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**REPORT TO: MORAY INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD CLINICAL AND CARE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE ON 27 AUGUST 2020**

**SUBJECT: DEATHS INVOLVING CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) UP TO 28 JUNE 2020**

**BY: INTERIM CHIEF OFFICER**

## **1. REASON FOR REPORT**

- 1.1. To inform the Committee of key findings with regards to deaths involving coronavirus (COVID-19) in Moray during the period 16 March 2020 to 28 June 2020.

## **2. RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1. **It is recommended that the Committee considers and notes the information provided within this report and at Appendix 1 and 2.**

## **3. BACKGROUND**

- 3.1. COVID-19 is a new strain of coronavirus first identified in Wuhan, China. COVID-19 was declared a pandemic by the World Health Organisation on 12 March 2020.
- 3.2. The first mention of COVID-19 in a registered death certificate was the week beginning 16th March 2020
- 3.3. The figures in **Appendix 1 and 2** focus on deaths where COVID-19 was mentioned on the death certificate (either as the underlying cause or as a contributory factor). The figures are based on the date a death was registered rather than the date the death occurred. Registration of death must legally be done within 8 days, although in practice there is, on average, a 3 day gap between a death occurring and being registered.

#### **4. KEY MATTERS RELEVANT TO RECOMMENDATION**

- 4.1. As at 28 June, there have been a total of 4,155 deaths registered in Scotland where the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) was mentioned on the death certificate.
- 4.2. As of 28 June, 20 Moray residents had a death registered which mentioned COVID-19. **Appendix 1** provides statistics with regards to location of death and gender.
- 4.3. Excess Deaths are the total number of deaths registered in a week in 2020 minus the average number of deaths registered in the same week over the period 2015 to 2019.
- 4.4. For the total period (week ending 29 March to 21 June), Moray had 35 (15%) more deaths than the previous 5 year average. For Scotland during this period there were 4841 more deaths (35%). As previously stated at 4.2, Moray registered 20 deaths which mentioned COVID-19 in the death certificate during this period. **Appendix 2** provides breakdown across age group and gender.
- 4.5. The largest percentage increase in deaths for Moray was seen in the week ending 19 April with 77% more deaths than the previous 5 year average. For Scotland, the week with the highest percentage increase was week ending 12 April (80%)

#### **5. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS**

##### **(a) Corporate Plan and 10 Year Plan (Local Outcomes Improvement Plan (LOIP)) and Moray Integration Joint Board Strategic Plan “Moray Partners in Care 2019 – 2029”**

As set out within Annex C of the Health and Social Care Integration Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 Clinical and Care Governance Framework

##### **(b) Policy and Legal**

Clinical and Care Governance requirements are set out within the Moray Health and Social Care Integration Scheme. Appropriate arrangements must be in place to ensure and evidence good governance in meeting duties under the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014.

##### **(c) Financial implications**

None directly associated with this report.

##### **(d) Risk Implications and Mitigation**

Risks associated with COVID-19 are being managed in Moray through a variety of initiatives including ongoing multidisciplinary support for Care Homes and Community Hospitals. HSCM Clinical Risk Management Group continue to monitor adverse events and complaints, which are escalated and actioned appropriately.

**(e) Staffing Implications**

None directly associated with this report.

**(f) Property**

None directly associated with this report.

**(g) Equalities/Socio Economic Impact**

There is no requirement for an equality impact assessment because there is no change to policy required as a result of this report.

**(h) Consultations**

Consultations have been undertaken with the following staff who are in agreement with the content of this report where it relates to their area of responsibility:

- Interim Chief Officer, MIJB
- Corporate Manager, HSCM
- Tracey Sutherland, Committee Services Officer, Moray Council

**6. CONCLUSION**

**This report provides a summary of key findings with regards to deaths involving coronavirus (COVID-19) in Moray during the period 16 March 2020 to 28 June 2020.**

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Background Papers: Appendices 1 and 2  
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