

**Northern Ireland COVID-19 ‘Test, Trace, Isolate, Support’
Strategic Oversight Board**

Terms of reference

15/5/2020

Purpose

To oversee and coordinate the integrated programmes and workstreams which will collectively deliver on the NI COVID-19 ‘Test, Trace, Isolate, Support Strategy’. It will include traditional contact tracing, digital supports to contact tracing, proximity app, testing, public communication and engagement. The board will be responsible for signing off the strategy, approving finance requests, and overseeing the implementation of the strategy.

Scope

This will include

- a) Effective disease surveillance. We need to understand COVID-19 in Northern Ireland and identify patterns in disease activity, such as local outbreaks.
- b) Early identification and isolation of possible cases. We need everyone to be aware of the symptoms of COVID-19, and understand what they need to do themselves to support our “test, trace, isolate, support” approach.
- c) Early and rapid testing of possible cases.
- d) Early and effective tracing of close contacts of a confirmed case.
- e) Early, effective and supported isolation of close contacts. Chains of transmission can only be broken if those who could transmit the disease to others are isolated, and get the support they need to maintain that isolation.

Appropriate legal and information governance agreements will be a prerequisite for this work, as will public engagement.

Membership

- CMO (Chair)
- Naresh Chada, DCMO
- Lourda Geoghegan, Special Adviser on COVID-19

TOR approved on 12.05.2020

- Gillian Armstrong, SMO, Health Protection
- **Name** Specialist Registrar in Public Health Medicine
- Dan West, CDIO
- **Name Redacted** DoH
- Brid Farrell, Chair of Expert Advisory Testing Group
- Liz Mitchell, Chair of NI Contact Tracing Service Steering Group
- **Name Redacted** Information Governance
- **Name Redacted** DSO
- Stephen Wilson, PHA Communications lead
- Stephen Bergin, Epi-cell lead, PHA
- Modelling cell representative (to be confirmed)
- DfC – as required (Sharron Russell)

Meetings

The first meeting will occur on 12th May 2020 at 1pm. Meetings will be held be video or teleconference.

Secretariat

TBC