

Strategy Boards & Committee(s):	Date(s):
Safer City Partnership Strategy Group	11/10/2021
Subject: Community and Children's Services Update	Public
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Summary	
This report provides and update of relevant data and activity from the Department of Community and Children's Services.	
Recommendation(s)	
Members are asked to:	
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Main Report

Background

1. This report summarises ongoing developments in several areas, including an update on measures to protect the Clinically Extremely Vulnerable, Lateral Flow Testing and Covid-19 Vaccine awareness and work to support Afghan refugees.

Current Position

Clinically Extremely Vulnerable (CEV)

2. The government has recently ended the Clinically Extremely Vulnerable Shielding Programme that has been in place throughout the lockdown periods, advising those identified as CEV to shield, with support provided for City of London residents by the City Corporation.
3. Local authorities will no longer have to maintain operation readiness or contingency plans to deliver Shielding support.

4. The government have written to all CEV individuals to inform them of this decision and an FAQ document has been circulated to residents to respond to potential resident queries.
5. The government have confirmed that CEVs will still be able to access the NHS volunteer programme which has been extended to mid-November. Some supermarkets are also continuing to offer CEV customers priority access, despite the government asking them to delete their CEV list.
6. The City Corporation and other local authorities will be sent guidance shortly on what to do with the CEV data that we hold, given that local authorities will no longer receive data from the government in respect to CEV residents.

Covid-19 Testing and Vaccine Promotion in the City

7. As more workers return to the City, the City Corporation Public Health Team have been out on the streets of the Square Mile handing out Lateral Flow Tests (LFTs) to workers and encouraging them to take part in twice weekly testing to help protect themselves, their colleagues and everyone around them.
8. Public Health Officers have also been handing out flyers in the Square Mile reminding workers and residents to get their Covid-19 vaccine if they have not done so already.
9. Workers and residents are also able to collect LFTs at our Rapid Testing Site at The LFT 80 Leadenhall and continues to play a vital part in our work to tackle the pandemic locally.

Supporting Refugees from Afghanistan

10. The City of London Corporation is currently supporting Afghan children and families who are currently staying in bridging hotels in the City of London.
11. The City Corporation are supporting them to access information and advice and working alongside colleagues from the Department for Work and Pensions, the NHS, City of London Police and the Voluntary Sector.

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