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This report is designed to provide an overview of the various strands of activity being taken forward as a whole system in relation to Covid-19.

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| 1. Epidemiology | <p>Key Points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cases per 100,000 over past 7 days: 219.8 for Lanarkshire; 220 for North Lanarkshire; 219.6 for South Lanarkshire • 11 percent of tests sampled in last 7 days returned a positive result • Cam/Glen and East Kilbride showing small increases in numbers • General decreases seen elsewhere across Lanarkshire |
| 2. Public Health Surveillance | <p>A copy of the latest Public Health Surveillance report is being sent under separate cover, this contain sensitive management information and will not be formally added to the Board agenda as an attached paper.</p> <p>Also to be sent under separate cover on Monday will be a set of powerpoint sides that the Corporate Management Team review on a weekly basis around Covid data.</p> |
| 3. Care homes | There is a separate paper on the Board agenda. |
| 4. Provision, utilisation and availability of PPE | There are no significant issues to highlight. |
| 5. Flu Vaccination planning | Separate report on the agenda. |

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| 6. Workforce | <p>NHSL Staff Testing Programme.</p> <p>Salus are currently responsible for providing Covid Testing for all Symptomatic Health & Social Care staff (& their household members). These tests are undertaken at the Law House drive through facility, and by a mobile unit ensuring access to those unable to travel (too unwell, no car, etc..).</p> <p>1,007 tests have been undertaken since 1st October. Currently approximately 200 tests are carried out weekly with approximately 25% testing positive. Whilst this is a stable trend it remains well below the testing levels of April 2020. All staff testing positive are followed up by Occupational Health to determine recovery and any further support required. It should be noted that staff also have the option of being tested at a UK government test centre. However numbers attending these facilities are unknown.</p> <p>Salus also provide routine (weekly) testing of Asymptomatic Care Home Staff in North Lanarkshire (including Hospices) and NHSL staff dealing with vulnerable patient groups (Oncology, care of the Elderly, Long Stay Old Age Psychiatry/Learning Difficulties). This is a voluntary service attempting to identify and reduce transmission in these sectors.</p> <p>11,150 tests have been undertaken since 1st October. Currently approximately 1,850 tests are carried out weekly. Currently around 5-20 staff are identified weekly via this service (mainly in care homes) and immediately isolated to reduce transmission.</p> <p>Scottish Government have announced that routine asymptomatic testing will be offered to NHS patient facing staff in the near future. This will involve the rapid LFD test where results are available within 30 mins. There is little Lab involvement other than verifying any positive results generated. This is a significant expansion of the existing programme (described above). Staff will be required to voluntarily undertake 2 tests per week with those testing positive immediately isolating. Details of this programme are awaited from Scottish Government at time of writing.</p> |
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| 7. Mental Health Services | <p>As part of our efforts to refresh Mental Health Services, in response to the pandemic, and as part of the Mental Health Remobilisation Plan (and in responding to the letter from the Minister for Mental Health on 6 November 2020 attached) a new website for Lanarkshire puts high-quality mental health self-help at people's fingertips.</p> <p>Lanarkshire Mind Matters has been produced by NHS Lanarkshire's psychological services. It aims to link adults aged 18 and over to evidence-based mental health information, advice and help. This includes computerised cognitive behavioural therapy (cCBT), with quick access to four new self-referral modules:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Space for Resilience; • Space for Sleep; • Space from Stress; and • Space from Covid-19. <p>There are links to self-help for problems including anxiety, depression and panic, as well as free online courses and information about how to maintain mental and physical wellbeing. Further resources are already being developed.</p> <p>The website will continually evolve as part of a wider move to provide accessible online services during the Covid-19 pandemic and beyond.</p> <p>Visit the site at: http://www.lanarkshiremindmatters.scot.nhs.uk</p> |
| 8. Communications | <p>In addition to significant resources directed at the Monklands Replacement Project public engagement programme, which is coming to an end, the main focus of the department efforts have been around Covid and specifically around addressing concerns about the flu vaccination programme and Board Members have been provided with information separately about those efforts.</p> <p>The Department has been providing additional support around the flu vaccination programme and the implications for NHS Lanarkshire of moving into level four of the five tier approach announced by Scottish Government on 17 November 2020.</p> |
| 9. Finance | Finance item on the agenda at item 16. |
| 10. Digital | No significant issues to be flagged. |

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| 11. Remobilisation Plan | The Plan was submitted to the Board in October 2020 and steps are being taken to refresh the Plan in early 2021 to submit a version three to Scottish Government. The Board will be advised of submission dates once these have been finalised. |
| 12. Resilience and Brexit updates | <p>Board Members have already been advised that following a review of the data and a discussion at CMT in October the Corporate Management Team agreed that the Board should move into full Gold Command, and Strategic meetings are taking place three times per week, and a Brexit session will be incorporated every two weeks initially.</p> <p>A BREXIT Heatmap has been included in the Corporate Risk Register papers and the Strategic Command Group continues to monitor national (UK) and local (Scotland) developments.</p> |