

	<u>Agenda Item: 7</u>
Report to:	Local COVID Outbreak Engagement Board
Date:	26 November 2020
TITLE:	ENFORCEMENT AND ASSOCIATED ACTIVITIES AROUND CORONAVIRUS
Organisation	Environmental Health, Neighbourhoods
Presenting Officer	Mark Croxford

Report Type:	Information report
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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. Since the last report in November there has been increased focus on joint patrolling. This is in response to increased notifications of businesses avoiding the November lock down but slightly amending their trading offer. For example putting some shelf stable foods on display and stating they are now a food shop.
3.3 In 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 Marshals 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. The following table outlines the projects and commitment from the grant monies.

Sub-Lead	Staffing Required	Project	Cost
BIDs	24	Covid Marshalls	£137,894.40
EH	6	6 Enforcement (Env Health)	£59,850.00
EH	6	6 EHO	£76,204.80
EH	3	3 kingdom officers (12 weeks)	£30,240.00
EH	1	Admin Support for metrics	£6,396.60
EH	5	Honorarium	£4,583.25
EH	3	3 Supervisors/managers for EH (include nights)	£29,925.00
University		University's	£80,000.00
Faith		Faith Group Covid Champions	£30,000.00
Parks	8	8 Park Marshalls	£45,964.80
Parks		6 Vehicles Hire - Parks	£5,135.76
EH		Vehicle Costs (Hire)	£0.00
BIDs		Bicycles + bicycle PPE	£30,000.00
BIDs		Covid Marshalls Tabards & PPE	£8,321.25
BIDs		free mask handout to citizens	£0.00
EH		Body Cams (operational costs)	£7,104.00
WM		Covid Graffiti removal (Covid-19 Remove misinformation)	£30,000.00
EH		Isolation Visits (check that people are quarantining)	£16,800.00
Bids		cleaning costs for BIDs	£500.00
Coms	Housing	signage for housing blocks	£2,000.00
Coms	Press	Web and Social Media	£50,000.00
Coms		letter drops & advice	£30,000.00
Coms	Parks	Signage for parks	£10,000.00
Coms	Press	roadside adverts & Pop Ups	£90,000.00

3.4 Since 26th September to date Environmental Health have investigated 64 Covid outbreaks referred to us from either PHE or BCC Public Health team. The majority of the workplaces have received a visit where the workplaces risk assessment was audited against what was found in actuality. No enforcement action has been necessary in any of the premises however all workplaces received verbal or written advice.

3.5 The main issues that have been dealt with:

Enhancing Covid mitigations particularly cleaning, reducing numbers of persons within premises, sanitiser (incorrect use or needed more) and requests for changes to workplace risk assessments. On 3 occasions further positive cases have been found at workplaces and information forwarded to PHE for contact tracing to occur. The attached power point gives more information of areas and problems encountered.

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

Appendices

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

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Appendix

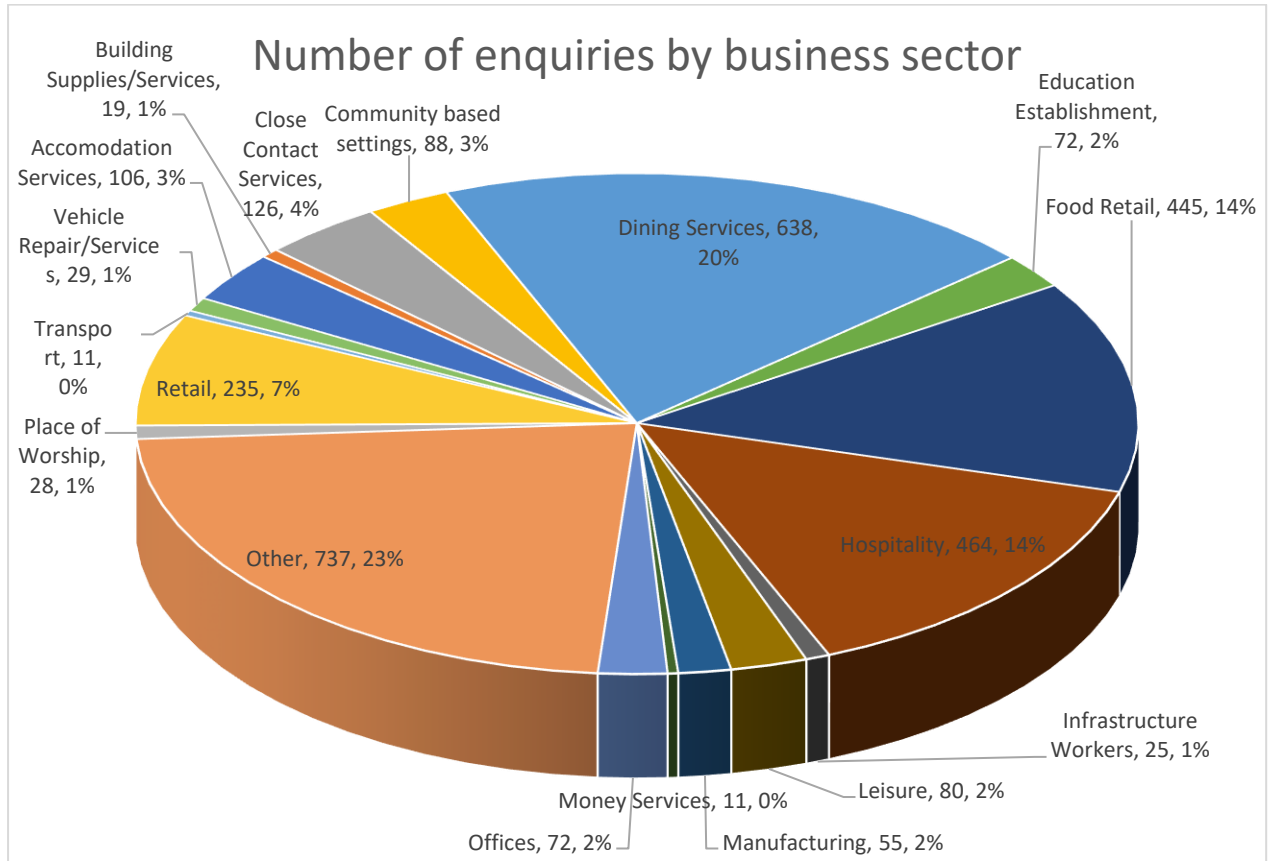
Dashboard of Complaints from the whistleblowing Line 20/11/20

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 1st October 2020).

Enquiries by business Sector

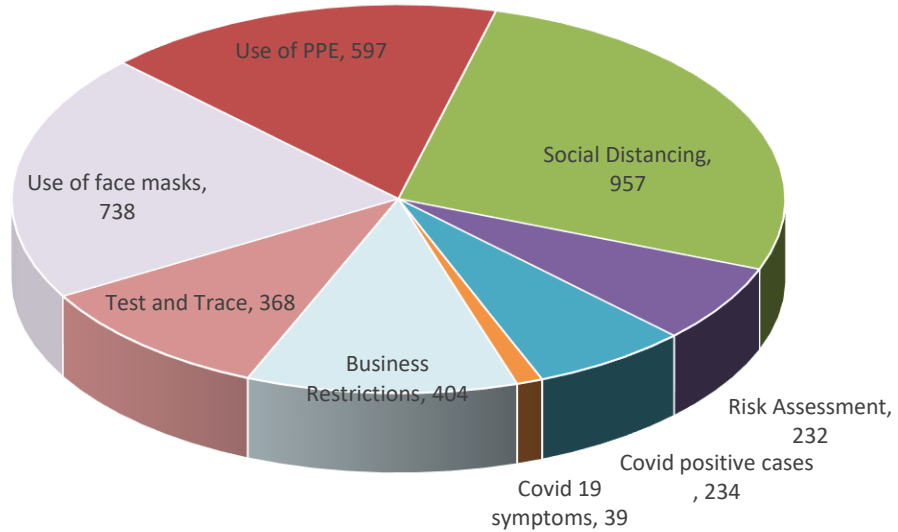
Premises Type	Total
Accommodation Services	106
Building Supplies/Services	19
Close Contact Services	126
Community based settings	88
Dining Services	638
Education Establishment	72
Food Retail	445
Hospitality	464
Infrastructure Workers	25
Leisure	80
Manufacturing	55
Money Services	11
Offices	72
Other	737
Place of Worship	28
Retail	235
Transport	11
Vehicle Repair/Services	29
Grand Total	3241



Type of Issue Mentioned

Use of face masks	738
Use of PPE	597
Social Distancing	957
Risk Assessment	232
Covid positive cases	234
Covid 19 symptoms	39
Business Restrictions	404
Test and Trace	368

Number of worksheets by enquiry type



Job Status

Jobs closed by reason

