

LSP Covid-19 Meeting 30 June 2020

Below is a summary of some of the key points that came out of the COVID-19 meeting of 30/6/2020 of the Local Strategic Board of Croydon

Hospital/NHS/Public Health:

- Only 4 people in hospital admissions as at 29/6/2020 – ***Fantastic news***
- Only 1 new COVID positive case in the hospital since 29/5
- No COVID patients in ICU
- No deaths since the last case on June 4

As a result of the huge positive progress being made to combat the virus, the hospital is now able to:

- Start elective surgery again from July
- To restore confidence, they now have in place a non-covid area for patients who go into the hospital for other forms of treatments.
- Latest medical report suggests that there is no known evidence that taking Vitamin D helps covid patients, however, it is recognised that vitamin D deficiency is not good for our general immunity.
- Lockdown is easing gradually but people are encouraged to please follow guidelines
- Croydon is developing a 'Croydon outbreak control plan' with care homes, workplaces, schools etc on how things could be managed if there was a second outbreak. One of those measures will be to try and identify an early sign of an outbreak and to put measures in place to mitigate against such occurring on a wider scale.
- Public health would like to engage and work with Community partners to deal with any future occurrence

Croydon Council:

- Pushing out information that the pandemic has not gone away, so people need to continue following guidelines
- Keeping Council momentum going so people do not relax and get caught up in a second wave
- Council is bringing back services that were temporarily halted as a result of the lockdown

- Council looking into its Race and equality policies in the light of the George Floyd incident and BLM protests
- Council is beginning to engage in conversations with Black staff and urging other LSP partners to work collaboratively to address the broader equality issues raised
- Government has served notice they will withdraw support for shielded residents at the end of July. Meanwhile, the Council will continue to support shielded residents.

Police

- No specific COVID related updates so they are back to the usual business of policing
- Less than 10% of staff isolating
- There are no concerning rise in changes to Domestic Violence calls made to the police
- Police working on plans on how to manage the public when pubs open although many pubs have indicated they will not be opening on the 4th of July

Places of Worship:

- Public Health to work with Places of Worship to control any outbreak – Work in progress to help provide simple local guidelines.