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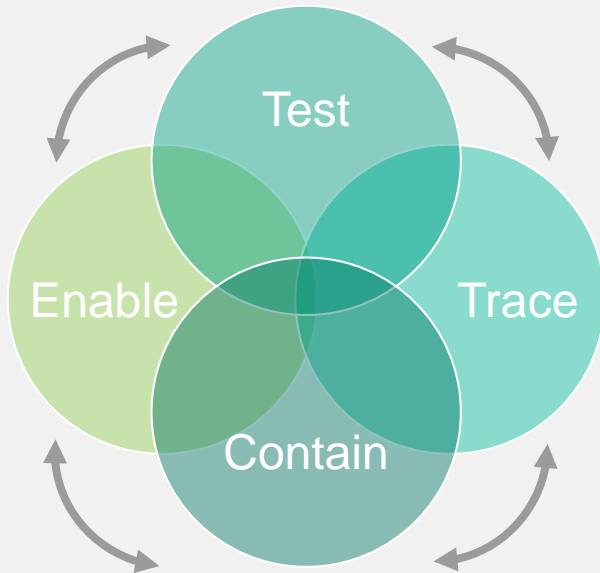
Local Outbreak Control Plans

22 May

We will shortly be launching the Test & Trace service

An integrated and world-class Covid-19 Test and Trace service, designed to control the virus and enable people to live a safer and more normal life

Test	Rapid testing, at scale, to control the virus and identify its spread
Trace	Integrated tracing to identify, alert and support those who need to self isolate
Contain	Using data to target approaches to flare ups, at a local and national level
Enable	Improving knowledge of the virus to inform decisions on social and economic restrictions

Continuous data capture and information loop at each stage that flows through Joint Biosecurity Centre to recommend actions

Underpinned by a huge public engagement exercise to build trust and participation

Note: Test, Trace, Contain, Enable diagram is illustrative only

Local planning and response will be key to success

Local government has a significant role to play in the identification and management of infection
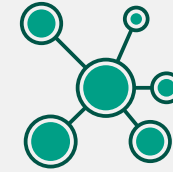
Improve speed of response

- Put local government at the centre of outbreak response
- Plan thoroughly to quickly deploy resources to the most critical areas

Build on local knowledge

- Led by Directors of Public Health, working with PHE local health protection teams and incorporating existing public health planning and statutory responsibilities
- Draw on expertise from across local government, incl. Gold command partners, Local Resilience Forums, NHS Integrated Care Systems and Mayoral Combined Authorities

Improve co-ordination

- Help to co-ordinate efforts between local and national governments, the NHS, private and community sectors and the general public
- Connect local and national policy via the Joint Biosecurity Centre (JBC)

£300m will be provided to local authorities in England to develop and action plans to reduce the spread of the virus

Local Outbreak Control Plans will centre on 7 themes

1 **Care homes and schools**

Planning for local outbreaks in care homes and schools (e.g. defining monitoring arrangements, potential scenarios and planning the required response)

2 **High risk places, locations and communities**

Identifying and planning how to manage high risk places, locations and communities of interest (e.g. defining preventative measures and outbreak management strategies)

3 **Local testing capacity**

Identifying methods for local testing to ensure a swift response that is accessible to the entire population (e.g. defining how to prioritise and manage deployment, examples may include NHS, pop-up etc).

4 **Contact tracing in complex settings**

Assessing local and regional contact tracing capability in complex settings (e.g. identifying specific local complex communities, developing assumptions to estimate demand and options to scale capacity)

5 **Data integration**

Integrating national and local data and scenario planning through the Joint Biosecurity Centre Playbook (e.g., data management planning, including data security, NHS data linkages)

6 **Vulnerable people**

Supporting vulnerable local people to get help to self-isolate (e.g. facilitating NHS and local support, identifying relevant community groups etc) and ensuring services meet the needs of diverse communities

7 **Local Boards**

Establishing governance structures led by existing Covid-19 Health Protection Boards in conjunction with local NHS and supported by existing Gold command forums and a new member-led Board to communicate with the general public
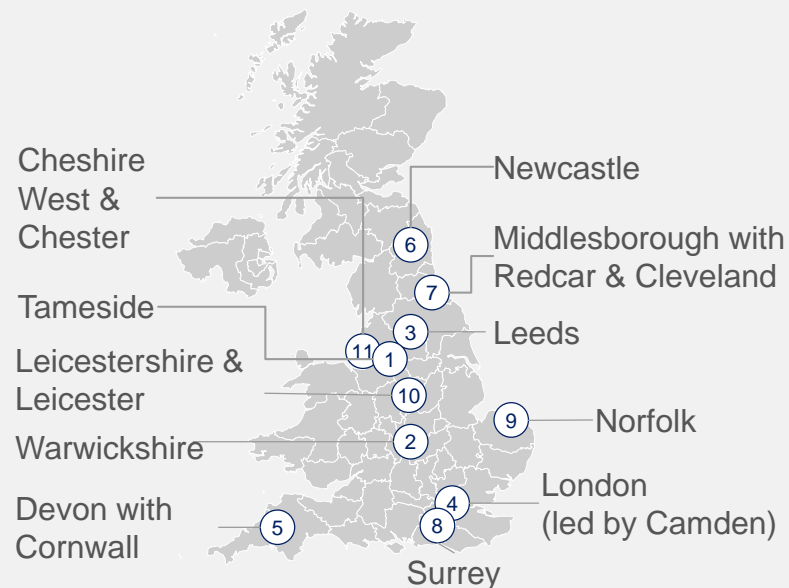
National, regional and local policy integrated in a local plan – key links

	Group	Role
Local	COVID-19 Health Protection Board	Responsible for the development of local outbreak control plans by Directors of Public Health
	Strategic Co-ordinating Group	Gold emergency planning group to support, co-ordinate and partner with broad local groups to support delivery of outbreak plans (e.g., Police, SIRE, NHS etc)
	⭐ Local Outbreak Engagement Board	Provide political ownership and public-facing engagement and communication for outbreak response
Regional	Local Resilience Forum	Coordinate public and emergency services to respond to regional emergencies
	Integrated Care System	Develop and deliver regional health strategy
National	Test and Trace Programme	Develop national test and trace strategy
	Joint Biosecurity Centre	Provide data and analytics relating to management of regional infection rates building on PHE's surveillance data systems

⭐ To be formed

Initially, we will work intensively with 11 areas

Areas

Cheshire West & Chester

Newcastle — 6

Middlesborough with Redcar & Cleveland — 7

Tameside — 11

Leeds — 3

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Leicestershire & Leicester — 10

Warwickshire — 2

Norfolk — 9

London (led by Camden) — 4

Devon with Cornwall — 5

Surrey — 8

Objectives

- Rapidly develop and test outbreak control plans at a local level

- Identify common themes, and share best practices

- Innovate to develop faster approaches to testing and tracing

- Identify opportunities to scale the programme rapidly

Local councils outside these areas will be invited to participate in regular engagement and best-practice sharing sessions that will commence in May

All upper tier local authorities will develop outbreak plans in June