

Coronavirus - Gold Covid Strategic Coordination Group

Weekly Report - 13 July 2020

Headlines

Health and Social Care

Covid-19 cases and hospital occupancy remain at significantly reduced levels. Cases in care homes appear to have levelled off. PPE supply continues to be managed closely to address shortages, reflecting the national picture.

Citizens & Community

Generally widespread compliance of lockdown continues, with numbers of reported digressions remaining low. Calls to the Covid-19 helpline continue to decline down by over 100 to 591 during the w/c 6 June. Average daily school attendance showed a modest increase, now at 17,200, up 3% on the previous weekly reported data.

Economy and Business

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Infrastructure and Supplies

Weekend and weekday footfall in Leeds city centre has increased despite the recent inclement weather. Traffic flows have increased slightly on weekdays over the last week, although weekend volumes went down. There is also further evidence of an upturn in activity on the transport network, with a 12% increase in footfall through Leeds Station and a 7% increase in MCard and concessionary pass usage in the week commencing 29 June. However, the latest air quality data, based on Nitrogen Oxide levels, shows continuing low levels of pollution in all parts of the city for April, May and June, with no evidence as yet of increasing pollution as lockdown eases. The next couple of month data will be important.



29

New Cases

Diagnosed in Hospital
in last 7 days



52

Covid19 Beds

Reported as occupied
in LTHT Hospitals



33

Covid19 Cases

Reported active in
Leeds Care Homes



+9%

Recycled Waste

Tonnage collected in
comparison to 2019



184

People

In emergency
Accommodation



70

Covid19 related

Incidents reported to
West Yorkshire Police



467

Domestic Incidents

reported to WY
Police in last week



6000

Website Visits

to Covid19 guidance
pages on LCC website



62

Grants paid
to local businesses
this week



£695k

In grants paid
paid to local businesses
this week



47%

Footfall in Leeds
Based on figures for the
same week last year



74%

Traffic Flow
Compared to usual
expected traffic flow

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29 New Cases Diagnosed at LTHT over last 7 days

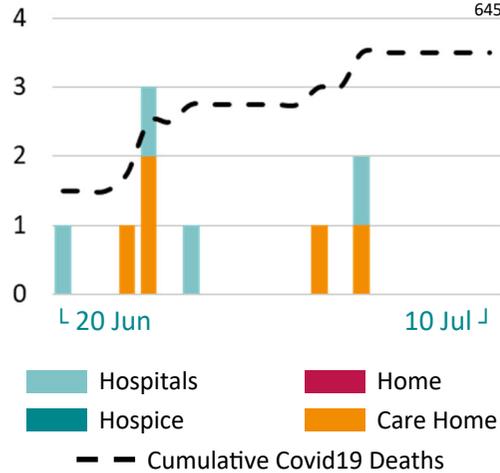


33 Cases Reported active in Care Homes

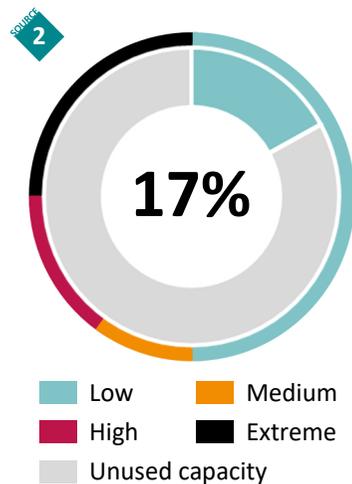


52 Covid19 Occupied beds at LTHT

Deaths registered with LCC that mention Covid19



Mortuary Capacity Data



* Note : this figure is slightly elevated due to the loss of some storage at LTHT site. ♦ Combined data for LTHT and MYHT. ♦ Does not include Waterside facility.

Sources:

- 1) Leeds Teaching Hospital Trust - 13/07/20
- 2) Leeds Resilience & Emergencies - 10/07/20
- 3) Leeds Registrars Office - 10/07/20

Registered Deaths in Leeds

As of 10 July 2020, a total of 645 COVID-19 related deaths had been registered by Leeds Register Office. The number of deaths registered where COVID-19 was mentioned on the death certificate has reduced somewhat in recent weeks. <3>

Care Homes

As of Monday 13 July 2020, 151 of 151 care homes declared information on Care Tracker (100%).

Of those care homes that are reporting: 2 are reporting a significant risk to admissions, and 149 are reporting they are operating with minimal risks.

In total there are 33 active Covid19 case declared in Care Homes in Leeds.

Covid19 Admissions and Inpatients

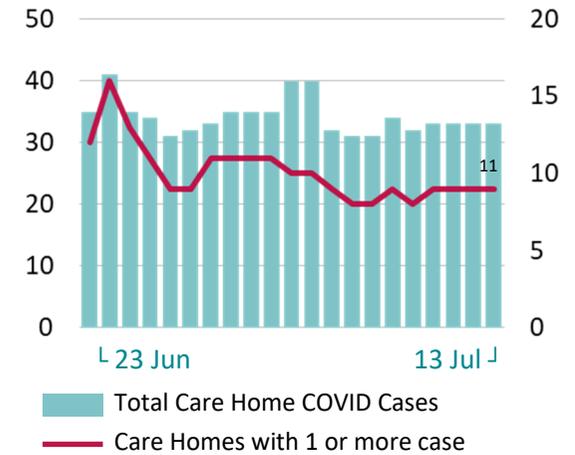
In the 7 days preceding Tuesday 14 July 2020, LTHT recorded 27 Covid19 admissions and 2 diagnosed inpatients. LYPFT recorded no Covid19 admissions or inpatients during the same time period.

Bed Occupancy

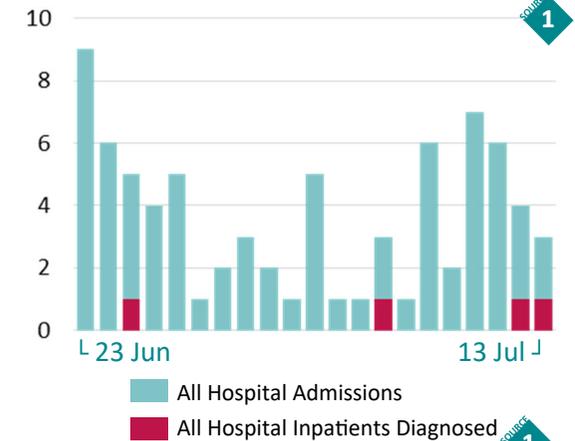
At 08:00 on Monday 13 July 2020, 52 beds were occupied at Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust (LTHT) by confirmed COVID-19 patients.

Leeds & York Partnership NHS Trust (LYPFT) have no Covid19 occupied beds.

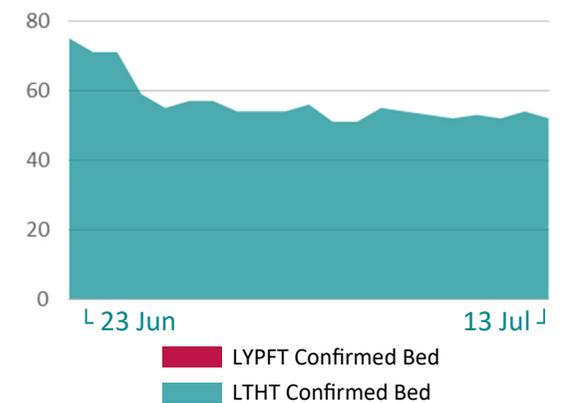
Covid19 Cases in Care Homes



New Covid19 Admissions and Inpatients



Confirmed Covid19 Bed Occupancy



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70 Covid19 related Incidents last week

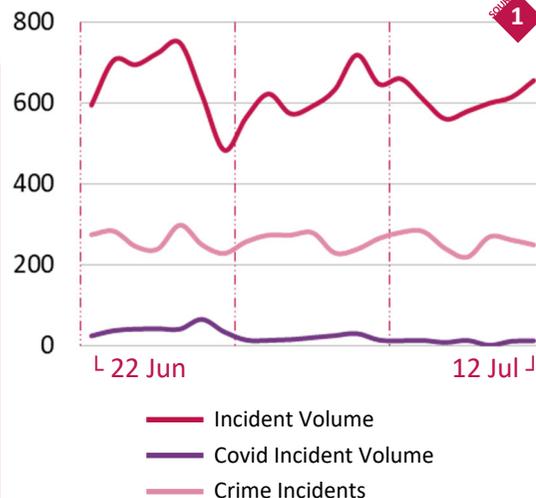


467 Domestic incidents reported last week

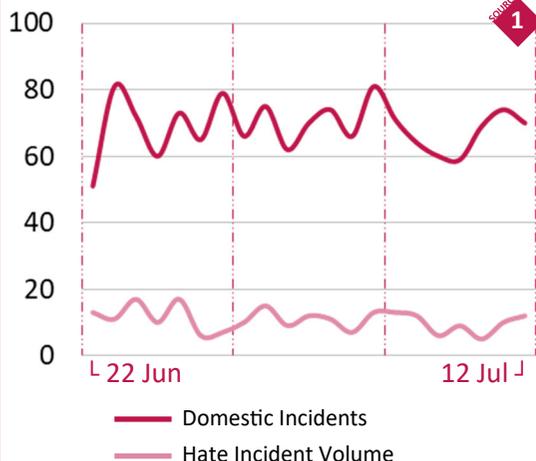


184 People in emergency accommodation

Incidents, Crimes & Covid Incidents



Domestic & Hate Incidents



Incidents and Crimes Overview

The number of incidents for all reported indicators have reduced in the last week.

Over the last month, as several Lockdown restrictions were lifted, there was a significant reduction in 'Covid Warnings' being issued, with only 1 occurrence being recorded in the last two weeks.

Therefore, the indicator 'Covid Warnings' is no longer reported on and is not included in further reports.

Weekly totals	Volume	Change
Crime	1800	-14 ▼
Incident	4274	-73 ▼
Covid Incident	70	-61 ▼
Domestic Incidents	467	-27 ▼
Hate Incident	67	-10 ▼

Children & Education

Average School Attendance w/c 29 June 2020:

Pupils	Number
Average total pupils attending daily	17206

This week 76.9% of schools reported information about their school to the DfE.

On average 209 schools reported daily to the DfE that they were open with an average of 17206 children and young people attending daily. 10902 of these were in the core year groups and there were numeric increases across all core year groups.

There were increases in the numbers of all vulnerable pupils attending daily.

Shielded Persons

As of Sunday 12th July at 4pm, the Shielded Cohort stands at 44,191 and the number of people who have confirmed/registered is 20,349 Which is 46%

Living Situation	Advised to Shield	Registered
Care Homes	1491	95
Social Care package	2605	585
Sheltered Accommodation	1204	539
Independent - alone	13426	5473

Identified Needs	Number
Accessing food	4640
With basic care needs	1176
Carrying supplies inside	1661
Dietary requirement	2374

Emergency Accommodation

As of 12th July there were 184 individuals in emergency accommodation. The number has decreased slightly since last week, but not by enough to cause concern in relation to Covid-19

Sources:

- 1) Safer Leeds - 13/07/20
- 2) Leeds Children's Services - 13/07/20
- 3) Leeds Adults Services 13/0720

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590+ Calls
To LCC Covid19
support helpline



+16%
Domestic waste
compared to 2019



+9%
Recycled waste
compared to 2019



-17%
Garden waste
compared to 2019

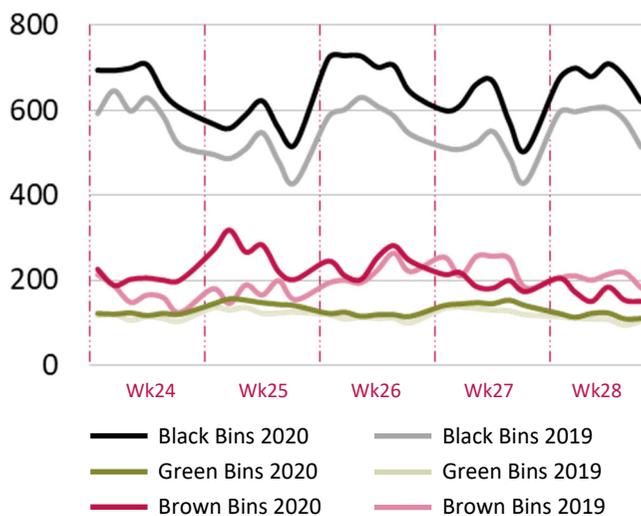
Domestic Waste and Recycling

Source 1

The Covid-19 lockdown has affected domestic waste and recycling collections. As different elements of the national lockdown are lifted or relaxed, the weekly tonnage as started to reduce slightly, With brown bin tonnage recording a lower level of tonnage this week in comparison to the same period last year.

Waste Type	Tonnage	Change
Black Bins - 2019	3488	
Black Bins - 2020	4057	+16%
Green Bins - 2019	639	
Green Bins - 2020	699	+9%
Brown Bins - 2019	1229	
Brown Bins - 2020	1014	-17%

Daily Tonnage



Sources:

1) Leeds City Council 13/07/20

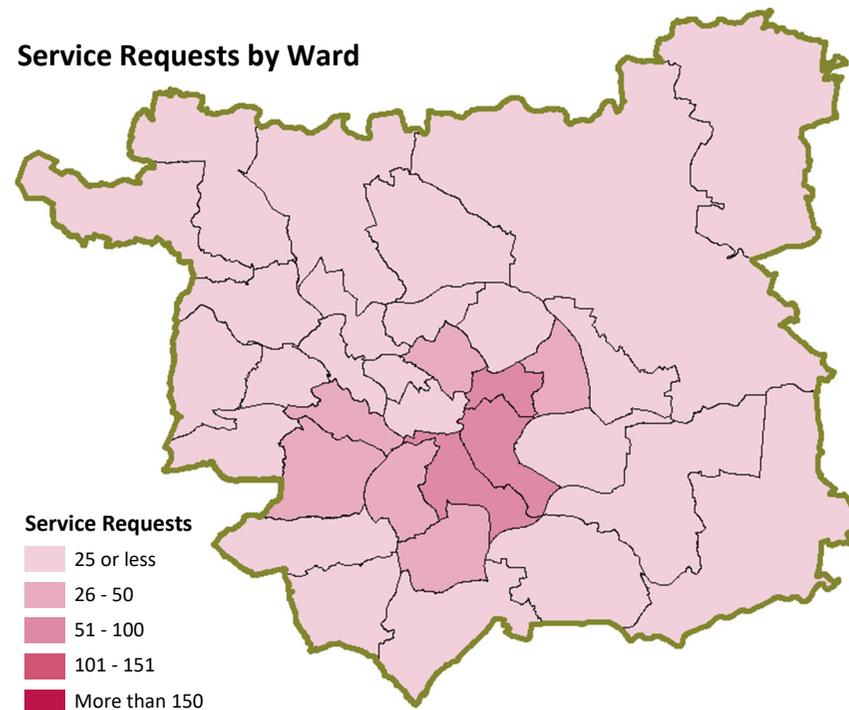
Call Centre Data

Source 1

In the week commencing 6th July there were over 590 calls to the LCC Covid-19 helpline and Local Welfare Support Service's (LWSS) Helpline that could be attributed to the Covid19 Pandemic. Of the calls that could be categorised, the following support was provided

Type of Assistance	Number
Food & shopping	55
Food parcel	368
Prescription	58
Fuel	84
Personal Products	17
Dog walking	2
Befriending and reassurance	7
TOTALS	591

Service Requests by Ward



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Economy and Business

Source 1

A familiar theme from the latest survey from the West and North Yorkshire Chamber of Commerce, with economic activity grounding to a “shuddering halt” in Quarter 2. The survey reported that the Service sector witnessed a significant decline in domestic sales, with Leisure, Hospitality and Accommodation the most likely to report falling sales. Manufacturing continues across the region, but at a much reduced level. Cash-flow and lack of reserves featured strongly in the survey results. Again, there are concerns that as the furlough scheme starts to taper off and, without new sales to rebuild cash reserves, that we may start to see high levels of redundancies across the region. Having said this, the data appears a little less negative for Yorkshire than the rest of the UK.

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The Council continues to pay out grants to those who qualify either through the Small Business Grant Fund or the Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Grant Fund immediately. Figures from 9 July indicate a total of 12008 grants valued at £147.440,000 had been paid. The Council is continuing to work through the more complex cases ensuring monies are paid as quickly as possible. The Discretionary Grant Fund closed to applications on Sunday 28 June 2020. To date, there have been 960 applications to the Discretionary Grant Fund, 247 have been approved amounting to £1,612,817 in total. The approved grants have been across a range of sectors including suppliers to the Retail, Hospitality and Leisure sector, manufacturing, business services, medical services, creative and digital, and charities.

Sources:

- 1) Leeds Financial Services - 13/07/20
- 2) Department of Work & Pensions 16/06/20

Finance

LCC's financial position

Following recent Government announcements of additional Covid-19-related financial support for local government, the council's latest projected gap for 2020/21 has reduced to an estimated £65m. However, the projected overspend for 2021/22 has increased to £134m due to the Government's proposal to smooth the Collection Fund pressure over 3 years. Conversations therefore continue with Government to explore options to address this year's gap, whilst work is underway across the authority to identify a range of savings options for next year that will be considered by elected members at September's Executive Board.

Supporting the city

On 11th June, Government announced a £63m DeFRA Local Authority Emergency Assistance Grant. Leeds' share of this has now been confirmed as £1,051,565.15, allocated by population weighted by a proxy measure of need, the Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD). The grant is intended to help local authorities to continue to support those struggling to afford food and other essentials over the coming months due to COVID-19.

Economy

On 8th July, the Chancellor announced a Summer Economic Update, setting out plans to support the UK's economic recovery:

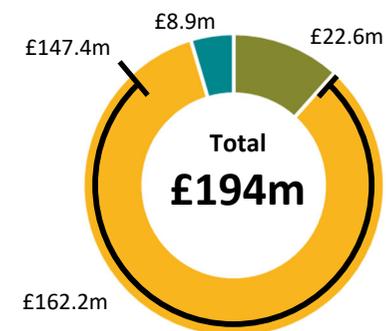
The first phase has already been implemented through £159bn support package to businesses, households, public services and through employment support.

The second phase was announced at last week's Update: the 'Plan for Jobs' based around 4 themes at a cost of up to £30bn: to support the return of furloughed workers to their employment through the Job Retention Bonus; Supporting jobs with skills and experience; Protecting jobs particularly in sectors hardest hit by the economic lockdown; and Creating jobs through infrastructure, green investment and by stimulating the housing market.

The third stage of recovery will focus on rebuilding and levelling-up, with a Budget and Spending Review in the autumn. These will detail further plans to invest in public services, support innovation and growth-enhancing infrastructure, look at global opportunities and to level up opportunity across the UK.

Business Grants	Number	Value
Grants issued this week	62	£695k
Total grants issued	12008	£147.4m

Support to businesses and council tax payers



- Hardship Fund (Council Tax)
- Business Rates Reliefs (NDR1)
- Business Grant funding received
- Business Grants awarded

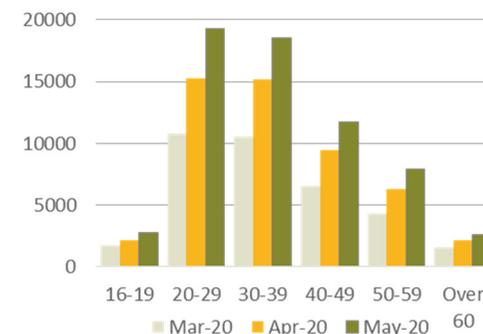
Universal Credit Claimants

Source 2

Since March, there were 27,426 new claimants of Universal Credit in Leeds, rising from 35,436 to 62,862 an overall increase of 77.4% claimants. For additional context, the average population of an Electoral Ward in Leeds is 23,915 people.

This has increased the rate of claimants in Leeds from 6.9% in March to 12.2% in May (as a proportion of the Working Age Population).

New UC claimants by age



 **62 Grants** for businesses issued this week

 **£194 Million** To support C.Tax payers & businesses

 **More businesses to open** including nail bars and tattooists

UC **77% Increase** of Universal Credit claimants since March

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47% Foot fall
In Leeds Centre in
relation to 2019



20% Foot fall
In Leeds Station in
relation to 2019

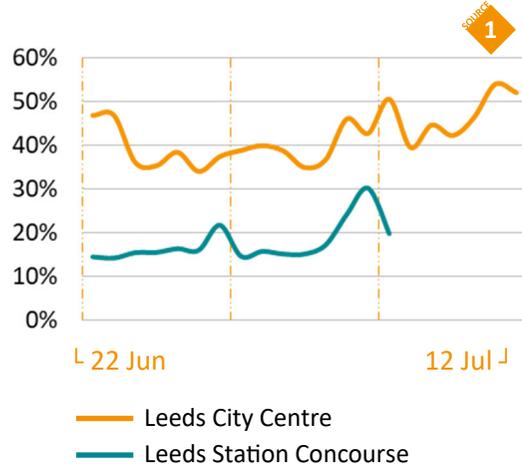


74% Traffic
Compared to usual
expected traffic flow

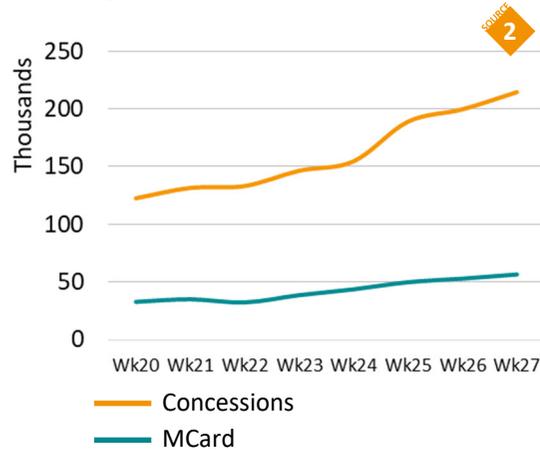
Travel

Patterns of travel have increased in Leeds Centre this week in footfall both in Leeds Centre and Leeds Railway Station.

Percentage of Expected Footfall



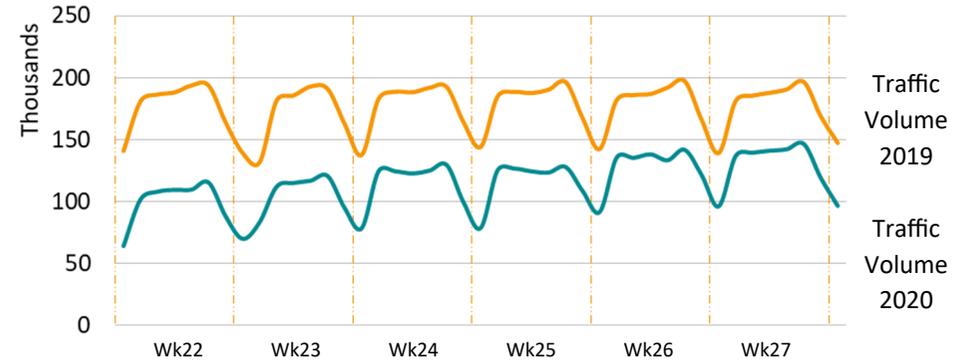
MCard purchases and Concessions



Sources:

- 1) Leeds City Council - 13/07/20
- 2) West Yorks. Combined Authority - 12/07/20

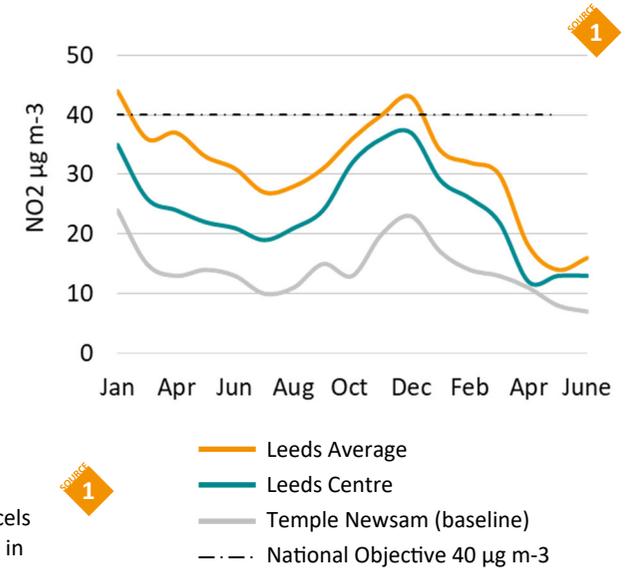
Two-way 24hr Traffic (5 Radials)



Leeds Air Quality (June 2020)

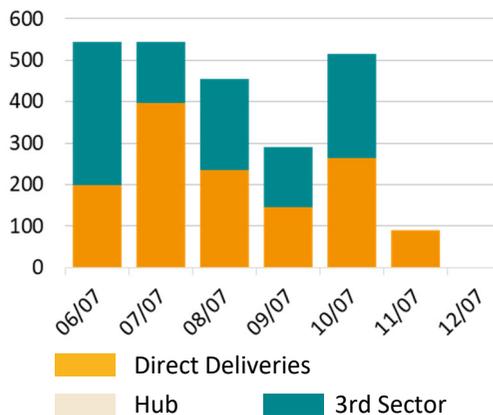
The plot to the right shows the monthly mean Nitrogen Dioxide (NO₂) for all the Leeds air quality monitoring sites.

The effect of the lockdown shows a dramatic reduction across all sites in Leeds and the City Centre area, since easing of the lockdown measures began in May, levels of NO₂ have begun to rise again.



Food Parcel Deliveries

In the previous week over 2400 food parcels have been distributed to Leeds Residents in need.



PPE Supplies

Reflecting the national picture, there a significant shortages of PPE.

Specifically there are current shortages of Gloves and M3 type 1863 FFP3 masks across the country.

As services and buildings start to reopen there's now an increase in the number of orders for wall mounted sanitizer, the availability of this product is restricted but we are doing our best to protect our care homes stock whilst still issuing part orders.

Asset Management are trying to secure a more suitable location for the PPE stores so the Leisure centre that is currently occupied can prepare to reopening.

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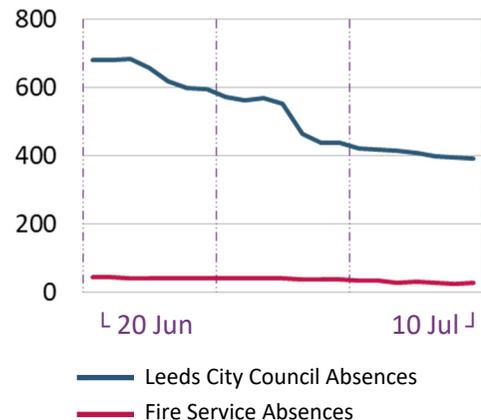


2% LCC staff
Declaring Covid19
absence from work



2% Fire staff
Declaring Covid19
absence from work

Covid related workforce absence



Leeds City Council

Since the 1st of March a total of 3,417 staff have been absent due to a Covid related issue, of which 3,052 have since returned to work. 1001 were due to sickness absence, of which 989 have since returned to work.

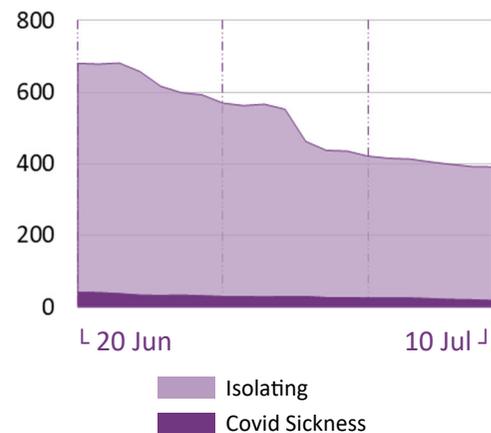
At the 13th July, 392 staff are currently absent due to Covid related issue, of which 19 are sick and 373 are isolating (without access or suitable role to work from home), representing 2% of the workforce.

Fire Services

As of the 13th July, 26 staff are currently absent due to Covid related issue, of which 2 are currently sick and 24 are isolating (without access or suitable role to work from home), representing 2% of the workforce.

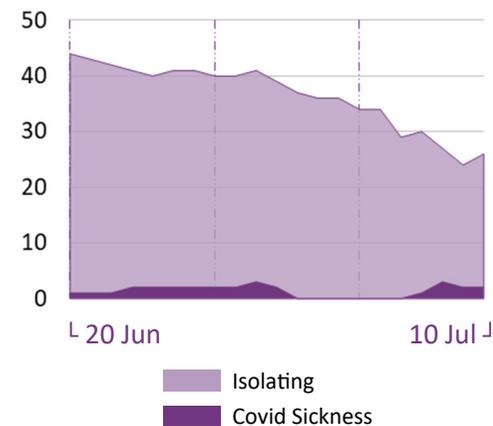
Leeds City Council absences

SOURCE 1



Fire Service absences

SOURCE 2



Sources:

- 1) Leeds City Council 13/07/20
- 2) West Yorks. Fire Service - 13/07/20

Coronavirus - Communications & Media / Policy Announcements

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6000 Visits
to Covid19 guidance
web pages



**Promoting 24hr
Mental Health
helpline**

Website Visits

Around 6K visited the COVID information web pages, of which half were new users, consistent with previous weeks.

The GovDelivery Covid email bulletin, which is sent out to 116K residents, had an open rate of 34%, consistent with previous weeks.

Council/others

Continuing development of comms work to support test and trace/outbreak management; also promoting messaging about T&T number and self-isolation before health procedures, including eight-page supplement thanking key workers in Saturday's YEP.

Keeping alert to Leeds United's progress towards possible promotion to Premier League and implications for public celebrations.

Look North coverage of street health team's work with people in temporary accommodation; also went down well on social media.

Reopening of some community hubs and libraries with limited services; also attracted mostly positive interest on social media.

Continuing strong messaging on importance of social distancing to support further limited openings of beauty salons, nail bars, gyms etc.

Hot topics on social media includes discussion around people who leave litter in parks and on the street, with reports of improper disposal of PPE (masks becoming litter); talk of outbreaks in schools; still lots of questions on reopening of playgrounds.

Volunteer sector focusing on continuing to encourage people to register as shielding in order to receive priority support.

Also highlighting the new helpline available for Covid-19 volunteers in Leeds in need of support themselves.

Health

Stabilisation and reset comms approach shared with ICS, Health and Wellbeing Board and Gold command.

Communications sent to business in the city and elected members to raise awareness that people need to self-isolate for 14 days prior to an operation.

Focus of NHS here for you campaign is on reassuring people with learning disabilities that we're still here and they must seek help when they need it, along with mental health support.

Media work around the healthcare support being provided for homeless people.

Official launch of first ever Leeds primary care BAME network featuring medical director for NHS England.

YEP coverage on plans at LTH for handling outpatients recovery and explaining what to expect when coming into hospital.

Look North focus on encouraging people to attend emergency department when appropriate and how patients and staff are being kept safe.

Continue to deliver 3 times/week operational communications bulletin across the Trust for all staff to help support ongoing messaging and changes in guidance.

Supporting clinical teams and patients with appropriate information with some clinics and procedures restarting and more people coming into hospital (social distancing, self-isolation before procedures, what to expect etc.)

6 July 2020

The majority of children currently considered extremely clinical vulnerable to coronavirus will be able to be removed from the shielded patient list following consultation with their GP or specialist over the summer.

[Source: www.gov.uk \(webpage\)](https://www.gov.uk)

The full list of countries where 'travel corridors' are in place, meaning passengers do not need to self-isolate on returning to the UK, has been provided to Parliament by the Secretary of State for Transport.

[Source: www.gov.uk \(webpage\)](https://www.gov.uk)

7 July 2020

Over a million bounce back loans have been approved for small businesses.

[Source: www.gov.uk \(webpage\)](https://www.gov.uk)

8 July 2020

The Chancellor announced a series of measures to stimulate the economy and support job creation, including a Job Retention Bonus of £1000; a £2bn Kickstart Scheme which will fund 6-month job placements for young people aged 16-24; a government-sponsored subsidy for dining in restaurants, a reduction of VAT from 20% to 5% for the tourism and hospitality sectors, and that no stamp duty for properties up to £500k.

[Source: www.gov.uk \(webpage\)](https://www.gov.uk)

9 July 2020

Guidance set out to allow recreational team sports to resume from 11 July.

[Source: www.gov.uk \(webpage\)](https://www.gov.uk)

Outdoor live performances can resume with social distancing in place from 11 July.

[Source: www.gov.uk \(webpage\)](https://www.gov.uk)

Beauty salons, nail bars, tattoo parlours and spas can reopen from 13 July, provided Covid-19 secure guidance is followed.

[Source: www.gov.uk \(webpage\)](https://www.gov.uk)

Outdoor pools can reopen from 11 July and indoor gyms, leisure centres and swimming pools can reopen from 25 July.

[Source: www.gov.uk \(webpage\)](https://www.gov.uk)

12 July 2020

New planning rules to protect our cultural heritage. Changes to the planning system taking effect next week will save theatres, concert halls and live music performance venues from redevelopment or demolition.

[Source: www.gov.uk \(webpage\)](https://www.gov.uk)