

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE STRATEGIC CRISIS MANAGEMENT TEAM  
HELD ON 15<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, 2020**

**PRESENT:** D. Langton, D. Walker, J. Whittaker, N. Watson, J. Watson, H. Culshaw, M. Mason, J. McDonnell, A. Goode and S. Miller

Apologies for absence were received from P. Mousdale.

**PART I**

**459. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Strategic Crisis Management Team meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2020 were submitted.

**AGREED**

That the Minutes be approved.

**460. SITUATIONAL UPDATE**

The rate of infection continued to be high within Pendle with 255 positive cases per 100,000 population. This showed a slight decrease from 294.2 the previous week. However, Pendle was still the third highest for positive cases within Lancashire. It was noted that there had been a noticeable increase in positive cases within other areas of the region.

A review of the tiering allocation was scheduled for 16<sup>th</sup> December with an announcement expected on 17<sup>th</sup>. London and the South East were expected to move into Tier 3 due to the increased spread of the infection. The Government would also be reviewing the proposed restrictions for over the Christmas period.

It was reported that a review of restrictions would now be carried out weekly given the concern on the spread of the virus.

Community Testing was now being carried out in Lancashire assisted by the Army for a 6 week period. Vaccinations were now being rolled out with priority being given to the over 80's and residents in care homes.

It was noted that homeworking would continue, where possible, until at least March, 2021.

**461. LRF UPDATE**

An update on discussions at the various LRF Groups was given.

Issues raised included:

- Taxi Drivers – prioritise for smart testing
- Collection of clinical waste from vaccination sites
- Risk Assessment related to clinical waste etc.
- Lateral floor tests (for use with refuse collectors)
- Staffing of vaccination sites

**462. SERVICE POSITION STATEMENTS**

An update from each service area was given and overall service provision was continuing. Staff were continuing to respond to demand although there was an increase in demand in some service areas. This included responding to the Health and Safety Executive following inspections to local businesses.

**463. IT UPDATE**

It was reported no new issues had arisen relating to the IT outage a couple of weeks ago. The delivery of the new laptops was still scheduled for mid-January, 2021.

**PART 2**

**464. TIMETABLE OF REPORTS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

The timetable for future meetings was submitted for consideration in conjunction with the Policy and Resources Work Programme and amended.

**AGREED**

That items for future meetings be forwarded to Jane Watson.

**All Service Managers/  
Jane Watson**

**465. RISK MANAGEMENT WORKING GROUP**

Minutes of a meeting of the Risk Management Working Group held on 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2020 were submitted for information.