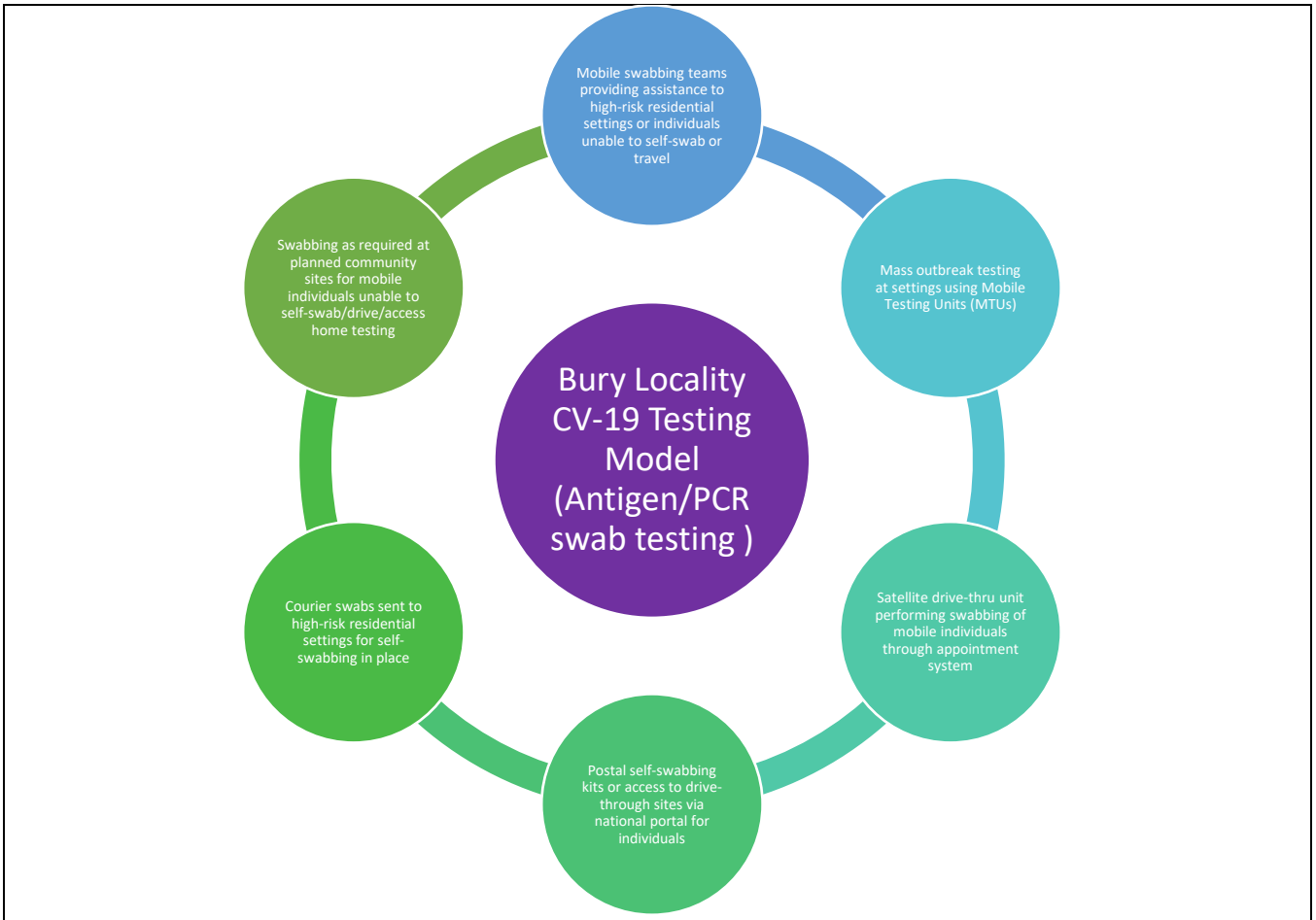


<b>Meeting: Strategic Commissioning Board</b>			
<b>Meeting Date</b>	07 September 2020	<b>Action</b>	Approve
<b>Item No</b>	6	<b>Confidential / Freedom of Information Status</b>	No
<b>Title</b>	COVID-19 Borough Based Testing Service		
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<b>Executive Summary</b>
<p>This paper provides the detail for a resilient and longer-term (&gt;6 months) testing solution to manage the borough response to Covid-19 disease.</p> <p><b>The cost for this serviced is estimated at a monthly cost of £92,000.</b> This is the upper estimate and it is anticipated that costs will reduce as the exact requirements are established with providers, but it was felt prudent to have costs in at the upper estimate.</p> <p><b>Testing Response to Coronavirus</b></p> <p>The Locality Outbreak Plan details the strategic response for widening testing across the borough to respond to increasing prevalence of Coronavirus disease locally. By ensuring we have the right plan and resource in place we will be able to deliver the testing response required to meet national or local requirements.</p> <p>The strategic testing response has different components to ensure all people have equal opportunity to get tested if they have symptoms.</p> <p>Additionally, we have built into the plan a structure that could deliver mass testing of asymptomatic public should the EWS triggers indicate a need to do this.</p> <p>The diagram shows the way we would deliver testing across the borough with a range of testing mechanism providing a robust response.</p>



This proposal supports the delivery of three testing pillars above; walk-up community swabbing through a rapid testing service, outbreak response and the Waterfold Satellite Unit.

**Recommendations**

It is recommended that the Strategic Commissioning Board:

- Note the content of this paper and agree to the funding for a resilient Covid-19 borough-based testing service.

<b>Links to Strategic Objectives/Corporate Plan</b>	Choose an item.
Does this report seek to address any of the risks included on the Governing Body / Council Assurance Framework? If yes, state which risk below:	Choose an item.
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<b>Governance and Reporting</b>		
<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
<i>Finance, Contracting and Procurement Committee</i>	20/08/2020	Approved

## Comprehensive COVID-19 Borough based testing service

### 1. Introduction

- 1.1 This paper provides the detail for a resilient and longer-term (>6 months) testing solution to manage the borough response to Covid-19 disease.
- 1.2 The Locality Outbreak Plan details the strategic response for widening testing across the borough to respond to increasing prevalence of Coronavirus disease locally. By ensuring we have the right plan and resource in place we will be able to deliver the testing response required to meet national or local requirements.
- 1.3 The strategic testing response has different components to ensure all people have equal opportunity to get tested if they have symptoms. Additionally, we have built into the plan a structure that could deliver mass testing of asymptomatic public should the EWS triggers indicate a need to do this.

### 2. Proposal

There are 5 elements to the testing services that need to be in place to ensure the borough is able to independently meet any local testing requirements.

#### 1. BARDOC Rapid Response Testing Service (RTS)

A draft service specification is under review by the identified provider BARDOC and agreed in principal. Costs and a start-up date awaited. The service would offer a 7 day a week response. The costs include staffing this service.

#### The key deliverables of this service are:

- ✚ Testing for COVID-19 in a community walk-up testing site in the borough
- ✚ Continued testing support at the drive thru site at Waterfold Business Park
- ✚ COVID-19 and Influenza-like Illness (ILI) outbreaks in care homes
- ✚ Routine whole home testing/weekly staff testing in care homes
- ✚ Testing as required in supported living and other settings if required
- ✚ Support care homes with teaching staff how to self-swab

#### 2. Waterfold drive-thru Testing

The local satellite testing unit (STU) has been in place since April 2020 and successfully delivers a Monday – Friday service for drive-thru testing. Appointments are accessed through the Local Authority website and bookings are managed by the CCG booking inbox ([buccgstafftesting@nhs.net](mailto:buccgstafftesting@nhs.net)). The booking and scheduling aspect of this service will be through the national government portal when agreed. The unit if open fully can test up to 75 people per day.

### 3. BARDOC Swabbing Service

The BARDOC swabbing service staff the Waterfold unit as above.

Additionally, they provide a community swabbing home visiting team to test people who do not have access to a vehicle or are too unwell to attend a drive through facility, e.g. a person going into an end of life facility who needs confirmation of a negative test before they can be admitted.

Furthermore, the swabbing service supports the care home sector with any outbreak for Covid-19 or Influenza-like-illness (ILI) and with their routine monthly whole home testing and weekly all staff testing.

The Rapid Testing Service (RTS) will replace some of the functions of the Swabbing service.

### 4. OCO Testing Team

An enhanced team is required to organise the testing response in the borough. Currently this function is covered by a small number of staff from the Nursing & Quality Improvement directorate. The staff are required to return to their usual roles to enable the recovery outlined in the Phase 3 letter from NHSE / I on 31<sup>st</sup> July.

The team requirements are:

A Senior Project Manager (Band 7)  
2 Project Managers (Bands 5)  
Administration support (Band 3)

It is likely that the Band 5 positions will be 12 months recruited to posts through NHS jobs. The two additional staff will be temporary through NHS Professionals or another agency.

### 5. Equipment, transport and Infrastructure.

There will be costs associated with equipment and infrastructure to support the testing drive-thru and any walk-up facilities e.g. cabins, couriers, waste management, signage, PPE, communications etc.

An estimated cost had been included in the illustration.

#### Estimated Costs

Wider Testing Resource Requirements	Monthly Costs
Rapid Testing Service*	£35,000
Waterfold	£8,500
Bardoc Swabbing Service	£35,000
OCO Testing Team	£12,500
Walk-up Testing Service Equipment**	£1,000

Transport	£1,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>£92,000</b>

\* awaiting costs

\*\* estimated

The cost for this serviced is estimated at a monthly cost of £92,000. This is the upper estimate and it is anticipated that costs will reduce as the exact requirements are established with providers, but it was felt prudent to have costs in at the upper estimate.

Agreement on the testing capacity and funding request required for progression of a resilient and longer-term (>6 months) testing solution to manage the borough response to Covid-19 disease.

#### **4 Recommendations**

4.1 It is recommended that the Strategic Commissioning Board:

- Note the content of this paper and agree to the funding for a resilient Covid-19 borough-based testing service.

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