



# Covid19 – Outbreak Management Plans

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# COVID 19


# Local Outbreak

# Management

# Plan (LOMP)

## Operational Guidance

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# What is the Local Outbreak Management Plan?

- The LOMP provides a blueprint for managing incidents and/or outbreaks of Covid-19 in order to protect residents and support the most vulnerable.
- It sets out measures to rapidly respond to an incident/outbreak in order to limit onward transmission.
- The plan supports the national test and trace service and ensures that the local authority has the necessary capacity to contain and manage local incidents/outbreaks of Covid-19.
- The plan will be updated on a regular basis as new national guidance is produced, as legislation changes and in response as to how the Pandemic evolves.

# The plan centres on 7 themes

1. Aims and objectives
2. Working in partnership
3. Local Governance
4. Informed by evidence and data
5. Testing and contact tracing
6. Outbreak Control
7. Prevention and Response Plans for Places and Communities

## Theme 1: Aims and objectives

- The aim of the COVID-19 local outbreak management plan is to ensure an effective and coordinated approach is taken to outbreak management, from initial detection to formal closure and review of lessons identified.
- This document provides a clear plan on how local government works with the national test and trace service to ensure a whole system approach to managing local COVID-19 outbreaks.

# Theme 2: Working in partnership - do other areas have a LOMP?

- Yes, the government has instructed all upper tier and unitary local authorities to produce a local outbreak management plan.
- This plan has been developed to allow flexibility with our local response, but it has been agreed by the SW DPH's to adhere to a the same key working principles.

## 2 Working in partnership

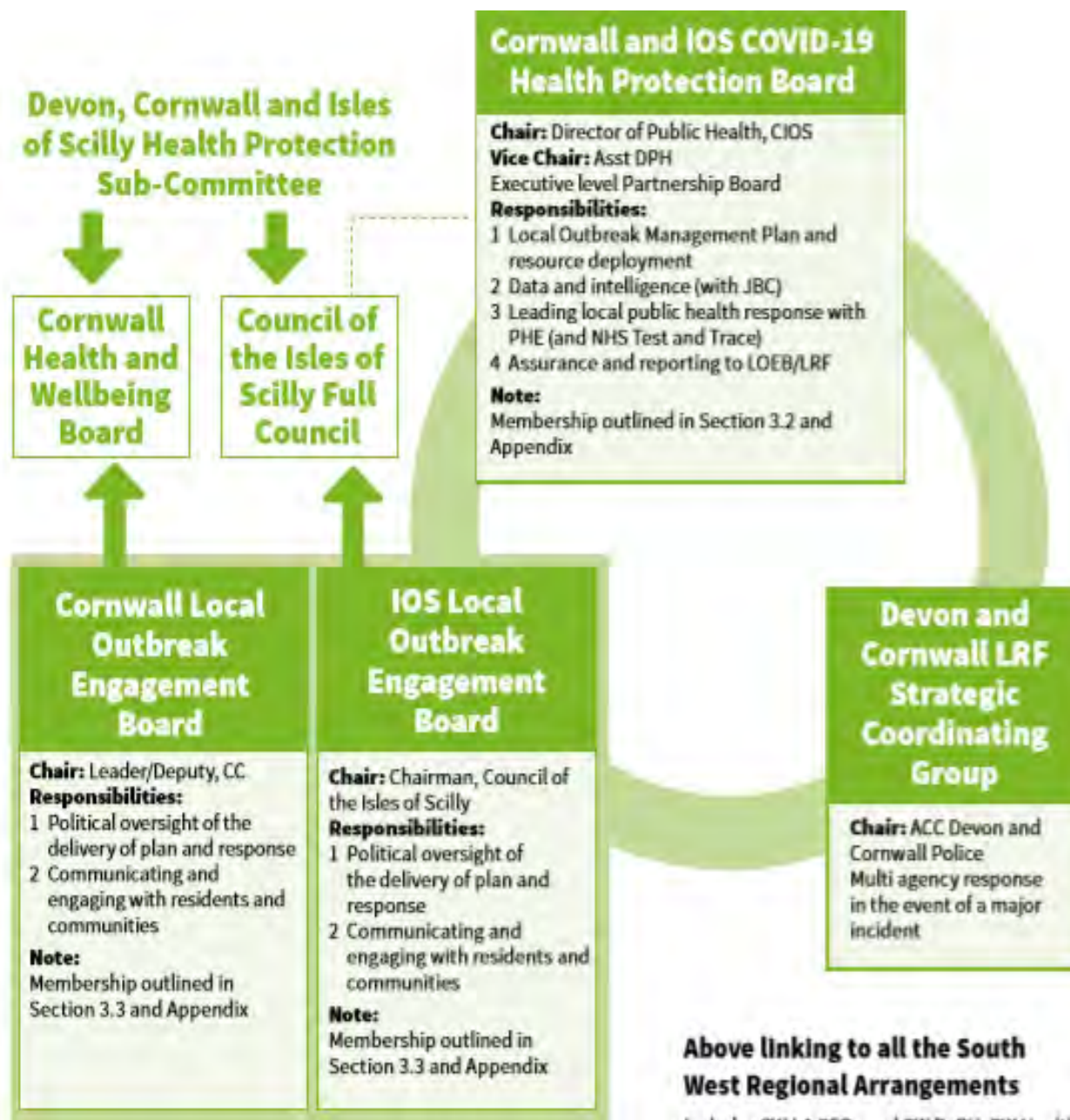
**2.1** This local plan is designed to allow flexibility in the response, but it has been agreed by the South West Directors of Public Health (DsPH) to adhere to the following key working principles;

- a We will work together as a public health system, building on and utilising the existing close working relationships we have between the local authority public health teams and PHE. We will endeavour to ensure we make best use of the capacity and capability of the regional public health workforce.
- b While recognising local sovereignty we will commit to ensuring a common language to describe the local governance arrangements:
  - I. COVID 19 Health Protection Board
  - II. Local Outbreak Management Plans
  - III. COVID 19 Local Outbreak Engagement Board
- c We will ensure that we all work to an agreed common set of quality standards and approaches in the management of local outbreaks, utilising and building upon already agreed approaches such as those defined within the Core Health Protection Functions MoU.
- d We will adopt a continuous learning approach to the planning and response to COVID 19 outbreaks, sharing and learning from one another to ensure we provide the most effective response we can.
- e We will ensure that there is an integrated data and surveillance system established, which alongside a robust evidence-base will enable us to respond effectively to outbreaks. Proposal that a COVID 19 Regional Data and Intelligence Framework is developed which will enable DsPH to have access to the necessary information to lead the COVID 19 Health Protection Board.
- f We will commit to openness and transparency, communicating the most up to date science, evidence and data to colleagues, wider partners and the public.
- g We will ensure that within our planning and response to COVID 19 we will plan and take the necessary actions to mitigate and reduce the impact of COVID 19 on those most vulnerable, including BAME communities.

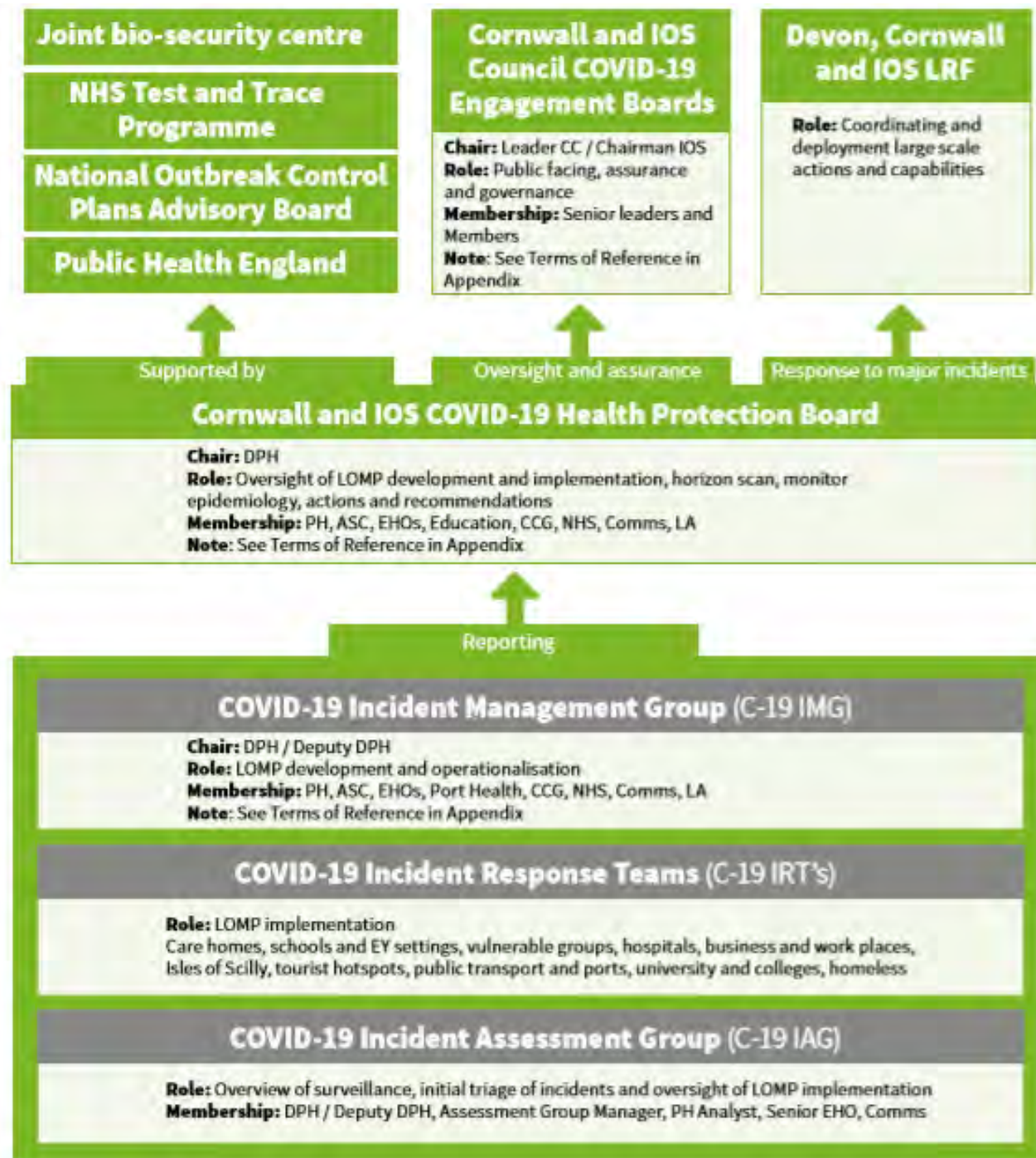
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# Theme 3: Governance



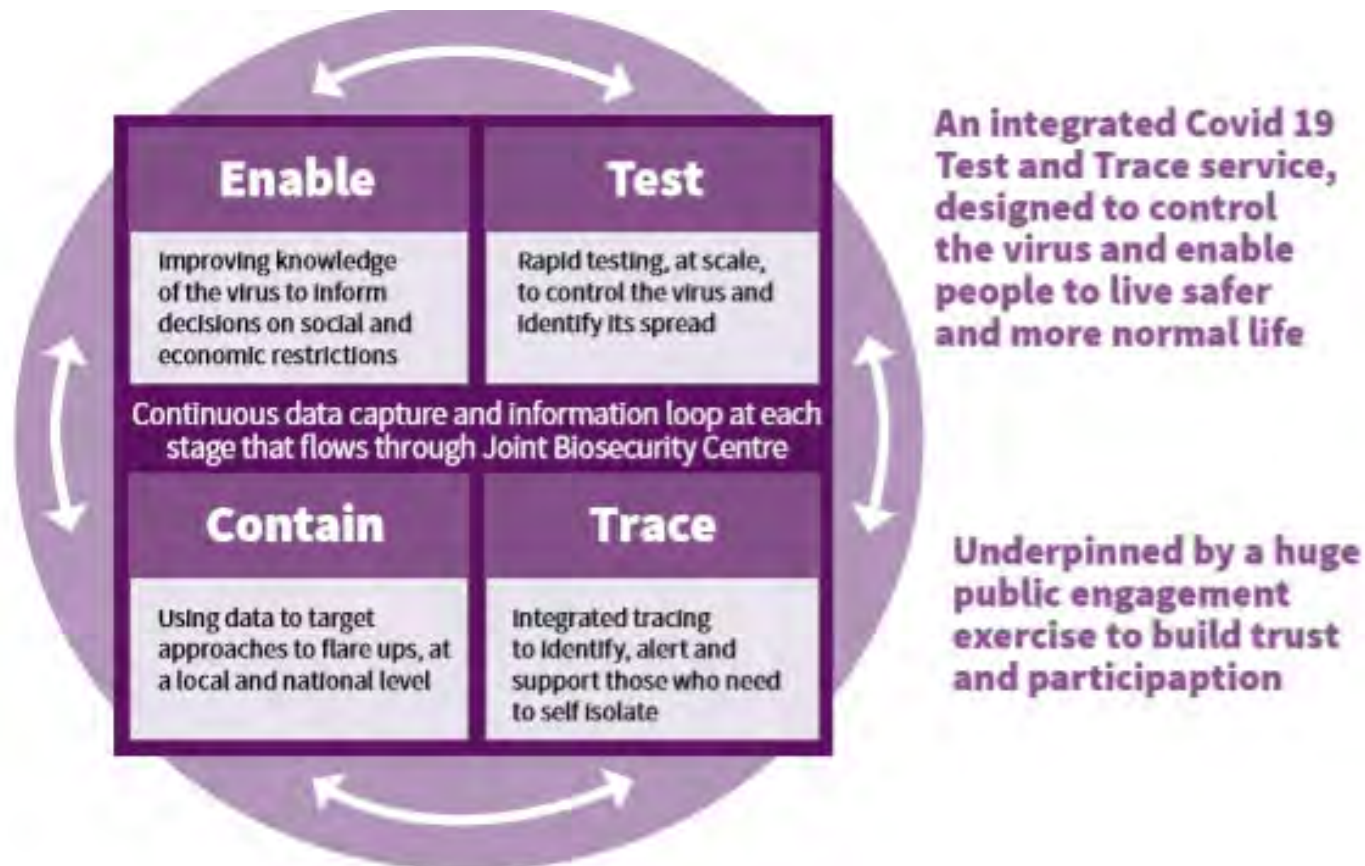
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## Theme 5: Testing and Contact Tracing

An integrated COVID-19 Test and Trace programme designed to control the virus and enable people to live a safer and more normal life was introduced across England on 28 May. Local Authorities will work with the Government to support test and trace services in their local communities, taking a place-based approach to containing the spread of the infection.



# Developing a local testing strategy and infrastructure to underpin your local outbreak plan – drawing on a combination of the following and tailored to local circumstances

## Home Testing Kit



- For users to complete the test at home.
- Can be requested by users through the portal and/or
- A supply could also be provided to DPHs to be directed according to local priorities
- Priority drop off post boxes to be offered instead of courier services.

## Satellite



- This option is used as a preventative measure. Usually used for care homes.
- Test is ordered by a care home staff and the test kit is delivered by the courier next day. Care home staff members responsible for conducting the test and booking a courier to send it to laboratory.
- Care home staff members should attend an online webinar with a guidance on test kit use.

## Regional testing site



- For customers who have access to a car the RTS allows a 'drive thru' facility which is a 'same day' service open 8am to 8pm.
- When arriving at the site, the customer would display their booking details and then a qualified tester can administer the test for the customer through their car window or the customer can self test. Most customers will take 30 minutes from start to finish.

## Local testing site



- For customers who are arriving on foot or by bike, the LTUs provide a means of testing.
- Test kits are provided on arrival for a self-test with support and guidance on hand. The process takes around 20 minutes and the booths are cleaned down thoroughly in between use.
- These sites are usually in urban areas often centrally or adjacent to specific locations for targeted groups such as Outreach.

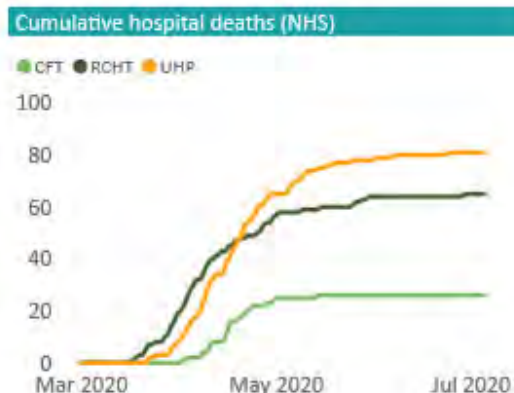
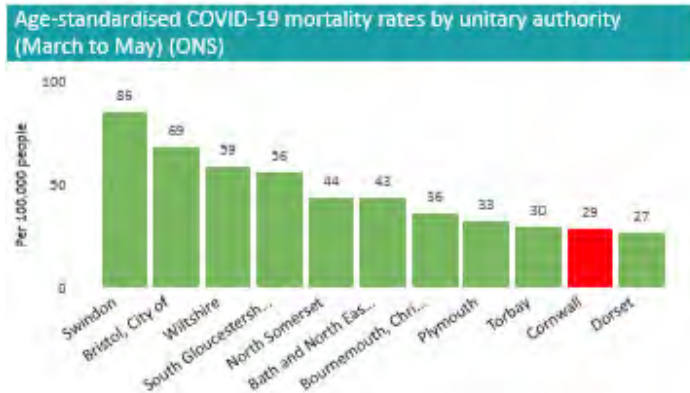
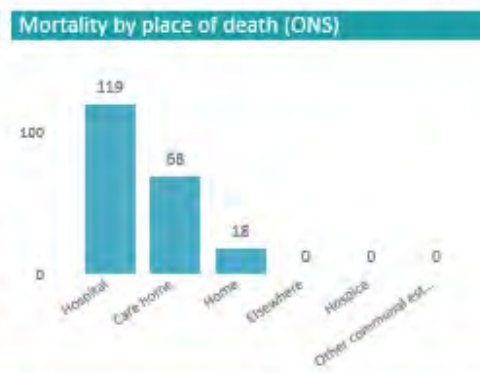
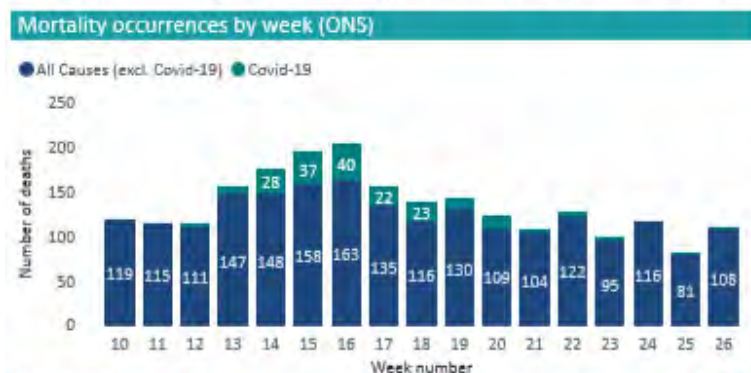
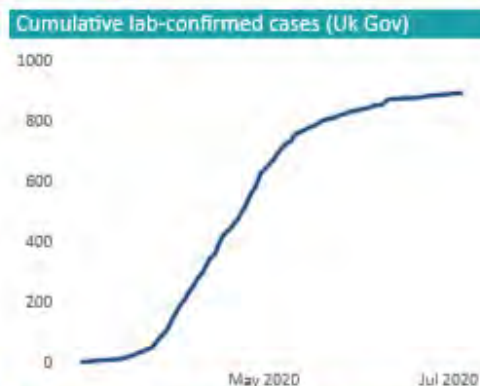
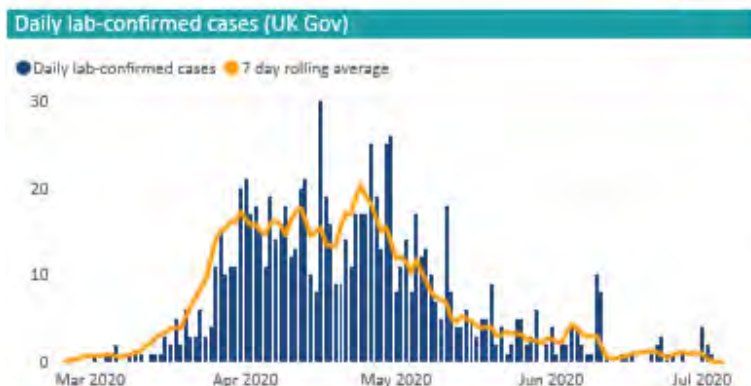
## Mobile testing unit



- Mobile testing is an agile capability that allows temporary testing sites to be set up quickly to serve communities on a rolling basis. The Mobile Testing Units (MTU) have been designed as a flexible testing capability.
- The MTU comprises a customized van with a pop-up shelters, an integral traffic management systems and is staffed by up to 12 personnel to provide key workers with self-administrated test who arrive either by a vehicle or walk in.
- Locally deployed, the use of the 'reserve' allows for the management of surge/outbreak



# Theme 4: Informed by evidence and data



## Theme 6: Outbreak Control

The definitions of an outbreak within the plan are as follows;

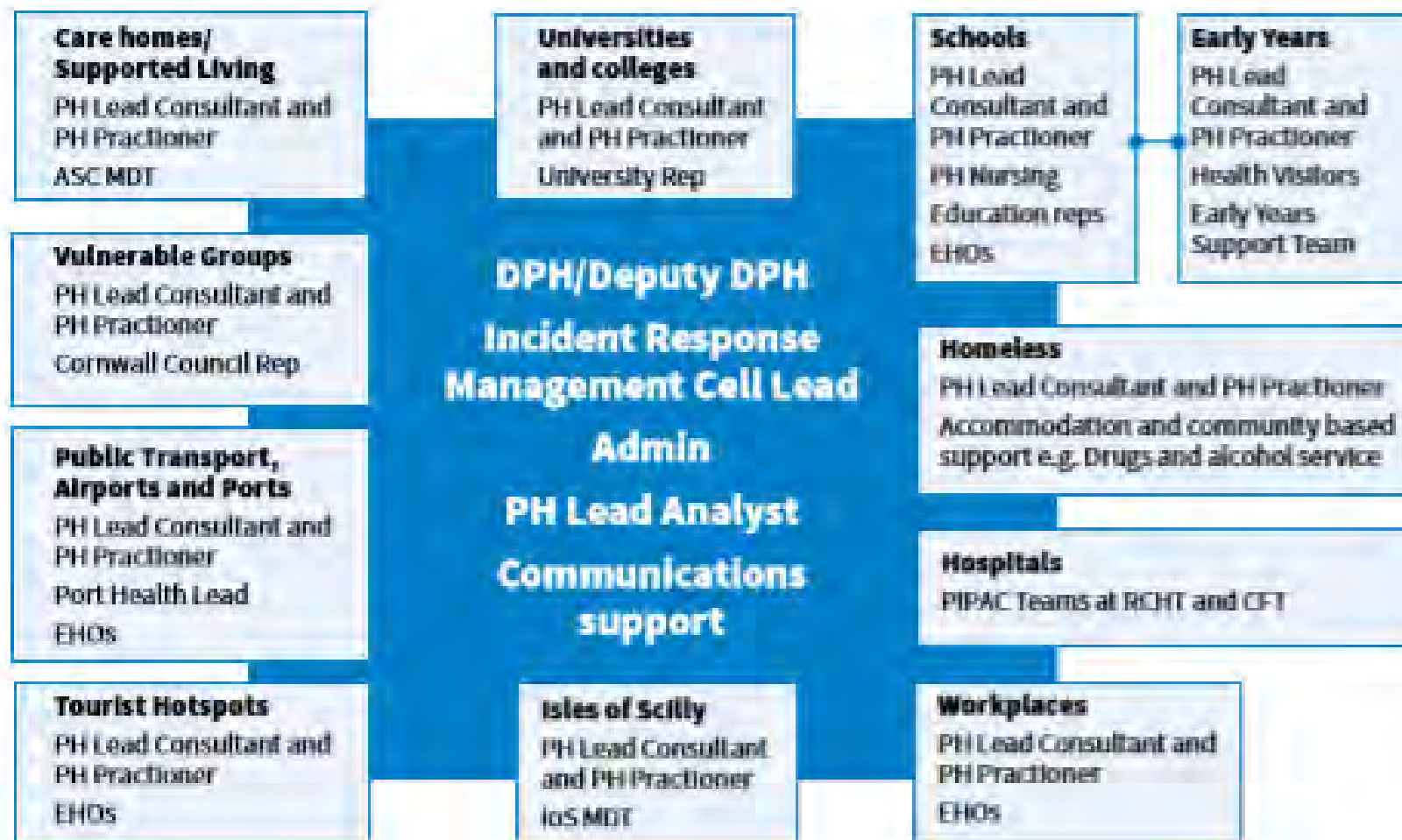
- two or more cases connected in time to a specific place (not a household)
- an area or cohort of people with a significantly higher than expected rate of infection (this would be compared to other similar areas at that time)
- a single laboratory confirmed case within a very high-risk setting (e.g. care home)

An important factor is the analysis and interpretation of patterns across the county.

### Incident Response Team (role)

- Assess the risk to the public's health
- Ensure that the cause, vehicle and source of the outbreak are investigated, and control measures implemented as soon as possible
- Seek legal advice where required

# Theme 7: Prevention and Response Plans for Places and Communities



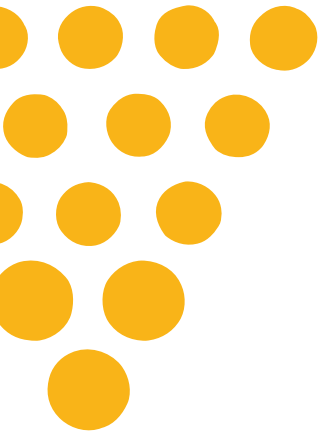
# Session 1 – Scenario (EXERCISE ONLY)

It is Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at St Elsewhere Junior Academy where the new school term is into its third week. Following the Prime Minister's announcements in July, all year groups have returned to school and social distancing measures have been reduced to 1 metre (social distancing measures are dependent on current guidelines).

During the lunch break, Gemma Smith, a year 6 pupil who lives with foster parents, starts to feel unwell and complains of feeling hot and starts to develop a constant dry cough. Gemma has been sent home where school staff have asked that Gemma be tested.

The test result comes in the next day as positive and this is the second confirmed case in the school as a year 4 pupil was sent home last week after feeling unwell. A classmate also informs his teacher that Gemma told him that her foster parents are also unwell.

Teaching staff have also observed that Gemma had ignored social distancing guidelines when playing with friends at breaktime.



# Local outbreak management plan – communications approach

## “Stronger together”

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# Our communications will:

- Support the delivery of the local outbreak plan by building public trust and collective ownership “stronger together”.
- **Establish strong local partnership and leadership speaking with a clear, credible and trusted voice**
- Seek ongoing public compliance with the public health messaging
- Ensure active support for any actions needed to contain the future spread of the virus.
- Emphasise personal responsibility, self-compliance and that everyone needs to play their part of the local plan for Cornwall



# Three key strands of communications

**Amplify national prevention messages:** promote the national test track and trace campaign through all our local channels with tailored messages for Cornwall

**Build trust and confidence in the local plan:**

demonstrate strong local leadership by establishing and promoting our Cornwall LOMP amongst key stakeholders and communities and reassuring them that local action plans are in place

**Demonstrate rapid response:** using all-partner approach to timely, appropriate and well targeted communication response is given in the event of a local outbreak

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