

**Association of London Environmental Health  
Managers**

**Chairman: Jon Aaverns**

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To OPSS/LAU

Dear Sarah,

I write on behalf of the Board of Trustees and the regional membership of the Association of London Environmental Health Managers (ALEHM).

The attached document is a summary of findings collated following a Workshop aimed at addressing the experiences of Enforcing Authorities across London during the height of the Covid pandemic and the national lockdowns.

Each of the Boroughs who attended the Workshop expressed an overall appreciation for the support offered by the OPSS during the time when there was a great need for the expedited sharing and dissemination of information, legislation and guidance from central Government to all within local authorities delivering the requirements which due to the nature of the pandemic, were constantly evolving and changing to control emerging risk. OPSS provided the essential central support and links to all the government bodies involved in developing national policy which helped achieve national consistency and enabled the local authority experience to be reflected in policy changes.

There are several strands that have formed part of our enforcement framework going forward.

London Boroughs have agreed to:

1. Focus on chronically non-compliant business
2. Review the use of FPN's for other areas of legislation
3. Look at the extent of Direction orders and how useful they were as a deterrent
4. Ensure that data collection is part of the initial emergency planning

We hope that you will receive and share these thoughts as an expression of both observations and experiences and should we ever face a challenge of this proportion in the future, we hope this will assist in the preparations to ensure the speedy and accurate distribution of knowledge as well as emerging guidance.

Once again, we take the opportunity to thank you for your support and look forward to continuing working with you under the auspices of the new delivery model of the LAU (Local Authority Unit).

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Paulette J. Samuels - ALEHM Coordinator

**On behalf of the Alehm Board of trustees**

Enc: Report from Covid Workshop held on 21st July 2021