

	<b><u>Agenda Item: 16</u></b>
<b>Report to:</b>	<b>Birmingham Health &amp; Wellbeing Board</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> September 2020</b>
<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>UPDATE ON BAME COVID-19 INEQUALITIES WORK</b>
<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Birmingham City Council</b>
<b>Presenting Officer</b>	<b>Dr Justin Varney, Director of Public Health</b>

<b>Report Type:</b>	<b>Presentation</b>
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<b>1. Purpose:</b>
1.1 To inform the Board and members of the public of the progress since the July Health and Wellbeing Board meeting to mitigate risk and support ethnic communities from Covid-19

<b>2. Implications:</b>					
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Joint Strategic Needs Assessment					
Creating a Healthy Food City					
Creating a Mentally Healthy City					
Creating an Active City					
Creating a City without Inequality					
Health Protection					

<b>3. Recommendation</b>
3.1 The Board is asked to note the progress detailed in the attached report
3.2 Board members are asked to continue to work to mitigate disproportional risk of Covid-19 to ethnic communities.

#### **4. Report Body**

4.1 The attached paper summarises progress made to date from the organisations listed below. Key themes covered include:

- Further understanding of the population to mitigate risks associated with protected characteristics and social economic conditions
- Accelerated preventative programmes including flu and obesity
- Support Health and Wellbeing of staff, those with protected characteristics have received a risk assessment
- Working collectively to use resource effectively to protect the most vulnerable
- Working to develop and resource BAME community leadership around health inequalities
- Outreach work to reach priority communities including faith communities
- Understanding community Covid experiences, particularly those from BAME communities.

4.2 The following partners have contributed to the content of the report:

- Sandwell and West Birmingham NHS Trust
- NHS Birmingham and Solihull Clinical Commissioning Group
- Sandwell and West Birmingham Clinical Commissioning Group
- Healthwatch Birmingham
- BVSC
- Birmingham City Council

4.3 Details of the discussion at the April Special Health and Wellbeing Board Meeting can be found in the minutes of the meeting.

#### **5. Compliance Issues**

##### **5.1 HWBB Forum Responsibility and Board Update**

The impact and mitigation of the disproportioned risk of Covid-19 on ethnic minority communities will continue to be monitored through the HWB member organisations.

**5.2 Management Responsibility**

Dr Justin Varney, Director of Public Health, Birmingham City Council

**6. Risk Analysis**

<b>Identified Risk</b>	<b>Likelihood</b>	<b>Impact</b>	<b>Actions to Manage Risk</b>
Board member organisations cease to mitigate risk and support ethnic communities from Covid-19 leading to further increase in health inequalities	Low	High	Continue to facilitate discussions

**Appendices**

Update on BAME Covid-19 Inequalities Work Since the July HWB meeting

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

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