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## Local Outbreak Control Plans

Dear Council Leader,

Thank you for the excellent work that you, your teams and partners are doing to support the response to Covid-19. As we prepare to launch the Test and Trace service, you as leaders of local systems have a critical role to play to help contain the spread of the virus and enable a gradual return to a new normal so that local ambitions can be achieved. We are keen to support you in that local role, as an integral part of the national system.

Every part of the country will develop in June a local outbreak control plan and we look forward to working closely with eleven areas to share and spread good practice. These will be based on upper tier local authority areas linked to public health responsibilities. Councils will need to fully involve NHS partners including GPs, as well as district councils in two tier areas, and will be able to collaborate across a larger geography if they so wish. We are delighted that Government is backing local government with £300m to develop and roll out these plans.

There is so much local expertise and activity already in place to build on. A briefing note and slide deck is attached to set the framework for the next phase of joint local and national delivery. Additional information will be provided in an online call to be scheduled next week.

I am looking forward to working with you in this joint endeavour.

Kind regards,

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