

To: Emergencies Board

On: 19 June 2020

Report by: Chief Executive

Heading: Update on COVID-19

1. Background

- 1.1 This report provides an update of the Council's current arrangements and response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Information is provided on the national position including the numbers of cases and deaths at both Scottish and UK levels. The recent publication of updated figures and analysis from the National Records of Scotland is included and continues to show that deaths from COVID-19 are currently slowing. A summary is also provided of policy and guidance updates that have been released over the past week.
- 1.2 Section 4 provides an update on the routemap for recovery including the statement made by the First Minister on 18 June 2020 in relation to implementing aspects of Phase 2 of the routemap for recovery and the current progress in relation to Children's Services Phase 1 service restart plans.
- 1.3 Section 5 updates the Board on the most recent unemployment figures for Renfrewshire covering May 2020 and notes some of the work being done to support businesses as they reopen under Phase 2 of the routemap.
- 1.4 Section 6 highlights the support being provided for communities with updated information in relation to Care Homes and Care at Home Services and changes to the position and expectations on Shielded residents announced this week and the support being provided to some of the most vulnerable residents in Renfrewshire.
- 1.5 Section 7 provides a workforce planning update for the Council. It confirms the current position in relation to PPE; employee testing procedures and the impact of absence on the availability of employees.
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2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Emergencies Board:
- (a) Note the current national and local situation with regard to COVID-19 and the impact on communities, businesses, the Council and its partners
 - (b) Note the response measures being put in place by the Council and partners as set out in this report
 - (c) Authorise the Director of Children's Services in consultation with the Convener of the Education and Children's Services Policy Board to prepare and submit the Recovery Plan for reopening schools on behalf of the Council by the deadline of 24 June 2020 for review by Education Scotland, and;
 - (d) Note that the Recovery Plan for reopening schools will be presented to the Emergencies Board on 3 July 2020 for information, together with any feedback received from Education Scotland.
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3. National Situation

Numbers of Cases

- 3.1 Across the UK and in particular in Scotland in the past week there have been positive indications of the ongoing successful suppression of the virus due to the actions taken during the lockdown. Worldwide however it is clear that the virus still poses a significant threat and the numbers of cases and deaths sadly continue to increase significantly in other countries.
- 3.2 Currently there are 300,469 hospital confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the UK up from 291,409 reported on 12 June 2020. In Scotland there are now 18,077 confirmed hospital cases (up from 15,682). Of these, 4,813 have been within the Greater Glasgow and Clyde Health Board area, with 249 people currently in hospital (down from 272) fewer than 5 in intensive care, as either confirmed or suspected cases.

Numbers of Deaths

- 3.3 Worldwide there have now been over 447,700 deaths due to COVID-19. At a UK level, reports are indicating that there have now been 42,288 deaths across the UK (up from the 41,279 deaths reported on 12 June 2020). The UK now ranks third for overall numbers of recorded deaths, behind both Brazil and the United States where over 120,160 deaths have been recorded (363 per million population).
- 3.4 While the situation in Scotland and the UK continues to improve, the scale of the pandemic worldwide is continuing to grow as outbreaks continue to be experienced around the world. 8.5 million cases have now been recorded worldwide. Of particular concern is the recent news from China that the Government has reinstated significant lockdown measures within Beijing amid concerns about an emerging second wave of infections, including restrictions on

flights, 350,000 tests being carried out, closure of all schools and several residential compounds being sealed off.

- 3.5 At a Scottish level the latest National Records of Scotland report shows that at 14 June 2020, there had been a total of 4,070 deaths registered in Scotland where COVID-19 was mentioned on the death certificate – up 70 from 4,000 deaths registered up to 7 June 2020.
- 3.6 However, the National Records of Scotland analysis also provides continuing indicators of progress in how the country is responding to the outbreak:
- Of the total number of deaths registered in the week from 8 to 14 June 2020, there were 70 where COVID-19 was mentioned on the death certificate, a decrease of 19 from the previous week. There has been a reduction in the weekly increase each week since 26 April 2020.
 - The proportion of all deaths involving COVID-19 also decreased for the seventh week in a row – having reduced from 8% in the previous week to 7% in the week from 8 - 14 June 2020. At its peak in the week to 26 April 2020, COVID-19 deaths accounted for 36% of all deaths

 - The proportion of all COVID-19 deaths which took place in care homes initially rose each week and represented 59% of all COVID-19 deaths in the week to 3 May 2020. While this has reduced since, in the latest week to 14 June 2020 deaths in care homes still represented 47% of all COVID-19 deaths.
 - The number of deaths in care homes also reduced for the fourth week in a row – down to 35, 7 fewer than the previous week.

 - When looking at all deaths with COVID-19 registered to date:
 - 77% were people aged 75 or over
 - 43% were people aged 85 or over (compared with 35% of deaths from all categories in this age category)
 - Of those who died in May with COVID-19, 92% had at least one pre-existing health condition, most commonly dementia/Alzheimer’s disease (38%) followed by ischaemic heart disease (11%).
- 3.7 Across Scotland, when looking at all deaths over the period of the last 12 weeks, there have been 2,451 more deaths than expected, “excess” deaths, in care homes (77% above average) and 2,214 excess deaths at home or in non-institutional settings (59% above average). While there was an early peak, excess deaths in hospital have fallen, with 216 (3%) above the average number for the 12-week period.
- 3.8 Reassuringly however, when looking at all deaths in Scotland, the numbers are currently on a trend to return to more “normal” levels. In the week to 14 June 2020 the provisional total number of deaths was 1,032 against an average number of deaths registered in the corresponding week over the last 5 years of 1,000. There were 32 (3%) more deaths than expected registered in the week to 14 June 2020 across Scotland which was a decrease of 61 from the number registered during the previous week.

3.9 The National Records of Scotland information also provides additional detail to understand the position and changing impact of the outbreak in Renfrewshire. This week, the data shows a continuation in the suppression of the virus at a local level:

- In Renfrewshire, a total of 201 people have died with COVID-19 since the outbreak of the virus. 98 have died in care homes, 94 in hospital and 9 at home or other non-institutional locations.
- The number of COVID-19 related deaths recorded in the week to 14 June 2020 was 3, one fewer than the previous week. (Figure 1: Appendix 1)
- Similarly, in the week to 14 June 2020, COVID-19 related deaths represented 10% of all deaths recorded in Renfrewshire. This was the same as the previous week (Figure 2: Appendix 1)
- NRS data shows that 2 people died with COVID-19 in a care home in Renfrewshire in the week of 8 - 14 June 2020, 1 more than the previous week.
- The COVID -19 related death rate for all of Scotland has reached 7.4 per 10,000 population (an increase from 7.3 per 10,000 population last week).
- The death rate in Renfrewshire reflects this and has also risen during the past week to 11.2 per 10,000 population (from 11.1 the previous week). This means Renfrewshire still has the fifth highest death rate in Scotland. Inverclyde remains the area in Scotland with the highest COVID-19 related death rate. (Figure 4: Appendix 1)
- The proportion of all COVID-19 deaths that have occurred in care homes in Renfrewshire up to 14 June 2020 was 48.8%, up from 48.5% the previous week and above the average across all of Scotland's care homes which was 47%. (Figures 3 and 5: Appendix 1)

3.10 At both a Scottish and UK Government level, the policy context in relation to the response to COVID-19, continues to develop at a rapid pace. Since the last Emergencies Board meeting on 12 June 2020, the following policy changes have been announced:

- A Scottish Recovery Tourism Taskforce has been announced, and a provisional date of 15 July has been set for when tourism businesses may be able to resume, dependent on public health advice. The Taskforce will look at the sector's recovery needs, as well as actions being taken by the UK Government and the development of a new domestic visitor marketing campaign. Tourism and Hospitality workplace guidance is expected to be published shortly.
- The Scottish Government has set up an Aerospace Recovery Group. The aim of the Group, chaired by Jamie Hepburn, Minister for Business, Fair Work and Skills, will be to work together to safeguard as many jobs across the aerospace sector in Scotland as possible. Clearly the recent announcement by Rolls Royce on potential redundancies at their Inchinnan site places Renfrewshire close to the centre of any such response. The first meeting of the Group is scheduled to take place during the last week in June. Those invited to join the Group include North Ayrshire Council, Spirit Aerosystems, British Aerospace (BAE), ADS Group, General Electric, Scottish Enterprise and Unite. Renfrewshire Council will be represented by the Chief Executive and Head of Regeneration.

- The Scottish Government has also announced an Expert Reference Group will be set up to better understand the impact on minority ethnic communities of coronavirus. The Group will consist of academics and other advisers alongside Scottish Government officials.
- The Scottish Government extended the Help to Buy scheme by a year to March 2022, as well as providing £55million of funding for 2021/2022.

3.11 Guidance Updates:

- Updated construction sector guidance has been published, and the Construction Sector Restart Plan moved from Phase 1 (pre-start site prep) to Phase 2 (soft start) from 11 June 2020. Sites are able to open, provided they can comply with relevant health and safety legislation, public health guidance, and industry site operating guidelines, in line with Phase 2 guidance.
- Non-statutory guidance was published for reopening early learning and childcare services. The guidance sets out core public health measures that will need to be taken to allow safe reopening, including:
 - enhanced hand hygiene and cleaning practice
 - caring for children in small groups and minimising contact between those groups
 - maximising the use of outdoor space
 - physical distancing between adults and older children at drop-off and pickup times.
- Guidance for stakeholders was published to provide central and local government and public bodies with an overview of key measures within both the Coronavirus (Scotland) Acts.
- There have been minor updates to Health Protection Scotland guidance, including COVID-19 information and guidance for social community and residential care settings, and COVID-19 Information and guidance for care home settings.

3.12 Funding announcements:

- A £27.6M funding package has been announced by the Scottish Government. Renfrewshire currently does not know what its share of the funding will be. However, £12.6M has been allocated to Local Authorities to continue the provision of school meals during the summer holidays. Renfrewshire intends to continue making fortnightly payments of £22.50 per child to the 6,700 children in receipt of clothing grant and free school meal entitlement, up to 17 August 2020. The cost to the Council to make these payments over the 7-week period of the summer holiday will be £529,000. At the end of the summer period this provision will be reviewed in the context of the Council's ongoing response to the pandemic and the overall financial position of the Council. The balance of the funding (£15M) will be a contribution towards the costs the Council has incurred and will continue to incur to support people experiencing barriers to accessing food when they are required to shield or self-isolate.
- A £230M "Return to Work" package has been announced by the Government to help stimulate Scotland's economy. This is a reprioritisation of existing capital expenditure by the Government which will now be focused on new projects including: £51M for business support, including boosting high growth

companies; £78M for construction, including £40M for regeneration projects and £20M for roads maintenance; £66M to kick-start the green recovery, including £7M to equip buses for physical distancing and the return to work; £35.5M for digitisation, including justice and education services.

- A £62M Energy Transition Fund was set up by the Scottish Government to support businesses in the oil, gas and energy sectors over the next five years.

3.13 Appendix 2 provides a copy of the weekly data return submitted by the Council to COSLA on 5 June 2020. Due to the data verification process and timescale for submitting the return the information reported in Appendix 2 may be different from similar data contained elsewhere in this report which is more current.

4 Recovery – Phase 2: Living with COVID-19

4.1 On 18 June 2020 the First Minister announced that there were strong indications of the virus being suppressed within the community and that elements of Phase 2 of the routemap for easing lockdown could be introduced on a phased basis.

4.2 The First Minister made clear that these steps will only be maintained if current indications that the virus is being effectively suppressed continue. Progress has been because of the collective action taken to date, but it is important to be aware that moving too quickly is the greatest risk just now. By ensuring that steps continue to be taken to move forward carefully and cautiously the recovery should be more stable and more sustainable.

4.3 From 18 June 2020 people who are shielded will be able to go out for a walk, wheel or cycle as long as they can maintain physical distancing of 2 metres from anyone else. From 19 June 2020 shielded people will also be able to meet members of one other household (no more than 8 people) outside and take part in non-contact sports as long as physical distancing of 2 metres is maintained, but they should not access any other house or enclosed space for any reason and must not allow anyone else to access their own home.

4.4 In more general guidance for those that are not shielding, the First Minister announced that from 19 June 2020, people could meet family and friends from up to 2 households outside as long as they meet with no more than 2 other households together, or in the same day and still meet in groups of no more than 8 in total. People will also be able to go indoors when meeting to access a toilet – as long as strict hygiene procedures are followed. In general, time should not be spent indoors with people from another household. Physical distancing and appropriate hygiene need to be maintained at all times.

4.5 Households that live on their own or as a single parent family will, from 19 June 2020 be able to form an extended household with up to one other household. In these circumstances they will be able to go indoors with that household, without physical distancing and be able to stay overnight if they want. Members of an extended household should not form, or be part of more than one extended household and the extended household should not contain anyone that is shielding.

- 4.6 Home working will remain the default position for the foreseeable future for all employees wherever possible. Public transport services will increase but will still be limited due to physical distancing requirements. Use of face coverings on public transport will be mandatory from 22 June 2020 for everyone aged over 5 (unless a specific exemption is in place). Travelling at peak times will be discouraged and businesses and employers are being asked to create or facilitate flexible work patterns to support employees in avoiding peak travel wherever possible. Travel for leisure should still be no more than around 5 miles, other than to meet friends and family.
- 4.7 On 22 June 2020, Dentists will be able to open for urgent care, and places of worship can open for individual prayer only. Also from 22 June 2020, construction sites will be able to move to the next phase in their restart plan and this will enable building services to increase the amount of service activities they can undertake beyond the essential and emergency activities undertaken during lockdown and Phase 1 of the governments routemap across the housing and public building estate. These activities will include external repairs and single person void repairs, bathroom adaptations, small repair works and compliance activities. Some of these activities will support the preparation of properties for rental as moving house can be restarted on 29 June 2020.
- 4.8 Indoor non office-based workplaces including factories, warehouses, labs and research facilities will also be able to restart activities from 29 June 2020, where appropriate arrangements for physical distancing can be put in place. Non-essential retail premises will be able to reopen from 29 June 2020 where there is direct access available from outside, along with outdoor markets, playgrounds, sports courts and outdoor attractions such as Zoos with appropriate physical distancing arrangements in place. Professional sports can also resume. People should only travel up to 5 miles to visit attractions.
- 4.9 Registration services for essential purposes can restart on 29 June 2020, when marriages and civil partnerships will be able to be held outdoors and with restricted numbers. More significant reopening of health services and GP practices including optometry will also restart from 29 June 2020 and further information on the HSCP implications is included at Section 4.17/18 of this report.
- 4.10 The First Minister also outlined some additional information about services that are not restarting at present and additional information that she is seeking to enable further decisions on the future easing of the lockdown to be taken. In particular, it was highlighted that outdoor hospitality businesses would not be opening at present. These businesses will remain under consideration for restarting during phase 2 at some point – possibly after further information is received from the advisory group, who have been asked to consider particular circumstances and settings when physical distancing advice could be moved to 1m or 1.5m rather than the current 2m requirement – which currently remains in force. The First Minister expects to receive this advice in the next 2 weeks. The group have also been asked to consider whether the use of face coverings in instances other than on public transport should be made mandatory – and this is expected to be received by 29 June 2020 – in advance of the reopening of non-essential retailers.
- 4.11 The First minister also highlighted that her priority for the future remained getting children back to full time education safely. In the meantime, the aim is to maximise

time spent in school during the blended period and that part of the reason for caution now is to suppress the virus as far as possible to work towards this objective.

- 4.12 Currently advance preparations are being made across all services to consider how to support local businesses and implement the restart of relevant public services in Phase 2 on the basis of the timeline now presented by the First Minister.

Routemap Update - Supporting Local Businesses

- 4.13 A number of local businesses have already expressed interest in how the Council can support them in expanding their premises outside to use the exterior space around premises – in particular for food and drink. While a final timescale for these businesses to reopen remains to be determined, a number of Council services are engaged in this process and will continue to support businesses with their plans to reopen in line with the timescale to be set out by the First Minister. This work includes submitting applicable bids to support pedestrian and cycling movements under the Spaces for People funds.
- 4.14 Options for licensing and regulating these spaces are being considered and will be discussed with Police Scotland and Members on the Licensing Board. One option being considered is that short term temporary licences would be provided for a defined area that is effectively the responsibility of the license holder – and clearly demarcated. Each application would be considered individually as usual - taking into consideration the particular circumstances and location of the business and surrounding community.
- 4.15 A Renfrewshire-wide “Spend Local” marketing campaign is currently being planned to encourage residents to support local businesses, stay safe and begin to encourage footfall back into local town centres and villages. The timing of the campaign will be aligned to the extension into Phase 3 of the Scottish Government’s routemap out of the coronavirus crisis around mid-July if current progress in the suppression of the virus is continued.
- 4.16 The campaign will be activated across Renfrewshire and will include outdoor advertising, local print publications, a radio campaign using the support of Paisley FM and Paisley Radio and digital advertising. Council-owned free of charge channels will support the messaging including the Council website, Gov Delivery email database and social media channels. The marketing team will work alongside partners to amplify the reach of the campaign. This will include working with Paisley First to support their Love Local, Love Paisley campaign. Retail, hospitality and leisure businesses will also be provided with a Spend Local pack including posters and window stickers and digital assets will be made available to download from the Council website.

Routemap Update – HSCP

- 4.17 The HSCP will continue to undertake a risk-based approach to restarting and increasing service provision under phase 2 of the routemap, to ensure staff and service user safety. This approach reflects staff availability and safety, ongoing requirements to maintain physical distancing and the related impact these requirements have on use of buildings and transport.

- 4.18 Recovery and remobilisation plans continue to be further developed by the HSCP and NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde to reflect the Route Map and the NHS Mobilisation Plan. The key areas of Health and Social Care considered under Phase 2, updated in Scottish Government guidance on 18 June, include:
- Increasing health care provision for pent-up demand, urgent referrals and triage of routine services.
 - Reintroducing some chronic disease management.
 - Continue phased resumption of any suspended or postponed GP services supported by digital consultation.
 - Continued GP support for shielded patients, including home visits where clinically necessary.
 - Dental practices can re-open to see patients with urgent care needs from 22 June.
 - Priority referrals to secondary care begin.
 - Continue to plan with COSLA and Scottish Care and other partners to support and, where needed, review social care and care home services.
 - Phased resumption of some screening services.
 - Community optometry practices re-open for face-to-face emergency and essential eye care.
 - Consideration to be given to a phased resumption of visiting care homes starting with outdoor visiting where it is clinically safe to do so.

Routemap Update: Children's Services

- 4.19 Very good progress is continuing to be made in ensuring plans are in place for reopening schools for blended learning in August 2020. Parents are now aware of the models of learning that will be in place for August.
- 4.20 On 15 June 2020, the Scottish Government indicated that Education Scotland should scrutinise local authority recovery plans for reopening schools. This is to ensure local authorities have done everything possible in order to maximise face to face contact with children in schools in line with guidance issued.
- 4.21 In line with the government announcement, the Council's local recovery plan will be submitted to Education Scotland by 24 June 2020. The recovery plan submitted will outline the supports that have been put in place for children and families and the model of blended learning that has been designed for August.
- 4.22 The recovery plan will also seek to demonstrate evidence of the work that has taken place and the decisions that have been made and shared with members on an ongoing basis. Children's Services will present this recovery plan to the Emergencies Board on 3 July 2020 and will also report any feedback received from Education Scotland.
- 4.23 In order to plan for the reopening of schools in August 2020, consultation on an amendment to holiday arrangements has been conducted. The proposal is that 10 and 11 August will be in-service days with pupils returning on 12 August 2020.
- 4.24 When pupils are in school those entitled to a free school meal will receive a free school meal in the form of a packed lunch. Primary 1 - Primary 3 pupils will also all receive a free school meal. A paid option will be available, however paying pupils will be encouraged to bring a packed lunch to school.

Economic Impact – Unemployment Statistics

4.25 The latest NOMIS unemployment statistics were released on 16 June 2020 and included figures for May 2020.

	Claimant numbers	Of which male	Of which female	Aged 18-24	Aged 25-49	Aged 50+
March 2020	4015	2655	1360	745	2250	1000
April 2020	6675	4390	2290	1130	3845	1670
<i>difference</i>	<i>+ 66%</i>	<i>+ 65%</i>	<i>+ 68%</i>	<i>+ 52%</i>	<i>+ 71%</i>	<i>+ 67%</i>
May 2020	7565	4940	2625	1365	4305	1860
<i>Increase since April</i>	<i>+13%</i>	<i>+12%</i>	<i>+15%</i>	<i>+21%</i>	<i>12%</i>	<i>11%</i>
<i>Increase since March</i>	<i>+88%</i>	<i>+86%</i>	<i>+93%</i>	<i>+83%</i>	<i>+91%</i>	<i>+86%</i>

4.26 The Claimant numbers for Renfrewshire (reflecting those claiming benefit due to unemployment) rose by an additional 890 over the month of May, a 13% increase on the April figures. The overall change since the COVID-19 lockdown in March shows an increase of 3,550 or 88%

4.27 The Council is yet to see figures that reflect the full force of the economic impact of the pandemic. Those who are on furlough are classed as being 'in employment but temporarily away from work', so their pre COVID-19 labour market status has essentially been frozen.

4.28 As the unwinding of the furlough scheme takes place over the next 6 months –and firms make decisions about future workforce needs– employment relationships may change and at that point larger increases in unemployment claimants are currently expected.

5 Support for Communities

Care Homes

5.1 Renfrewshire has a mixture of residential care homes and extra care housing directly operated by the Health and Social Care Partnership; nursing homes and a smaller group of residential care homes operated by the independent sector.

5.2 As in previous reports to the Board the data available is based on self-reporting by all 22 care homes and discussions with the Care Inspectorate, which are held weekly. Sadly, 113 people have now been reported by care homes as dying with COVID-19 since 18 March 2020. This is an increase of 2 since the last report to this Board. This increase is a result of two deaths previously recorded as non-COVID-19 related being moved to COVID-19 related following receipt of death

certificates. The Care Homes involved were not made aware of these deaths being COVID-19 related at the point of initial registration with the HSCP.

- 5.3 2 care homes are currently reporting residents with symptoms of COVID-19, or have confirmed cases, with a total of 2 residents reported as symptomatic or confirmed. These figures represent a decrease of 2 from last week's update however information continues to be subject to frequent daily variation.
- 5.4 The extension of testing for all Renfrewshire care home residents has continued to roll out. Testing is currently underway in all external care homes, and at the time of writing 1058 residents have been tested. Testing continues to take place following resident consultations with GPs and individual requests for testing. Members are reminded that, whilst the HSCP has been proactively encouraging and carrying out testing, testing is voluntary.
- 5.5 Testing of Extra Care Housing is now underway. Weekly retesting of staff within care homes is also in place. From 15 June 2020, an updated process for weekly staff retesting has been implemented across NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde. Care Home managers are now required to register the staff on the UK Government's testing portal and testing kits will be issued to the care home. Completed tests are then returned via courier and results shared with the Care Home Manager.
- 5.6 In Renfrewshire, there are 3 HSCP-operated care homes and 4 HSCP-operated extra care units. All resident testing has now been carried out at all 3 care homes and there are currently no suspected cases in the resident group, with one previously registered death. The 4 extra care units which have a similar vulnerable resident population to the residential care homes will also be tested as part of the ongoing precautionary measures being taken.

Care Homes Oversight

- 5.7 As reported previously, the Scottish Government have indicated that there is likely to be a public inquiry in respect of the national response to the coronavirus response. It is anticipated that within this process there will be a focus on people discharged to care homes. The HSCP are continuing to review and clarify the local information on individual admissions to care homes during the period of the response to the pandemic, matching this to the testing information held and hospital held records.
- 5.8 To date, this work has focused on the nursing homes within Renfrewshire and at this stage there is no link evident between the Care Inspectorate standard gradings and the level of outbreak or deaths within care homes. As part of the national guidance, tests were carried out on patients within hospital settings at an earlier point, while a process to ensure two negative tests for the virus prior to discharge was introduced in late April 2020. As noted above testing of all residents and staff in all care homes is completed where residents have agreed to be tested. As previously indicated to the Board at the point of placement people were medically fit for discharge and the receiving units had no reported infections.
- 5.9 As previously reported, a local multi-disciplinary team comprising of key clinical and care leads, including Public Health and the Local Authority's Chief Social Work Officer convenes daily. This team complements the already close working

relationship between the HSCP, Chief Social Work Officer, Public Health team and the Care Inspectorate. This team continues to monitor and implement Health Protection Scotland guidance on admissions to Care Homes from hospital. Updated guidance was published on 15 June 2020. This guidance continues to set out the testing and isolation requirements for COVID-19 recovered and non-COVID-19 patients. The guidance also identifies processes to be followed in case of exception where patients may be experiencing distress or do not consent to testing.

Care at Home Services

- 5.10 At present, Renfrewshire HSCP is supporting approximately 1,600 service users through its internal and external Care at Home services.
- 5.11 Appropriate PPE is worn by staff when supporting service users in their homes, with all appropriate precautions being taken to maintain safe and effective care delivery. Access to testing is available for eligible people and staff who are symptomatic or have household members who are symptomatic.
- 5.12 At the time of writing, sadly 15 Care at Home service users have died since 18 March 2020, with the deaths reported as being related to COVID-19. There has been no further increase in the last week. Like care homes the numbers of people reported by providers as showing symptoms of COVID-19 does vary from day to day as people are tested or recover. Numbers reported remain small relative to the wider population and at the time of writing 4 service users have been confirmed as having COVID-19 and another 4 people are currently being reported as having COVID-19 like symptoms.

Shielded and Vulnerable Residents

- 5.13 People who are shielding are being advised by the Scottish Government that they should continue to do so until at least the end of July 2020. They can however, if they choose, go outdoors to exercise from 18 June 2020 while maintaining strict physical distancing.
- 5.14 Prevalence of COVID-19 has decreased and the evidence now shows that the risk of outdoor infection is very low if people stay two metres apart. The exercise can be a run, wheel, walk or cycle but those shielding should not meet people from other households.
- 5.15 In all other respects, the advice for those who have been advised to shield has not changed. Consequently, the support currently in place for those who are shielding, in terms of free grocery boxes and priority access to online supermarket delivery slots, will continue to be available throughout this time.

- 5.16 To date the local helpline has received a total of 6,848 calls in relation to shielding enquires and over the lockdown period the following support has been provided:

	Total	Previous	Change since last week
Total number of individuals on shielding list in Renfrewshire	6,201	6,180	21
Total number of individuals on shielding list contacted	6,040	5,919	121
Number of individuals requiring food delivery only	1,794	1,778	16
Number of individuals requiring pharmacy delivery only	143	142	1
Number of individuals requiring food and pharmacy	130	130	0
Number of individuals requiring other services	18	18	0
Number of individuals in need of no services	5,424	5,304	120
Number of individuals supported through Test & Protect	2	1	1

- 5.17 Group 2 vulnerable residents have also made a total of 993 calls through the national helpline, with the overall level of support provided through the Local Assistance Team to vulnerable people in this category, outlined in the table below:

	Group 1 Shielded	Group 2 Helpline	Other Vulnerable Groups	National Brakes Deliveries (Group 1 only)	Total Supported
Food	532	1259	829	1392	Food – 4,012
Medicine	273	470			Medicine – 743
Other	18	169			Other – 187

- 5.18 The initial crisis response phase of assistance is now complete. The Local Assistance Team has made contact with the majority of people on the local shielding list – over 98% and in the past week only a further 21 names were added to the list of people being asked to shield. Where contact has not been made directly by the team it is being checked through the HSCP with GP's.
- 5.19 Welfare calls to all of the Group 1 Shielded and Group 2 vulnerable people being supported by the Council are continuing and significant numbers of people have continued to confirm that they no longer require the crisis food support that they previously received and have been removed from this service. Consistent messages have been received from the people coming off the service about the quality of the service and how much they appreciated the support provided – indicating it made an enormous difference to their situation as the lockdown was implemented.

Test and Protect

- 5.20 The Test and Protect programme has been rolled out across Scotland with numbers still being relatively low. With regard to support, there have been 2 referrals to the national assistance helpline received from Renfrewshire residents. For the 2-week self-isolation period, these people will get a support package once a week and deliveries of prepared meals 3 times a week as they currently have no access to assistance from family or friends.

7. Support for Employees

Sourcing and Stocks of PPE

- 7.1 There are sufficient supplies to support the current service profile in the HSCP and other frontline services. The Corporate PPE Group will continue to monitor supplies and associated impacts across the workplace generated from the relaxation of lockdown rules.
- 7.2 All guidance continues to stress that physical distancing, hand washing and respiratory hygiene, are the most important and effective measures to adopt to prevent the spread of coronavirus.

Staff Testing

- 7.3 As previously reported, testing arrangements remain a key focus to ensure resilience is maintained across the workforce. This supports services to maintain higher levels of available staff resource to continue to meet the significant demand for services.
- 7.4 As previously reported, NHSGGC has already established its own system of testing which as at 16 June 2020 has facilitated 163 HSCP staff to be tested, with 41 testing positive for COVID-19. Of the 122 staff who did not test positive, this process has allowed 83 to return to work and 39 have moved to general absence.
- 7.5 All 213 staff working at our 3 HSCP-operated Care Homes have been tested. 199 staff have tested negative, and we are awaiting the remaining tests results. In addition to this, weekly surveillance testing of care home staff began week commencing 8 June 2020. This included second tests for 160 staff working in HSCP-operated homes. 684 staff tests were also carried out in external care homes, with 2 positive tests identified through this process. Outbreak testing is currently being undertaken in the homes concerned. In addition to the above, 79 staff in the HSCP's 4 local extra care housing complexes have been tested and results are awaited.
- 7.6 At present, there are a total of 54 HSCP staff unavailable to work due to a COVID-19 diagnosis, family contact or actual symptoms, a decrease of 9 from last week's report to the Board.
- 7.7 To date, 68 non-healthcare Council employees have been tested for COVID-19. 8 employees have tested positive, 57 employees have tested negative, 1 test returned as inconclusive and 2 employees are awaiting test results. Of the 66 employees who have received test results, 60 have returned to work and 6 are currently recorded as sickness absence.
- 7.8 Further to the introduction of the Government's Test and Protect Programme highlighted in the previous report, there continues to be no recorded cases of non-healthcare Council employees being asked to self-isolate by NHS contact tracers.

Staffing Update

- 7.9 Amongst Renfrewshire Council employees there are currently 26 employees self-isolating either because they have symptoms; or because they have other people in their household experiencing symptoms; or because they are following

government and health guidance. (This is a decrease from 48 reported on 12 June 2020). Of the 26, 7 are currently working from home. The decrease in cases is due to on-going work between HR&OD and Service Managers facilitating a return to work from self-isolation.

7.10 The 26 are split across Services as follows:

Service	Number of employees
Chief Executive Services	2
Children's Services	1
Communities, Housing and Planning	8
Environment and Infrastructure	5
Finance and Resources	0
Health and Social Care Partnership	10
Council Total	26

7.11 The number of employees in the at-risk category and unable to perform frontline duties is 1,076, up from the figure of 1,070 reported on 12 June 2020. Of these 390 are currently working from home. Where employees are not able to carry out their normal duties from home, options for deployment on a home working basis continue to be actively considered and put in place.

Initial stay at home guidance issued for this 'At Risk' group of employees has changed. This group are now free to travel to and from work, maintaining social distancing if they cannot work from home. We have therefore developed an approach to support a safe route back to work for these employees and the council's journey out of lockdown. This approach will continue to be informed by government guidance and best practice.

HR&OD are actively engaging with trade unions colleagues and are supporting managers to explore:

- If an employee can return to their current role, be deployed elsewhere into another role, or carry out alternative duties at home.
- If an employee cannot attend work in any capacity or work from home due to caring for an extremely clinically vulnerable family member, this will be supported with authorised absence.
- If after exploring all available options to undertake duties/alternative duties, an employee continues to be unable to work from home, in any capacity, due to childcare issues, we will look to explore the possibility of key worker status so that childcare can be provided or consider a short period of authorised absence.
- If following a discussion with the line manager, the employee indicates that, due to their underlying health condition, they are unable to undertake any type of work, the we will seek the support of our occupational health adviser to see what duties employee can undertake.

7.12 As previously reported, employees who were considered most vulnerable to Coronavirus must continue to shield until the end of July 2020, in line with government guidance.

Implications of the Report

1. **Financial** – although at this stage not quantified, the Council will experience a wide range of significant financial pressures arising from the impact of the pandemic on the population as well as the economic and social disruption caused by the associated restrictions being deployed by national governments. Significant financial pressures will emerge in a wide range of forms from loss of income, exceptional service costs, significant increase in demand for services, the need for additional and new interventions, urgent and immediate support arrangements and services from the Council to help individuals, families and businesses across Renfrewshire as well as the Council's workforce. The Scottish Government has provided a range of immediate funding announcements to provide specific support via local authorities to both individuals and businesses as well as a degree of general funding to assist local authorities in managing immediate financial pressures. Engagement will continue between COSLA and the Scottish Government regarding further funding as the period of emergency extends, however notwithstanding, the Council will experience significant financial impact and disruption that will require it to draw heavily on all its financial reserves and which is likely to take some time to recover
2. **HR & Organisational Development** – the Council's workforce represents a major part of the local population and as such is being impacted directly by the spread of confirmed cases, but much more significantly by the public health directions for self-isolation given to those displaying symptoms and those with family members displaying symptoms as well as those in the at risk groups instructed to pro-actively implement strict social distancing arrangements. Full support and communication are being provided to all staff members to ensure they remain fully informed of the developing situation and where appropriate and practical, are being supported to work safely at home and or safely return to active work once recovered or free of recommended self-isolation periods. The impact of these factors will increase exponentially over coming days and weeks and therefore the scale of availability across the Council's workforce will come under unprecedented pressures. Working closely with national government, partners and trade unions the Council will by necessity be required to actively manage and redeploy staffing resources to meet the most critical services over this exception emergency period.
3. **Community/Council Planning** – Covid-19 will impact on the operations of Council partners and on services to the community. This paper highlights the work being undertaken to mitigate this impact as far as possible and maintain essential services for the safety and wellbeing of the community.
4. **Legal** – N/A
5. **Property/Assets** – N/A
6. **Information Technology** – ICT are working to ensure staff have the capability to work from home wherever possible to reduce social contact in line with government and health guidance
7. **Equality & Human Rights**
 - (a) The Recommendations contained within this report have been assessed in relation to their impact on equalities and human rights. No negative impacts on equality groups or potential for infringement of individuals' human rights have been identified arising from the recommendations contained in the report.

8. **Health & Safety** – Advice and guidance is being given to protect the health and safety of employees and service users when carrying out priority services for the Council in line with government and health guidance
9. **Procurement** – N/A
10. **Risk** – Due to the severity of the global pandemic and Covid-19, there is a risk to the delivery of the services with staff levels being reduced. This is being closely monitored by the Emergency Management Team. Business Continuity Plans have been reviewed and the risk has been added to the Corporate Risk Register.
11. **Privacy Impact** - None.
12. **COSLA Policy Position** – Not Applicable
13. **Climate Risk** – Not Applicable

List of Background Papers

None

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Appendix 1 - Deaths involving coronavirus (COVID-19) in Renfrewshire

Figure 1 - Renfrewshire, Weekly COVID-19 Deaths



Figure 2 - Renfrewshire, Weekly COVID-19 Deaths as % of All Deaths



Deaths recorded since the 18th March 2020

Source: National Records Scotland <https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/covid19stats>

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Figure 3 - Renfrewshire, Location of COVID-19 Deaths

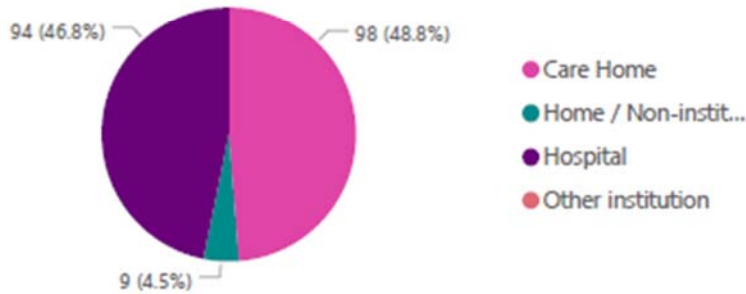


Figure 4 - COVID-19 Deaths Per 10,000 pop by Local Authority

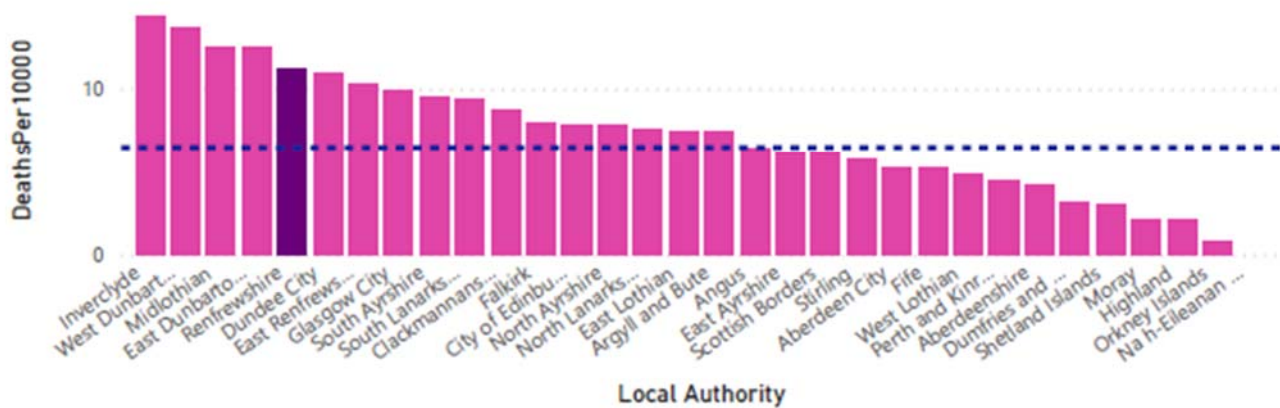


Figure 5 - % of COVID-19 Deaths in Care Homes by Local Authority



Deaths recorded since the 18th March 2020

Source: National Records Scotland <https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/covid19stats>

Appendix 2: Local Government Data Dashboard Submission - 12 June 2020

Ref	Indicator	Value	Data as at date	Comments
S3	Total number of individuals on shielding list in contact with LA	5785	8/06/20	
S5	Number of individuals assessed to be in need of food delivery but not pharmacy	89	8/06/20	This shows number of new individuals for week 1 st to 8 th June
S7	Number of individuals assessed to be in need of pharmacy delivery but not food	4	8/06/20	This shows number of new individuals for week 1 st to 8 th June
S9	Number of individuals assessed to be in need of both food and pharmacy delivery	0	8/06/20	This shows number of new individuals for week 1 st to 8 th June
S12	Number of individuals who received other services	0	8/06/20	This shows number of new individuals for week 1 st to 8 th June
NS2	Total number of individuals calling helpline in LA area	7565	11/06/20	
PP1	How many children (including unborn babies) were added to the child protection register in the last week?	1	10/06/20	
PP5	How many children with child protection plans were seen face to face by a professional (education/health/social work) in the last two weeks?	84	10/06/20	
AB5	Overall % of staff on Sickness and Special Leave	14%	05/6/20	
R1	Total Number of Deaths Registered	664	10/6/20	This will now be reported as the cumulative position from 30 th March. 198 Renfrewshire residents had a death registered which mentioned COVID-19, up to 7 th June
F9	Net Council Additional Costs Financial Projection (Costs + Lost Income - Reduced Costs)	TBC	N/A	
CH2	Number of teaching staff physically working in schools/hubs or LA ELC settings today	583	10/06/20	

Ref	Indicator	Value	Data as at date	Comments
CH5	Total number who physically attended today (excluding those that only attended for a free school meal)	517	10/06/20	
FSM1	The total number of children and young people for whom vouchers, direct payments or home deliveries have been provided for	7,583	10/06/20	
BG1	Numbers of Coronavirus Business Support Fund grant applications	2,748	9/06/20	This includes both small business grants and retail, hospitality and leisure grants.
BG2	Number of Coronavirus Business Support Fund grants awarded	2,075	9/06/20	As above.
BG4	Total value of Coronavirus Business Support Fund grants made	£23,410,000	9/06/20	As above.
H7	Total number of Homeless applications received in the month	78	31/5/20	
H20	Current tenant arrears - end of period	£2,299,400	31/5/20	
HSCP1	Total Projected Additional HSCP Expenditure	£26,919,519	27/5/20	
HSCP7	Total all categories delayed discharges	26	8/6/20	
ASP1	Number of Adult at Risk / Adult Protection Referrals over the last week	20	10/06/20	
ASP2	Number of Adult Concerns (from Police Scotland) over the last week	31	10/06/20	
ASP3	Number of adults that were subject to an adult support and protection investigation over the last week	4	10/06/20	