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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.

Issue	Update
1. Epidemiology	<p>Key Points (as at 25 March 2021)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cases per 100,000 over past 7 days: 90.5 for Lanarkshire; 108.1 for North Lanarkshire; 71.8 for South Lanarkshire • 3.9 percent of tests sampled in last 7 days returned a positive result • NHS Lanarkshire has seen a slight increase in case numbers over last week • Cases have been increasing in Motherwell and Wishaw over the last ten days • Airdrie and Bellshill have seen a fall in case numbers • Percentage of test results being positive remains below 5% • Mobile Testing Units have been deployed in Bellshill, East Kilbride, Hamilton, Wishaw and Rutherglen localities
2. Public Health Surveillance	A copy of the latest Public Health Surveillance report is being sent under separate cover, this contains sensitive management information and will not be formally added to the Board agenda as an attached paper. Also to be sent under separate cover on Monday will be a set of powerpoint slides that the Corporate Management Team review on a weekly basis around Covid data.
3. Care homes	There is a separate paper on the Board agenda at item 11
4. Provision, utilisation and availability of PPE	There are no significant issues to highlight
5. COVID Vaccination Programme	Dr Mark Russell will provide an update on the latest position at the Board meeting at item 9

6. Workforce	<p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All staff temporarily redeployed to support acute service and the C-19 vaccination programme have now returned to their substantive roles. • Since beginning of January 2021, NHSL has recruited c.900 additional fixed term staff and c.2200 additional posts on to staff bank to support C-19 vaccination programme. • Mutual Aid – continuing with support from NLC/SLC in Test & Protect Service, Respiratory Assessment Centres, Primary Care Services and our local Vaccination Telephone Helpline (c.27 staff until end June 2021), and ongoing support to vaccination centre. • C-19 absence reduced to 200-250 (~2%) staff per day absence. • Sickness absence remains approx. 6% (5.98% at Feb 21). • Staff testing – symptomatic reduced to c.20 per wk / c.2 positive results per week, ongoing asymptomatic testing (PCR c.350 per week/<1positive per week, LFD 8168 staff with kits/0.3% positive to date). • C-19 staff vaccination – 30,646 1st dose /10,986 2nd dose. Programme scheduled to complete late April.
7. Mental Health Services	These were subject to detailed updates at the last NHS Board meeting in January 2021
8. Infection Control	There is a detailed report on the Board agenda at item 16
9. Redesign of Urgent Care	A detailed report was provided at the February Board meeting and a further update will be provided in May 2021
10 Finance	Finance item on the agenda at item 21
11. Digital	No significant issues to be flagged
12. Communications	<p>NHS Lanarkshire has received a high level of enquiries about travel to the vaccine supercentres. In response a travel guide has been produced and publicised to signpost people to the range of supports that have been introduced to help people attend their vaccine appointment.</p> <p>A new staff Covid-19 vaccination section is being created on the NHS Lanarkshire public website to replace the existing information on the FirstPort (intranet). This will improve access and include new arrangements to ensure information is reviewed and updated systematically.</p> <p>Communication campaigns are underway to promote compliance with Covid-19 restrictions and guidelines among staff and the public.</p>
13. Remobilisation Plan	The third draft version of the Remobilisation Plan was requested by Scottish Government by the end of February 2021. This was submitted and Scottish Government comments are awaited. This was the subject of a Board Briefing session on 17 March 2021.

14. Resilience	<p>COVID - The NHSL Strategic objectives are shown below;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Protect and preserve life. 2. Maintain situational awareness through proactive monitoring to ensure effective planning and response to emerging and changing circumstances. 3. Prioritise resources to balance response, minimise disruption and maintain urgent access to essential services. 4. Prioritise local vaccination programmes in line with national plans and guidance to help promote early recovery and return to normality. 5. Maintain an ethical based approach. 6. Identify risks and controls to safeguard the health and safety and wellbeing of staff and patients. 7. Provide appropriate levels of resource to support public wellbeing and mental health. 8. Establish and maintain effective communications. <p>The current situation continues to show improvement with a continued decline in pressure in Acute and Care Home sites. There is though evidence of the new case numbers rate of decline stalling. Given the improving situation the Command & Control arrangements have been revised with the Strategic Command meetings being scaled back to one per week with an ability to recall at short notice.</p> <p>Tactical Command Groups are assessing their needs and may scale back frequency or stand down if appropriate. Support of the Strategic Command needs to remain in place at this time as there will be a number of Tactical Groups remaining live.</p> <p>Notwithstanding the current improving situation it is important that the organisation recognizes that the pandemic is still ongoing and risks associated with this remain extant. The Command & Control structures need to continue in order to maintain focus on response and driving down the prevalence of the virus. There is also a continuing need for NHSL to remain agile to any future outbreaks</p> <p>Support remains in place to support the Strategic and Tactical groups including provision of a daily data common recognised information picture which has now reduced to week days only. Records of meetings continue to be captured via Tactical update reports and meeting log.</p> <p>Concurrent Risks;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brexit – Incident has been closed. • Disruptive weather – Lanarkshire experienced periods of disruptive weather throughout January and February. There were no incident responses required due to this. Staff were kept informed via a number of bulletin updates and Resilience Briefs.
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