

Local Outbreak Engagement Board

2 March 2021

Questions from the public

1. Purpose

To provide answers to questions received from Members of the public.

2. Recommendations

2.1 That the answers to the questions received from the public be noted.

3. Report detail

As part of the government's national strategy to reduce infection from COVID-19, every council in England was required to create a local outbreak plan by the end of June and to create an elected member-led Local Outbreak Engagement Board.

Walsall Council Cabinet considered the arrangements for a Local Outbreak Engagement Board on 17 June and, at the meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Board on 23 June, the creation of a sub-committee as the Local Outbreak Engagement Board was agreed. The purpose of the board is to provide political ownership and public-facing engagement and communications in relation to an outbreak response.

Members of the public can ask the Local Outbreak Engagement Board questions which are within its remit and it will be answered when the board next meets. Members of the public need to submit their question(s) at least seven clear days before the meeting (clear days are working days and does not include the day the question is received or the day of the meeting).

Since the last meeting one question has been received:

Why does the Bloxwich Active Living Centre seem to have stopped vaccinations, have supplies run out, been diverted elsewhere in the area, and does it have anything to do with the our ranking as one of the lowest ranking health partnerships (as at 31st Jan) in terms of vaccination rollout?

Stats as taken from The Telegraph 8/2/2021: How many first doses have been given in your local area? Use our postcode tool to see if your healthcare authority is ahead or behind WS3 2AB The Black Country and West Birmingham (WS3 2AB) 16.3% of people in your area have received their first dose of the Covid-19 vaccine running up to Jan 31. That's 175,605 people now with a first dose of the vaccine out of a total population of 1,079,401, an

increase of +4.4% since Jan 24 Your local partnership ranks 34th out of the 42 healthcare partnerships across England. How this breaks down: Over 80s: 83.9% Rank: 36th out of 42 Age 75-79: 79.1% Rank: 29th out of 42 Age 70-74: 39.0% Rank: 15th out of 42 Under 70s: 6.0% Rank: 32nd out of 42 Source: Most recent weekly NHS data as of Jan 31, 2021

An answer will be provided to the above question at the meeting.

Background papers

None.

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