

Public questions for the Local COVID Outbreak Engagement Board

The Local COVID Outbreak Engagement Board is a sub-group of the Health and Wellbeing Board and is focused on supporting oversight and public engagement with the local response to Covid-19 outbreaks in Birmingham.

The Health and Wellbeing Board and its sub-groups are keen to address community concerns and welcome community engagement in the form of questions to be submitted as per the guidance below.

Please note that individual questions will not be responded to, lines of questioning will be grouped into themes and discussed at meetings.

Questions should relate to the specific focus of the Local COVID Outbreak Engagement Board, questions about other aspects of Covid and other areas of health and wellbeing can be asked through the Health and Wellbeing Board itself and other relevant sub-groups.

Procedure and Criteria for Questions at Board Meetings

Anyone wishing to put a line of questioning to the Board is asked to adhere to the following criteria:

1. Any member of the public who lives, works or studies in Birmingham City can put a line of questioning to the Board. The questioner must provide postcode, employer name or name of place of study to evidence this.
2. The line of questioning must be put in writing to the Board and emailed to HealthyBrum@Birmingham.gov.uk
3. No person can submit more than one line of questioning at the same time
4. The request must detail the line of questioning in full
5. The question must relate to the remit of the board. I.e. outbreak response to COVID-19 in Birmingham.
6. The question or statement:
 1. must relate to the Board role and responsibilities
 2. must not be defamatory, frivolous, vexatious or offensive
 3. must not require the closure of confidential or exempt information
 4. must not refer to any matter of a personal nature

Question responses

1. Lines of questioning will not be responded to individually. They will instead be grouped by theme and addressed at the Board meetings in relation to the agenda items and within the timescales allocated.
2. Questions may be deferred to future meetings or sub forums if they fit more appropriately there.
3. Responses to lines of questioning will be included in the minutes of the meeting, which can be accessed via https://birmingham.cmis.uk.com/birmingham/Committee/HealthandWellbeing/tabid/138/ctl/ViewCMIS_CommitteeDetails/mid/526/id/28/Default.aspx

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