



HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD – 9 JULY 2020

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) IMPACT AND RESPONSE OF THE LOCAL CARE SYSTEM

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Purpose of the Report

1. The purpose of this report is to advise the Health and Wellbeing Board on the impact of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) within the County and the initial response of the County Council and the local care system. The report will also consider how the health and care system may develop as a result of the pandemic and how the Board can be part of this reshaping process. A supplementary report will be circulated to members nearer the time.

Recommendations

2. The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to have regard to the information in this and the subsequent supplementary report.

Background

3. Coronaviruses are a family of viruses common across the world in animals and humans. COVID-19 is the illness seen in people infected with a new strain of coronavirus not previously seen in humans and began in Wuhan Province in China in December 2019. This has since spread to most parts of the world.
4. A supplementary paper to this report is being produced by officers. This will focus on the impact of the virus across Leicestershire and plans in place by the local care system to respond to further outbreaks (including the County Council's Outbreak Control and Prevention Plan) and enable recovery. The report will also consider how the health and care system may develop as a result of pandemic and how the Board can be part of this process.

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