

# Birmingham Local Outbreak Engagement Board Vulnerable Populations

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# Key Points

- Vulnerability is considered in the context of both clinical and social issues that increase the risk of infection, severe illness and mortality
- The following core groups are specifically being considered in the local outbreak response to Covid-19:
  - Clinical vulnerable
  - Homeless
  - Refugee & Asylum Seekers
  - Students (covered in paper on Universities)
- There are wider programmes of work across the City partnership focusing on issues such as food poverty and financial hardship.

# Clinically Vulnerable

- Working closely with the NHS Clinical Commissioning Groups to promote action to maximise control of chronic disease, e.g. diabetes, through clinical disease checks, proactive NHS coms and BHealthy campaign.
- Commissioning specific engagement partners to support deeper two way engagement with people living with long term condition.
- Ensuring processes are in place to enact local Shielding support if required at level of full local lockdown.
- Promoting uptake of the seasonal flu immunisation to eligible groups to avoid co-infection of influenza & covid-19.

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## BHealthy

A simple checklist with practical tools and tips to help improve your health and wellbeing and reduce your risk of becoming seriously ill from Covid-19

- ✓ Checklist for a healthier you
- ✓ Weekly Getting Ready Plan
- ✓ Keeping COVID safe



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# Homeless & Temporary Accommodation

- Response pathway to cases and clusters in hostel accommodation.
- Working with DHSC to allocate testing kit reserve to homeless accommodation providers for rapid response access to testing.
- BCHT commissioned to provide training to homeless health and welfare services to assist with swabbing.
- Working to include C-19 safety information in house of multiple occupancy (HMO) welcome packs
- Extended 'Everybody In' approach





# Refugee & Asylum Seekers

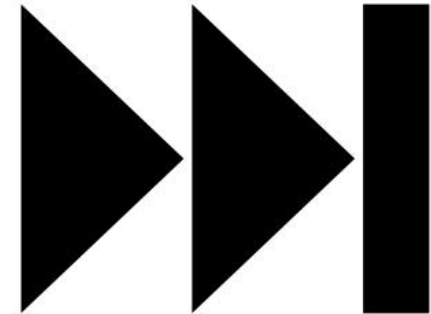


- Several engagement and awareness sessions with Migrant Health Champions group.
- Outbreak response management to cluster of cases in an Asylum Seeker Centre has led to close working with the Home Office and their providers to improve Covid-safety across the hotel accommodation provision in the City.
- Provision of translated C-19 awareness materials to support Home Office providers.

# Next Steps

The following steps are being explored to strengthen this approach:

- Targeted recruitment of Covid Community Champions in vulnerable groups
- Appointment of further community engagement partners
- Work led by the NHS and HealthWatch to engage with patient groups
- Finalise homeless outbreak response protocols



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