbox"/>	HR	<input type="checkbox"/>	Legal	<input type="checkbox"/>	Equalities	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sustainability	<input type="checkbox"/>
Policy	<input type="checkbox"/>	ICT	<input type="checkbox"/>						

Directions required to NHS Ayrshire & Arran South Ayrshire Council, or both	1. No Direction Required	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	2. Direction to NHS Ayrshire and Arran	<input type="checkbox"/>
	3. Direction to South Ayrshire Council	<input type="checkbox"/>
	4. Direction to NHS Ayrshire and Arran and South Ayrshire Council	<input type="checkbox"/>

**SOUTH AYRSHIRE HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE PARTNERSHIP
INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD
25 March 2020
Report by Director of Health & Social Care**

COVID - 19

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform the Integrated Joint Board of the supports put in place by Ayrshire and Arran with regard to the Corona Virus. This virus has spread across most of the world and is known as COVID-19, which is a new and emerging infectious disease threat.
- 1.2 There is still much uncertainty around its clinical presentation but the spectrum of disease may range from mild-to-moderate illness to pneumonia or severe acute respiratory infection.
- 1.3 COVID-19 can be spread from person to person and based upon current knowledge there is potential for increased cases or mini outbreaks in our community. Because of this, patients with potential COVID-19 could present to primary care either via telephone or in person.
- 1.4 There is a dedicated Public Health telephone service in place in Ayrshire and Arran to support those who may be infected or in need of advice. The importance of a calling your GP in hours on NHS 24 out of hours will direct you to the Public Health support services. Individuals will be triaged and supported through our community testing sites. This has been established in Crosshouse hospital as a drive through or testing at ward level.
- 1.5 It is therefore essential that as soon as a suspected case is identified that the individual is isolated and arrangements made to assess and offer timely testing.

2 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Integration Joint Board support the partnership in the extreme circumstances and the impact that this virus may have on the workforce and population of South Ayrshire.**

3. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 The purpose of this report will describe the stage of Containment that the United Kingdom are supporting. There are 3 phases, Containment, Delay and the 3rd would be Pandemic.
- 3.2 In the current Containment phase there is a programme for COVID-19 testing in a community setting. Staff are being trained to be confident and competent in the retrieval of the required sample and the safe and effective handling of the specimen, including Personal Protective equipment, the accurate

identification of patient related information on the swab sample and form, waste management and transfer of the sample to the designated laboratory.

- 3.3 It is accepted that as our understanding of COVID-19 changes then guidance will be updated.

4. REPORT

- 4.1 It is proposed that Community testing will be available in identified community testing sites or individuals home, Teams will operate Monday to Sunday 9am – 5pm. Models and hours of work will continue to evolve in line with developing information and guidance.

- 4.2 Possible cases identified during the Out of Hours period will be advised to self isolate with patient contact details passed via Health Protection Control Centre to the Community testing coordinator via the clinical mailbox COVID-19_CommunityTesting@aapct.scot.nhs.uk who will contact the patient to arrange an appointment at Crosshouse testing zone, their home setting or their assigned HSCP testing site the next working day.

4.3 Community Testing Sites

- 4.3.1 Community testing will be a blended approach which will expand and develop dependent on rising demand and individual circumstances.

- 4.3.2 Testing can be undertaken using a 'drive through/open air' approach in close proximity to microbiology lab, home testing and as demand rises 'drive through/open air' approach in each of the HSCP areas.

- 4.3.3 The Parking area behind Ayrshire Unscheduled Care/Lister Centre has been identified within grounds of Crosshouse hospital. This will allow an area suitable for drive through set up/tented testing zone with safe and easy access to fixed facility for staff to don PPE, hand washing and rest area.

- 4.3.4 Transport has been identified for home testing, with capacity to contain both clinical waste container and sample transport bag within the vehicles boot.

- 4.3.5 NA HSCP- additional test site to be identified
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SA HSCP- additional test site to be identified

- 4.3.6 Clinical waste from the 'drive through' test site will be deposited within a lockable clinical waste bin secured adjacent to the test site.
Clinical waste from home testing will be deposited in the vehicle boot waste container and sealed and stored in the locked clinical waste area of the Lister Centre.

5. STRATEGIC CONTEXT

- 5.1 There are daily updates from Scottish Government and Health Improvement Scotland. These updates are supported through daily news releases to staff across the partnership. There are supports of managers to ensure that these news releases are sent to colleagues across the partnership.

6. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Financial Implications

- 6.1.1 There is a COVID 19 cost code for planning of services.

6.2 Human Resource Implications

- 6.2.1 There will be an increased demand on staff and continuity plans are being developed across the services to support the impact the virus may have on communities, home care, care homes, these plans include workforce. It is anticipated that 80% of the population will experience the effects of the virus, however it is the most vulnerable and those with complex health care needs who may be affected the most.

6.3 Legal Implications

- 6.3.1 None.

7. CONSULTATION AND PARTNERSHIP WORKING

- 7.1 The East Partnership are responsible for Primary Care Services and have consulted with the partnership with regard to the Standard Operating Procedures, Plan for staff and communities and have engaged with the 3 partnerships in the planning and implementation phase of the Containment.

8. RISK ASSESSMENT

- 8.1 Verbal update will be provided at the meeting.

9. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 Verbal update will be provided at the meeting.

10. SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 Verbal update will be provided at the meeting.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

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