

	<b><u>Agenda Item: #</u></b>
<b>Report to:</b>	<b>Local COVID Outbreak Engagement Board</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>27 October 2020</b>
<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>ENFORCEMENT AND ASSOCIATED ACTIVITIES AROUND CORONAVIRUS</b>
<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Environmental Health, Neighbourhoods</b>
<b>Presenting Officer</b>	<b>Mark Croxford</b>

<b>Report Type:</b>	<b>Information report</b>
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### **1. Purpose:**

1.1 The report updates the group on the work of Environmental Health to try and control the spread of coronavirus and to encourage others to comply with national advice.

### **2. Recommendation**

2.1 That the report be noted.

### **3. Report Body**

3.1 The appendix to this report is an update on the enforcement activity undertaken by Environmental Health.

3.2 Environmental Health continues to work with West Midlands Police both in joint visits and separately to increase coverage and efficiency of the enforcement work. In general, the Police powers tackle the individual whereas the Council powers tackle the business and or the business operator.

3.3 Since the last report at the beginning of October the Police and the Council have been advised that Government will fund increased enforcement activity. The Police have now got a budget to sustain Operation Reliant patrols and the Council is proposing to employ Covid Wardens and more enforcement officers funded from the Local Authority Compliance and Enforcement Grant. Nationally there is £30m set aside and Birmingham City Council can draw down on £889k in next 4 months.

3.4 The following is the total actions

- 1 unlicensed premises has been closed due to operating in the early hours with 37 people in it.
- 2 statements were compiled supporting the expedited reviews of for 2 licensing premises by the Police.

- 3x £1,000 FPNs have been issued to business operators trading after 10pm found during operation reliant visits (Police).
- 126 inspections were carried out requiring steps to be taken to meet legislative requirements or national advice. This also includes checks on risk assessments and identifying weaknesses and recommending improvements.
- 161 visits and phone calls were made giving advice and helping people to be covid compliant.
- We have monitored and advised on 65 outbreaks but due to good compliance with mitigating steps, have not been required to use enforcement powers.

<b>4. Risk Analysis</b>			
Further delay in publication. Changes suggested at presentations.			
<b>Identified Risk</b>	<b>Likelihood</b>	<b>Impact</b>	<b>Actions to Manage Risk</b>
None identified			

<b>Appendices</b>

The following people have been involved in the preparation of this board paper:

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## Appendix

### Dashboard of Complaints from the whistleblowing Line

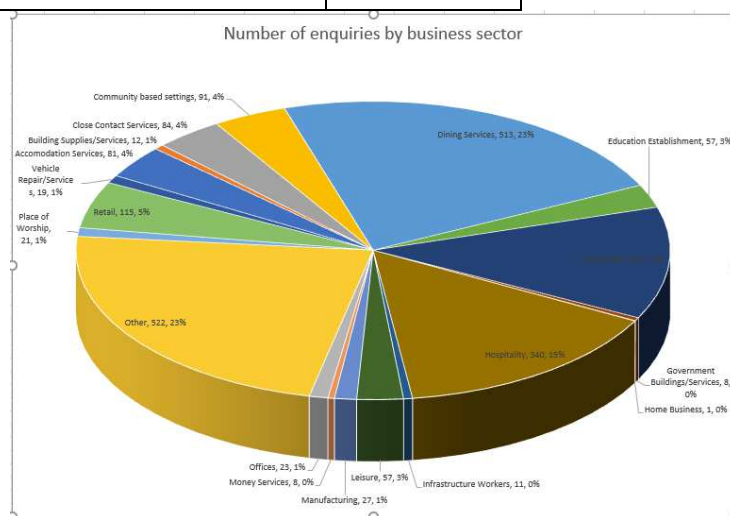
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#### Number of complaints

The following table is the number of Requests for Assistance (RFAs) also called job sheets that have come into Environmental Health since February 2020. In total there are 2,265 (up from 1502 in 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020).

#### Enquiries by business Sector

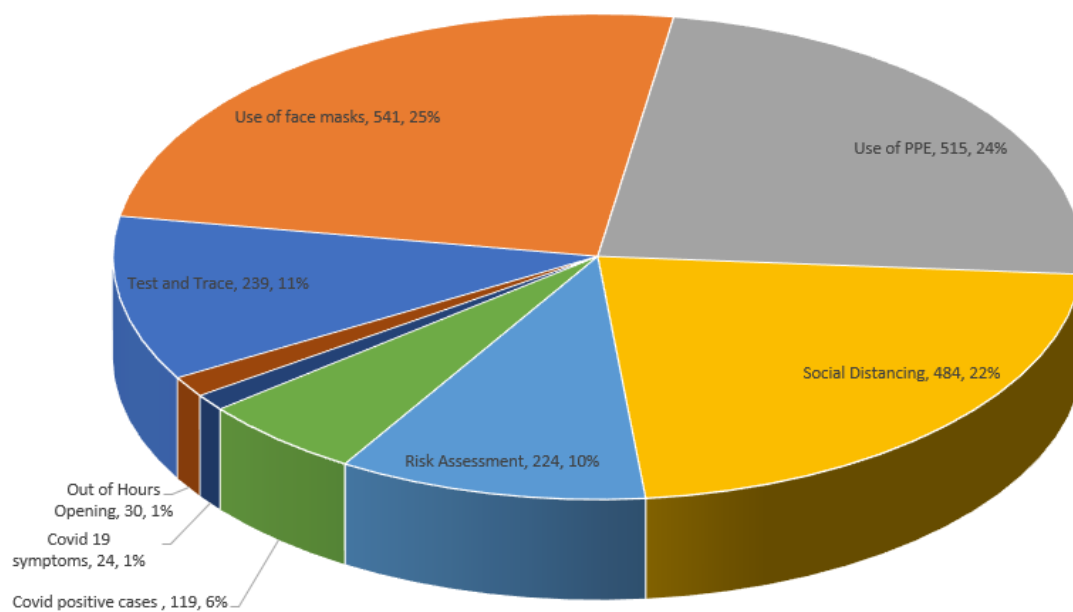
Premises Type	Total
Accommodation Services	81
Building Supplies/Services	12
Close Contact Services	84
Community based settings	91
Dining Services	513
Education Establishment	57
Food Retail	275
Government Buildings/Services	8
Home Business	1
Hospitality	340
Infrastructure Workers	11
Leisure	57
Manufacturing	27
Money Services	8
Offices	23
Other	522
Place of Worship	21
Retail	115
Vehicle Repair/Services	19
Total	2265



### Type of Issue Mentioned

Enquiry type	Number of complaints
Test and Trace	239
Use of face masks	541
Use of PPE	515
Social Distancing	484
Risk Assessment	224
Covid positive cases	119
Covid 19 symptoms	24
Out of Hours Opening	30
Not defined	790

Percentage of worksheets by enquiry type



## **Job Status**

Jobs closed by reason

