

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING – 23 JULY 2020

Question to the Leader of the Council

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Question

What has been the county's response to the disproportionate impact of Covid-19 on the BAME community?

Reply

The Council recognises that people from BAME communities are at higher risk of complications from Covid-19. Information about Covid-19 has been made available on the Council's website in a range of the most common languages spoken by BAME communities. The Council's Covid-19 Local Outbreak Control Plan includes targeted communication for people from BAME communities.

In recent weeks the Council has been working with the BAME communities in parts of Burton-on-Trent in response to an excess of cases in the local area. The Council has been engaging with these communities to promote awareness of Covid-19 prevention and control as well as how to access testing. The Council has deployed a mobile testing unit to the town and established a dedicated service to offer testing to symptomatic people from this area in their own homes. The Council is also exploring innovative ways to extend testing to asymptomatic people from these communities.