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Background

As part of the Government's COVID-19 recovery strategy, the [NHS Test and Trace service](#) was launched on 28 May 2020 with the primary objectives to control the COVID-19 rate of reproduction (R), reduce the spread of infection and save lives. Between March 2020 and March 2021, the Government implemented three national lockdowns in order to prevent and reduce the spread of Coronavirus. At the end of 2020, a new and more transmissible variant of COVID-19 began to spread very quickly across the UK. The Government responded by reintroducing the Stay at Home order first in the regions most affected and then nationally across England.

On 22 February, the Government published a four-step plan setting out the roadmap for easing restrictions and exiting England's third national lockdown - [COVID-19 Response – Spring 2021](#). On 18 March 2021, the [COVID-19 Contain Framework- a guide for local decision makers](#) was updated, setting out how national, regional and local partners should continue work with each other, the public, businesses, institutions (including schools, prisons, hospitals, care homes and homelessness settings) and other local system partners in their communities to prevent, manage and contain outbreaks of COVID-19.

Successful prevention and management of local outbreaks is a core element of our shared ambition to break the chains of COVID-19 transmission, to enable people to return to, and maintain, a more normal way of life, living safely with COVID-19.

The Surrey Local Outbreak Control Plan builds on existing health protection plans and is primarily about controlling COVID-19 outbreaks. However preventing spread of the virus is still critically important to prevent localised outbreaks and local community transmission. Surrey residents need to continue to follow national guidance on staying at home if symptomatic or self-isolating, social distancing, washing hands, and using face coverings in public places.

Purpose of this document

The purpose of this document is to provide a summary of the main Local Outbreak Control Plan that was first published at the end of June 2020. The plan is reviewed regularly to ensure it remains up to date with guidance and can be successfully executed.

Summary of the Local Outbreak Control Plan (LOCP) COVID-19

Following publication of the four-step plan setting out the roadmap for easing restrictions, the Surrey LOCP has been reviewed and covers the following:

The Surrey Picture - This describes the health and care landscape in Surrey and the impact of COVID-19 on Surrey in terms of cases, deaths and outbreaks.

Legal context – The Coronavirus Act 2020 is the primary legislation underpinning the various duties, powers and restrictions that are detailed in the various Regulations made under the Act.

Local Governance – There are national, regional and local governance arrangements for COVID-19 multiagency structures. In Surrey the public facing Surrey Local Outbreak Engagement Board (LOEB)

is led by council members to communicate openly with the public. The Surrey Local Resilience Forum supports the COVID response by managing the deployment of resources e.g PPE supplies, Welfare support, Testing etc. Both the LOEB and Surrey LRF are supported by the multi-agency tactical forum Surrey's COVID-19 Management Group.

Data and Intelligence – This describes the national, regional and local roles and responsibilities, for monitoring and reporting available testing and tracing data, which is reviewed by the Public Health team for health protection decision making.

Local Testing Capabilities – This describes the national and local testing arrangements in Surrey

Contact Tracing – This describes the national NHS Test and Trace Service and the development of the local Surrey Contact Tracing Service as it has expanded to cover the whole of Surrey. Both services work in partnership using the national contact tracing database.

Vaccinations – This describes the national vaccination programme and the models of delivery and governance in Surrey, including access to vaccination for those in vulnerable groups.

High risk places, locations and communities – The plan identifies places, locations and communities where people are at higher risk of either becoming infected with COVID-19 or developing serious illness. It includes outbreak management arrangements and responding to COVID-19 Variants of Concern.

Enduring transmission – This describes the measures in Surrey for supporting local communities to 'living with COVID' in the future.

Supporting vulnerable people – This describes the arrangements to support vulnerable people during self-isolation.

Communications and engagement – This describes the multi-agency co-ordination of COVID-19 communications and engagement activities, for public, community, stakeholder, and national engagement.