

# COMMUNITY SERVICES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

## MEMBER REPORT

<b>NAME OF ORGANISATION/BODY</b>	Gloucestershire Health Overview Scrutiny Committee & Gloucestershire Covid-19 Local Outbreak Engagement Board
<b>DATE OF LAST MEETING ATTENDED</b>	March 2 2021
<b>BRIEF REPORT</b>	<p><b>Gloucestershire Health Overview Scrutiny Committee:</b></p> <p>There were 3 major topics discussed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. COVID 19 and the knock on effect on other hospital services - on COVID 19 will cover that below. In terms of acute services Gloucester Royal and Cheltenham General, the hospitals are working hard to treat current demand and also catch up with the backlog. As you will have seen on the national news there a record amount of people waiting for appointments and treatment. It will take sometime to catch up with pre COVID 19 levels. Also demand is increasing and expected to increase further owing to indirect effects of COVID 19 of all mental health services.</li> <li>2. Fit for the Future- this is the plan for the major reconfiguration of service delivery at Gloucester Royal Hospitals Trust, I and others argued with COVID 19 this was not the time to undertake this work. However, the NHS bodies have carried on with this plan. After much discussion it was finally agreed to have a special meeting of HOSC to discuss the recommendations on March 22.</li> <li>3. Cheltenham Festival- This time last year at the start of the pandemic the Festival was allowed to carry on. We were promised an investigation into how it was permitted to go ahead? and what were the effects, nothing has been materialised. I raised the topic again and the Committee agreed to formally write to Public Health England and the Minister asking for such an enquiry to take place.</li> </ol> <p>Link to the papers below  <a href="https://glostext.gloucestershire.gov.uk/documents/g9036/Public%20reports%20pack%20Tuesday%2005-Mar-2019%2010.00%20Health%20and%20Care%20Overview%20and%20Scrutiny%20Committee.pdf?T=10">https://glostext.gloucestershire.gov.uk/documents/g9036/Public%20reports%20pack%20Tuesday%2005-Mar-2019%2010.00%20Health%20and%20Care%20Overview%20and%20Scrutiny%20Committee.pdf?T=10</a></p> <p><b>Gloucestershire Covid-19 Local Outbreak Engagement Board:</b></p>

	<p>The papers and proceedings of the Board are confidential. Therefore, I have to be careful in terms of what I disclose. There are a number of key points</p> <p>1. Gloucestershire is one of the top performing areas in the country in terms of vaccinating key priority groups, full credit and thanks should be given to the local GPs, staff and all the volunteers who have made this possible. The key decision that enabled this was to have local testing centres throughout the county, rather than as many other areas have done one mass vaccination centre. There is some confusion though, that some people are being approached twice by receiving letters from a national data base inviting them to vaccinated in places such as Swindon, Worcester and Bristol and other mass vaccination centres. This conflicts with local appointments etc organised by the GPs. It is hoped this can be resolved soon. Govt. have said that all other things being equal it is hoped all over 18s in England eligible will be vaccinated by the end of July.</p> <p>2. Key messages- despite good progress being made on vaccinations, the pandemic is not over. In terms of testing the key messages have been revisited see below for the link- <a href="http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/testing">www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/testing</a></p> <p>3. The Local Operational Management Plan for Gloucestershire – Has been revisited , all areas were only given 2 weeks in which to do this by Govt. The Plan is how Gloucestershire manages all aspects of the pandemic.</p>
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