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Summary

This report provides an update of relevant data and activity from Community and Children's Services.

Recommendations

- Note the report.

Main Report

This report summarises ongoing developments in two areas: an update on Clinically Extremely Vulnerable (CEV) residents and preventing and managing a COVID-19 outbreak.

Clinically Extremely Vulnerable (CEV)

1. Since the UK entered national restrictions on 5th November 2020, there has been no formal requirement for individuals who are listed as being Clinically Extremely Vulnerable (CEV) to shield. However, the government issued guidance on how CEV's can stay safe during the lockdown period. As a result, the City of London contacted 95% individuals listed on the relevant NHS CEV list to check on their welfare and whether they required any assistance from the authority.
2. The City of London Corporation are utilising the services of NHS Volunteer Responders to offer assistance with food shopping and medication collection.
3. The local lockdown plan has been activated by DCCS to support CEV residents and reinstate the welfare support programme for accessing priority supermarket slots, grocery shopping, medication collection and social contacts during this current lockdown. The plan is being reviewed in preparation for London's entry into Tier 2 or Tier 3 which will include support for the wider vulnerable community as well as CEVs.

Preventing and managing a COVID-19 outbreak

4. In October 2020, a COVID-19 testing centre opened in Guildhall Yard, which is open seven days a week, between 8am and 8pm. Anyone with coronavirus symptoms can access the centre by booking an appointment through the NHS website, Covid-19 app or by calling 119.
5. As part of their joint COVID-19 Local Outbreak Control Plan (LOCP), the City Corporation and London Borough of Hackney have published a series of Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for a range of different settings, including educational settings, workplaces, dine-in restaurants, close-contact services and more.
6. The SOPs outline how an outbreak linked to the setting will be identified, reported and managed by local health authorities, and the role and responsibilities of businesses within this process.
7. The SOPs also outline the process through which information about an outbreak can flow in a timely manner between the setting, the local authority and other health authorities and local partners. The SOPs can be accessed [here](#).
8. A Single Point of Contact (SPoC) has been identified for each setting for both City and Hackney. The SPoC's role is to provide expertise relating to COVID-19 prevention and outbreak management in a particular setting, as well as communicate the SOP and other relevant guidance to their contacts operating in those settings.
9. Additional work is being completed to update the SOPs in line with changes to Government guidance and feedback from the settings themselves, as well as with colleagues working in settings such as Environmental Health.
10. For any queries relating to the SOP or COVID-19 management, please email testandtrace@hackney.gov.uk

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