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COMMUNITY SERVICES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORT

NAME OF ORGANISATION/BODY	Gloucestershire Covid-19 Outbreak Engagement Board
DATE OF LAST MEETING ATTENDED	14 January

BRIEF REPORT

The last meeting was held on 14 January. The 11 February meeting was cancelled; as part of the new 'Living with covid' plan the board has been disbanded. See my report on this below.

14 January

My headlines from this group are as follows, although the figures will now be out of date. At this point, in Gloucestershire we were seeing less hospitalisation, but still outbreaks in adult social care. There was a benefit in Gloucestershire from having a very strong offer in our virtual ward, so less people had to go to hospital, they were able to get oxygen monitoring and oxygen if need it at home and would be phoned at least twice a day. Vaccinations, Gloucestershire remains one of the best in the country but uptake is slowing so need to keep promoting this. I did ask about the clinically extremely vulnerable if they will get a 4th booster and antivirals if needed.

We received an update from Sarah Scott at Leadership Gloucestershire on 3 March 2022 as follows:

Living with covid

At about 504k/100k, cases are still quite high, above SW and UK averages. However, government is lifting most measures so in Gloucestershire, Public Health has come up with a 'living with covid' plan. The main points are as follows.

Preventing: Will continue to promote vaccinations, community resilience, communications on personal voluntary behaviour, guidance to stay at home for 5 days; working with infection control team for places that are more vulnerable like care homes.

Responding: planning what would do if there is a new surge, if needed for example community/surge testing, would need capacity, there will no longer be a specific workforce to call on automatically if needed, those staff are leaving.

Governance: standing down the engagement board end of March, health protection board will revert to monthly.

Holding a 'lessons learnt' debrief is important for all organisations who have been part of the frontline pandemic response, and inputting into public enquiry, what learning can we take from that.

I asked if there was an update on the enquiry into the failure of lab testing but nothing heard as yet.

Link to plan:

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/covid-19-information-and-advice/further-covid-19-information/living-with-covid-19-in-gloucestershire/>

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