



## The National Test and Trace service – Coventry, Solihull and Warwickshire Beacon

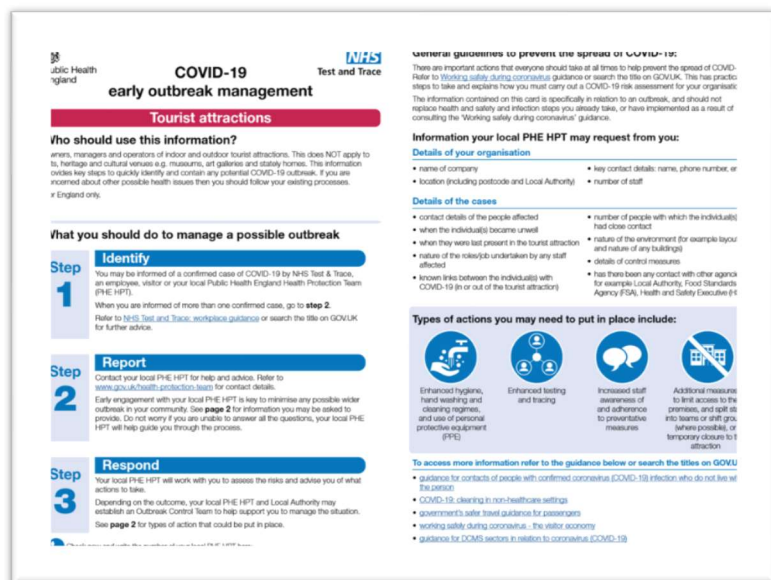
### Briefing note to Members, week ending 31 July 2020

A weekly round-up of news, issues and updates from the Coventry, Solihull and Warwickshire Beacon team. Keep up to date and find more background information about our work at [www.staysafecsw.info](http://www.staysafecsw.info)

### Test and Trace – national activity

The national programme has launched a series of 16 ‘action cards’, each relevant to a different setting where people come into contact. The cards set out what people with responsibility in each setting type should do to manage a possible outbreak, as well as summarise the guidance on preventing the spread of Covid-19.

Cards are available for a range of settings grouped under gatherings, residential and workplace headings. We have also been developing local action cards and are reviewing how the national resources can best work alongside these. Once local partners have reviewed the available cards we will make a decision about which set will be shared on our microsite.



### Beacon update

This week we say farewell to Flight Officer Jasper Chamberlain and Lieutenant Chris Haydock, Warwickshire’s military planners, who have supported the Test and Trace programme mobile testing operational planning since the beginning of July. Their time and effort in identifying, risk assessing and liaising with stakeholders to ensure smooth future mobile testing operations has been highly valued, and we wish them all the best as they return to their respective services.

We have moved to the next phase of test and trace, and are now well into ‘delivery’ and a stable routine of activity. The publication of the contain framework has supplied much-needed detail to

shape local delivery, and all 3 authorities are adapting their local implementation plans to take account of the new information. We intend to review the overarching outbreak control plan once the local plans have been completed. As part of the next phase we are reviewing the frequency of meetings and briefings so they have maximum effectiveness.

The 3 authorities have agreed and are firming up mutual aid arrangements to support the timeliness of strategic and operational responses.

We are also beginning to shape how the Covid-19 response and our local plans will connect to emerging seasonal concerns such as flu and winter pressures.

### **Epidemiology and Intelligence**

Local data appears to suggest a slow, steady increase in case numbers in some areas. Data and intelligence officers are working with communications colleagues to refresh and re-target messaging to seek to prevent complacency.

### **Joint Health Protection**

Officers are continuing discussions on contact tracing, and the type of model that would work locally.

Public Health teams are working to define a set of trigger points at which they would look to use the powers devolved through the contain framework.

Discussions are underway with business community leaders and networks to strengthen understanding and compliance with Covid-secure measures in workplaces, and to better understand the challenges being faced.

### **Testing**

The West Midlands testing approach continues to develop, using learning of what has and hasn't worked to date. Conversations are taking place to develop walkthrough testing units. Coventry is due to host a city centre based mobile testing unit next week, and are talking to the provider to see if a walkthrough element can be trialled.

Birmingham International Airport is due to become a regional testing site.

### **Communications, Engagement and Participation**

We are developing a new media campaign to refresh the public messages around infection and prevention. 'Let's Do The Right Thing for ...' is a flexible strapline that can be adapted to fit any neighbourhood, town or authority, and we will be using this in varying ways across the 3 areas to create a sense of shared ownership and unity as we move into the summer months.

On behalf of the Beacon Coventry has developed a set of community engagement principles and a framework for engagement and participation. We are looking to develop a webinar on our communications and community engagement approaches for colleagues across the region to share best practice and learning.

### **Priority actions**

- Develop and agree approach for sharing and disseminating data across the three authorities

- Continue to establish local test and trace response teams
- Development of priorities and principles for use of sub-regional funds, including recruitment to Programme Manager role

**Meetings taking place next week (3 to 7 August)**

- 3 August - Coventry Health & Wellbeing Board Test & Trace Subgroup
- 5 August – Warwickshire Operational Response Group
- 6 August - Solihull Health Protection Board
- 6 August - Warwickshire Health Protection Board
- 7 August - Coventry Test and Trace Member Panel update