Local Outbreak Engagement Board

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Walsall Covid-19 Dashboard

1. **Purpose**

   The 'Walsall Covid-19 dashboard' provides a weekly update of data in relation to potential symptoms, confirmed cases and deaths. Where applicable, it compares Walsall with Local Authorities across the region for benchmark purposes.

2. **Recommendations**

   2.1 That member's note the latest data presented in the dashboard and the highlights listed below

   2.2. That members use, promote and direct other users to the dashboard accordingly

3. **Report detail**

   Latest summary highlights:
   1. *Following a first of over 1,000 positive cases over 7 days previously, cases have reduced and a rate of 339.8 per 100,000 population. Comparing Walsall with our Black Country neighbours (Dudley, Sandwell and Wolverhampton), Walsall ranks 2ⁿᵈ highest behind Sandwell.*

   2. *Deaths attributable to Covid-19 have increased in recent weeks - the importance of abiding by the government guidance is paramount.*

   3. *Widespread community transmission continues across the borough as a whole – the importance of abiding by the government guidance is paramount.*

   Background:
   - The 'Walsall Covid-19 dashboard' is a two sided dashboard refreshed weekly (usually on a Tuesday) to provide timely data and can be sourced on the WalsallCouncil website HEREand clicking on the dashboard link

   - Its purpose is to offer a brief overview for the Walsall borough and includes:

   Potential symptoms and confirmed cases:
   - o Trends of positive cases

- o Figures on potential symptoms
- o Numbers of cases for Walsall and neighbouring Local Authorities
- o Rates per 100,000 population for Walsall and neighbouring Local Authorities

Mortality: distribution and incidence:
  - o A map of deaths by Middle Super Output Area at a point in time (MSOA – a Census defined geography with a similar number of people and households. There are 39 MSOAs in Walsall).
  - o Charts presenting deaths over time and where they are occurring – 'care home' or 'hospital'
  - o Peak mortality comparator across the region.

- There are also contact details highlighted for the Health Protection Team who, along with other Public Health staff and some provider staff, cover the on call phone line / email from 8am until 8pm, 7 days per week. Walsall.healthprotection@nhs.net 01922 658065

- Comments and feedback are welcome from users of the dashboard, and further amendments/tweaks will be made to ensure the intended audience get the most from it.

4.   Conclusion

Continue to utilise the 'Walsall Covid-19 dashboard' on a regular basis to help gauge the latest situation, and feedback suggestions for possible future improvements.

Background papers

The following data sources have been used to collate the dashboard:
PHE Coronavirus Tracker
NHS Digital
ONS Weekly Registered Deaths

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