

COVID-19 Phase 3 Case Finding and Contact Tracing: Operating Framework

1 Purpose

This document sets out the proposed Operating Framework for identifying cases of COVID-19 in Wales and tracing and managing their contacts for phase 3 of the response. This framework is intended to support the public health and public service system in Wales to deliver a common approach based on evidence and expertise.

2 Background

Contact tracing started across Wales on 1 June and the digital system went live on 9 June. Contact tracing is delivered locally and organised into teams at local authority level with the response co-ordinated on a local health board footprint. Contact tracing has been, and continues to be undertaken on confirmation of a positive test result for COVID-19. Later plans anticipate that the *Test, Trace, Protect* programme could potentially extend this current scope and that individuals could self-report symptoms of COVID-19 with details of contacts being taken at this stage, however, a date for implementation has not been finalised.

This document builds upon previous operating frameworks that have supported phases 0-2, taking into consideration the learned experienced of contact tracing to date, ongoing engagement with partners and the published Local Covid-19 Prevention and Response plans. It is anticipated that phase 3 of the response will operate until at least March 2021. Ongoing review through continuing partner engagement and feedback will be necessary in order to address developments in policy or strategy which impact on the operational delivery of the Test Trace Protect programme.

3 Organisational arrangements for the Test, Trace Protect (TTP) service function and responsibility

During phase three, resources and response will continue to be arranged in a three tier approach, supported by a digital infrastructure to enable real-time information sharing: