



**WOKINGHAM
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⑥ Wokingham Borough Council Outbreak Control Plan

Summary Slides

Agenda Item 17.



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What is an outbreak plan?

- We want to keep our community as safe as we can as lockdown restrictions are eased, an Outbreak Plan ensures we are prepared and able to actively prevent outbreaks from occurring
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- An Outbreak Plan ensures that we have a robust and safe way of managing an outbreak within the borough
- By working with partners, we have built on local knowledge and insight and included this within our plan
- Our local Outbreak Plan, is part of a wider, national programme that is there to support the Test and Trace initiative



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52 Care
homes

171,119
residents

8865
businesses

69.1 sq.
miles

426 schools
and early
years
settings

Definitions: what is an incident, outbreak and complex case



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- An 'incident' is one confirmed case of Covid-19 or a symptomatic person
- An 'outbreak' is defined as two or more linked cases
- Complex cases are in high risk settings, such as an impact on infrastructure, cases/contacts who are unable to comply with restrictions or an increase in severity, frequency of cases



Our Local Outbreak Control Plan centres on 7 key Themes

- 1 Care Settings and Schools**
Prevent and manage outbreaks in specific individual settings (e.g. schools, care homes)
- 2 High Risk Workplaces, Communities and Locations**
Prevent and manage outbreaks in other high-risk locations, workplaces and communities
- 3 Mobile Testing Units & Local Testing approaches**
There will be sites for mobile testing in Berkshire. We have identified locations for testing sites and can deploy as needed
- 4 Contact Tracing in Complex Settings**
Public Health England (PHE) does contact tracing for complex settings with support from WBC as needed
- 5 Data Integration**
Our data is being managed by Public Health and will be used to identify hotspots and enable us to target efforts
- 6 Vulnerable People**
Support vulnerable people and ensure services meet the needs of diverse communities
- 7 Local Boards (including Communication & Engagement)**
Local Boards prevent outbreaks and manage outbreaks through Incident Control Teams with the PHE as necessary



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Managing risks locally

We have developed outbreak plans for a number of key areas, such as:

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Local Businesses

Workplaces

Public transport

Schools and nurseries

Care homes and other care settings

Public Spaces and community



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What measures have we introduced?

- Provided support packages (such as online resources to support home based learning) to all schools and early years settings, and supported schools on expanded attendance during the re-opening of schools phase
- Continuing to support vulnerable people within the Borough, including the support for care homes and care settings, along with our joint community support with the voluntary sector and advice on PPE
- Risk assessments, signage and marshalling to keep our leisure, parks and open spaces available to our community where possible
- Provided support packs for local retailers and businesses with social distancing advice, guidelines and useful resources such as posters and floor stickers
- Clear signage across the towns that ensure people remember the importance of social distancing, hand sanitisation and queuing safely
- Increased social media and marketing campaigns to keep businesses and residents up to date with useful information and to contain outbreak/prevent further cases associated with an ongoing outbreak

As guidance changes, our measures will be reviewed and updated

How will we respond to an outbreak?

We will:

- Act swiftly with partners to put local actions in place to support Public Health England's recommendations on controlling spread
- 26 ○ Offer advice and support to all residents and businesses to help them keep safe and support them in the event of an outbreak
- Support our community by promoting social distancing, handwashing and self-isolation
- Assist our more vulnerable residents who need extra help
- Communicate quickly where we have an outbreak
- Monitor data on infections to prevent further outbreaks

What actions might be taken?



If there is an outbreak, we may need to take action to help keep our community safe:

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Specific advice on PPE, infection prevention, control measure and contact tracing

Testing of people with and without symptoms

Restricting attendance at an outbreak site

Cancelling events

Closing community facilities and premises if needed

Alert messaging

We would look to minimise the outbreak and impact on the community prior to closing any premises or services

How the National Scheme works



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Level 3

Telephone calls to contacts to advise them to self-isolate and provide support.

- Level 3 – National Contact Centre for advice and guidance

Level 2

Interviews with Cases to establish contacts.

- Level 2 – Led by NHS professionals to undertake interviews and gather further info for contact tracing

Level 1

Regional Response

- Level 1 - Led by Public Health England with WBC, focussed on investigating and containing outbreaks and providing local support

What happens if there is an outbreak?



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Public Health England

If case is complex, notifies Local Authority



WBC Environmental Health

First point of contact for a local outbreak



WBC Outbreak Response Group/Councillors

Providing support, advice and guidance



Our Community

Inform, support and advice

Joint approach

Supporting our community together



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Managing an
outbreak
collaboratively
with partners





Governance

↳ The WBC Outbreak Engagement Board keep the public informed about Covid-19 in the community

Overseen by our two Berkshire Health Protection Boards key partners will work together to control spread locally

The Thames Valley Local Resilience Forum will act across a broader geography if needed

The South East Regional Oversight Group will help us learn from other areas



How we will communicate

There are two key objectives:

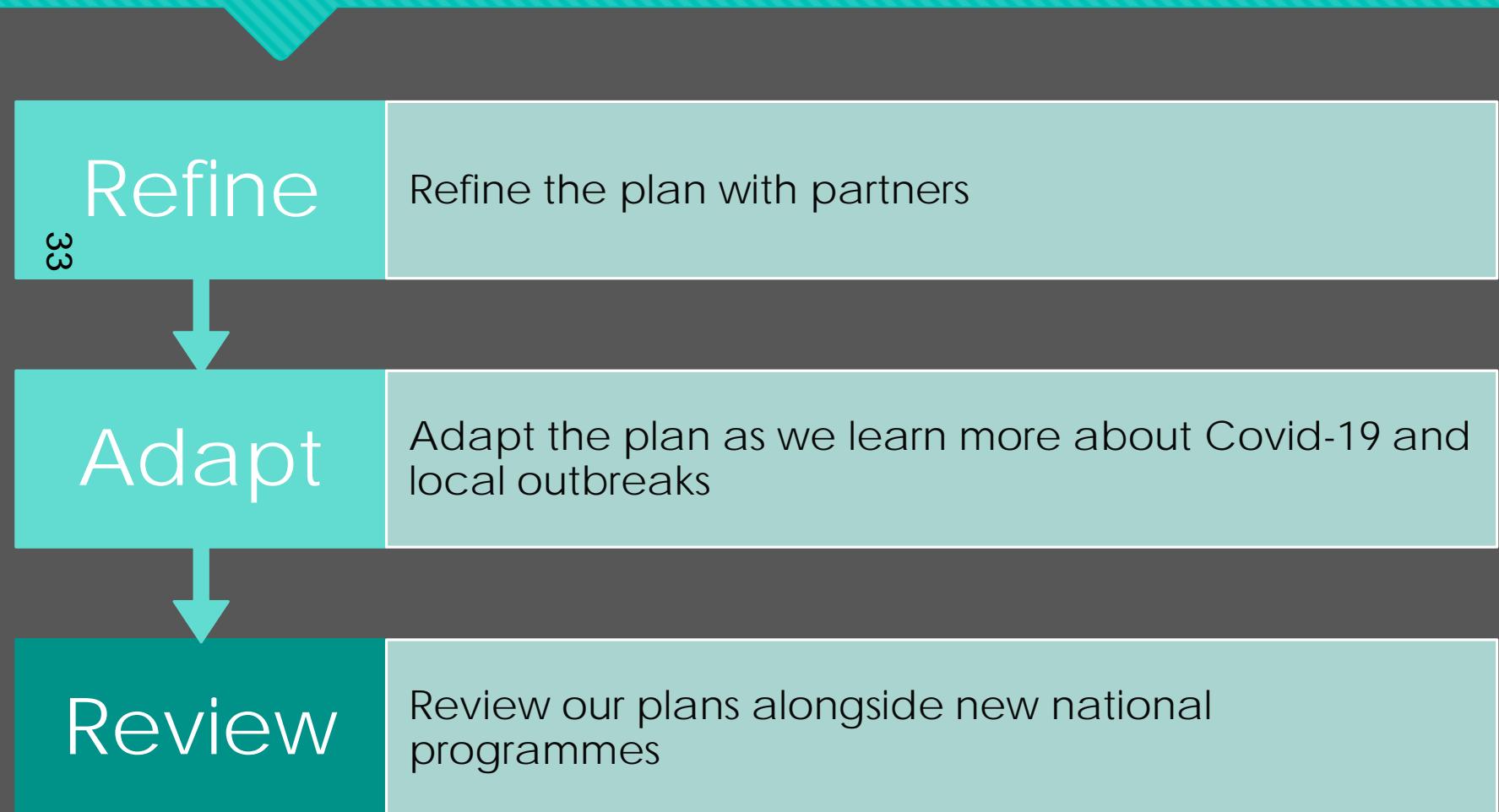
- To prevent local outbreaks through promotion of social distancing measures, good hygiene and observance of self-isolation rules where necessary
- To support response to any outbreaks that occur through timely and accurately targeted communications and contact tracing

To achieve these we will:

- Keep our website up to date with the latest information and guidance.
- Use appropriate media channels to communicate with target audiences and stakeholders
- Work with partners to make sure information is clear and accurate
- Build on existing communications for Covid-19 to ensure joined up approach
- Hold Outbreak Engagement Boards (led by local councillors and accountable to the public) fortnightly (or more often as required).



Next steps





Guidance and support

We are here to support our community; for more information visit :

www.wokingham.gov.uk

Main
Gov't
website

www.gov.uk/coronavirus

Local
help and
support

www.citizensadvicewokingham.org.uk

Business
advice

[www.berkshirebusinesshub.co.uk/
coronavirus-advice-for-businesses](http://www.berkshirebusinesshub.co.uk/coronavirus-advice-for-businesses)

Health
advice
(inc.
isolation)

www.nhs.uk/coronavirus

Testing
and
Tracing

[www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus
-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/)

Mental
wellbeing
support

www.berkshirehealthcare.nhs.uk