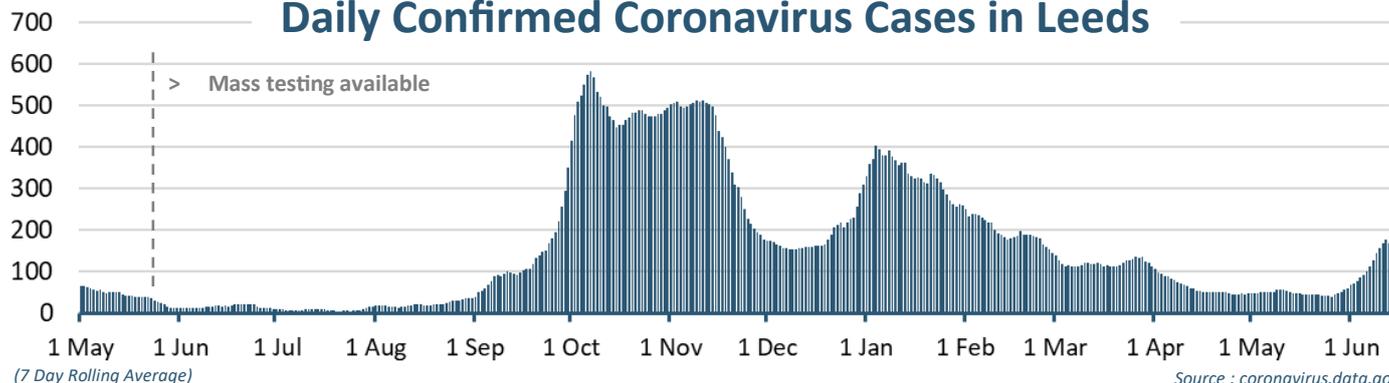


Coronavirus Update - LEEDS

Report - 14 June 2021

Daily Confirmed Coronavirus Cases in Leeds



Headlines for Leeds

The Prime Minister has confirmed a delay in the lifting of most Coronavirus restrictions until the 19th July, at the time of writing the precise nature of any extended restrictions or whether any extension of financial support will be provided is not fully known. The usual email update will be provided to partners.

The Covid-19 case rate has continued its recent upward trend as in many other parts of the country, the Delta variant is now accounting for around half of new cases in Leeds. However the vaccine programme continues apace.

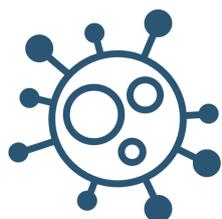
Vaccination rates in Leeds record that as of the 14 June 2021 a total of 468,417 GP registered patients in Leeds have received their first vaccination, this is an increase of over 43,648 since the last Gold report on 24th May. Of the 468,417 patients mentioned above, 368,311 have now received their 2nd dose.

The latest 7 day average per 100,000 reported for the overall Leeds case rate is at 127.6 per 100,000 (63.3 a week before), with rates of persons aged 60+ at 13.7. The latest regional average is 74.2 (43.8 a week before).

Re-opening has continued its momentum, with 84% of West Yorkshire businesses open and trading in early May, according to the ONS's latest business survey. There has also been a steady return to work, with around 8% of workers on furlough down from 17% in April, indeed across a range of measures, economic activity is now similar to early October (i.e. just before tiers and further restrictions began).

There has been a slight plateauing in footfall, after very strong growth during May, though it remains close to pre-Covid-19 baseline. Rail travel is at its highest since the start of the pandemic, though it is still 50% of baselines.

Leeds is currently recording the following figures



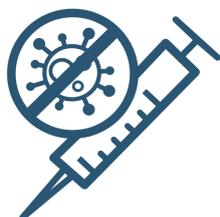
127.6 Cases rate
per 100,000 people
(7 day rolling average)



1 Current Case
Reported in Care
Homes in Leeds



1629 Registered Deaths
That mention Covid-19, an
increase of 2 over last 14 days



468,417 vaccinated
Registered patients
within Leeds



54 Covid-19 related
Incidents reported to West
Yorkshire Police in last 7 days



27.9 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$
Average NO_2 levels.
Below UK target of $40\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$

Health and Social Care Impact & Recovery



127.6

Cases rate
per 100,000 people
(7 day rolling average)¹



1

Current Cases
Reported active in
Leeds care homes²



12

Covid-19 Beds
Currently occupied at
LHTH hospitals²



2

Registered Deaths
mentioning Covid-19
occurring over the
last 14 days³

Health Summary

Infection Rates¹

The latest 7 day average per 100,000 reported for the overall Leeds case rate is at 127.6 per 100,000 (63.3 a week before), with rates of persons aged 60+ at 13.7.

The latest regional average is 74.2 (43.8 a week before).

Vaccinations²

As of the 14th June 2021 a total of 468,417 GP registered patients in Leeds have received their first vaccine dose, this equates to 63.8% of the registered population of Leeds.

Half of all 16+ GP registered population have now received their second dose. (368,311 Overall (50.2%))

Covid-19 Cases²

As of the 14th June, The number of COVID positive patients in beds at LHTH is 12, LYPFT has no COVID positive patients recorded in a bed on the 14th.

This week has seen 19 positive COVID tests carried out within hospitals (comparable with 4 last week); no positive tests were from LYPFT hospitals.

There are currently 3 positive COVID patients in a HDU/ITU bed in LHTH

Care Homes²

There is currently only 1 active COVID-19 case declared in care homes across Leeds. With the vaccination program recording that over 96% of care home residents have completed their course of doses, this single case is hopefully not an indication of more to come.

Registered Deaths in Leeds³

As of 11th June 2021, a total of 1,629 COVID-19 related deaths had been registered by Leeds Registrars Office.

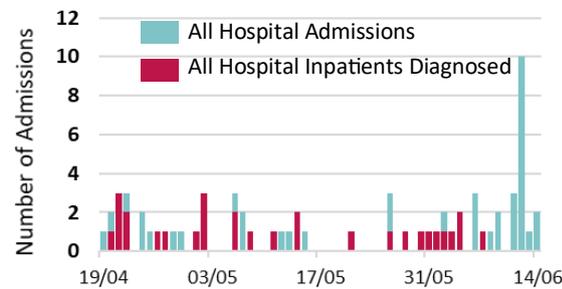
They last two Covid-19 deaths in Leeds were recorded to have occurred on the 3rd June*.

*At time of publication

Sources:

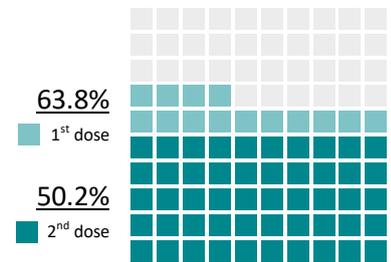
- Public Health Intelligence - 14/06/21
- NHS Clinical Commissioning Group - 14/06/21
- Leeds Registrars Office - 14/06/21

New Covid19 Admissions and Inpatients

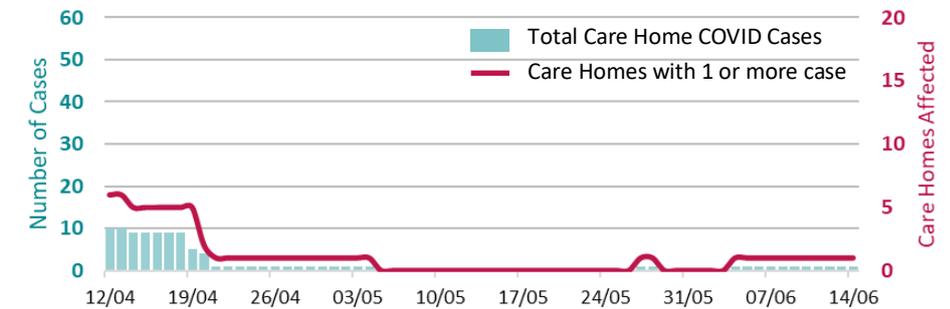


People Vaccinated

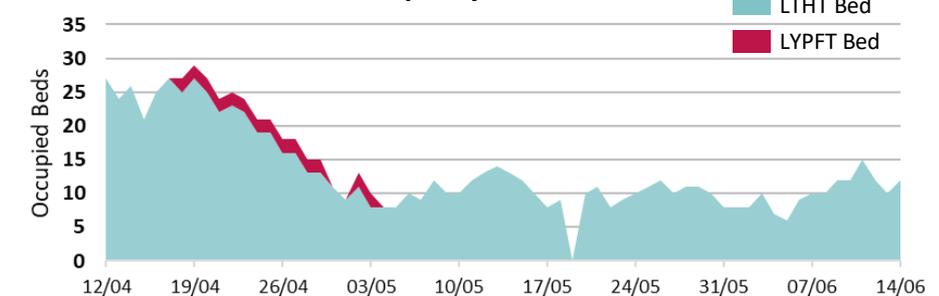
Percentage of GP registered population



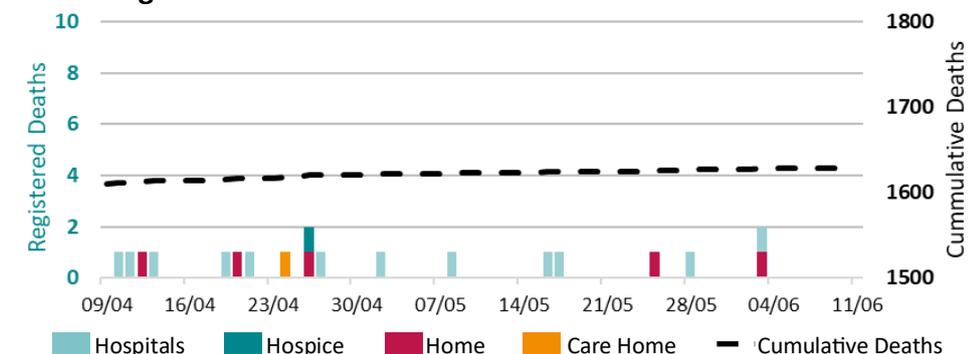
Covid19 Cases in Care Homes



Confirmed Covid19 Bed Occupancy



Deaths registered with LCC that mention Covid19



Citizens & Community



54

Covid-19
Related incidents recorded over last 7 days¹



468

Domestic
Incidents recorded over last 7 days¹



83%

Pupils in schools
Average attendance during the last week



£1.75 Million

In Self-Isolation
Support payments paid to successful applicants³

Citizens & Community Summary

Incidents and Crimes Overview¹

As lockdown measures continue to be eased across the country, total crime levels are remaining steady. Covid Incidents have declined to very low levels in recent weeks, most likely due to the relaxation of related legislations.

Domestic Incidents have unfortunately seen a slight increase, although there is no way of knowing for sure if this is related to changes to Covid19 legislations. Previous studies have shown increases in incidents during major football tournaments, therefore we may see an increase during the UEFA European Football Championships which runs until 11th July

Children & Education²

Average overall attendance was 83% in week of 7th June, a decrease from 85% in the week prior to half term.

In this same period, absence due to COVID decreased from 3.3% to 1.1%. Other absence increased from 12% to 14% and this is largely concentrated in secondary schools. Year 11 absence due to exam leave is contained within 'other absence'

Self Isolation Payments³

LCC received 249 applications last week which is a 72% increase compared to the previous week.

A breakdown of the data was unfortunately not recorded one the bank holiday of 31st May.

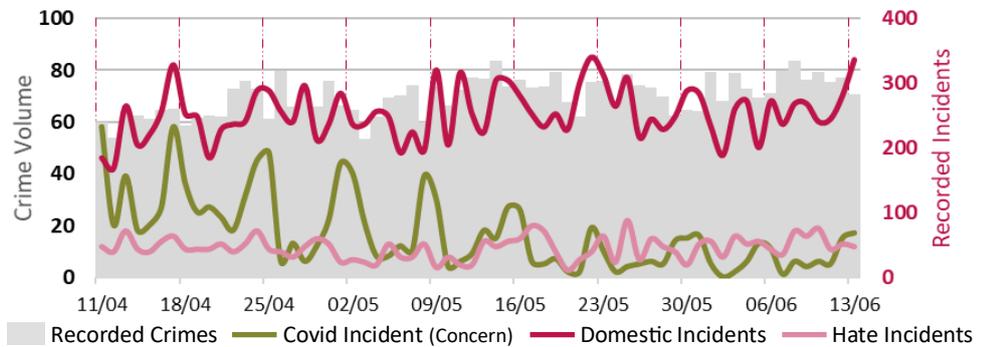
Waste Management & Recycling⁴

Tonnage of waste and recycling collected at the kerbside throughout this period continues to be higher than normal. Waste volumes are not yet showing signs of falling to historic levels. Crews continue to be stood down where a staff member becomes symptomatic.

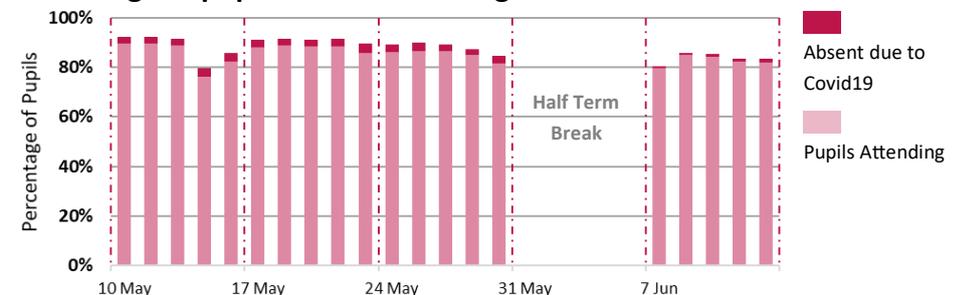
Sources:

1. Safer Leeds - 14/06/21
2. DfE education settings survey - 14/06/21
3. Leeds City Council Financial inclusion Team 14/06/21
4. Leeds City Council Environment Team - 14/06/21

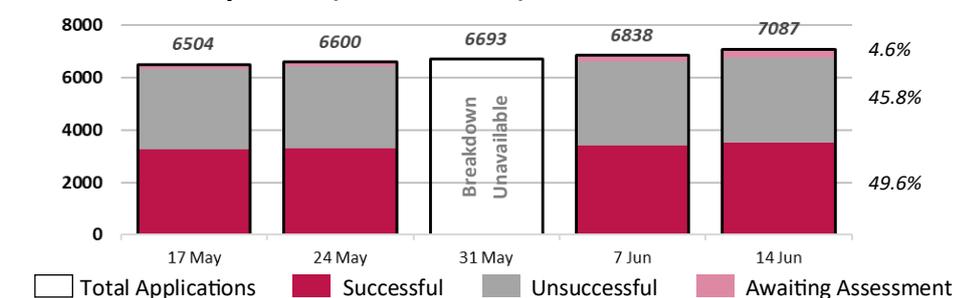
Crimes and Incidents



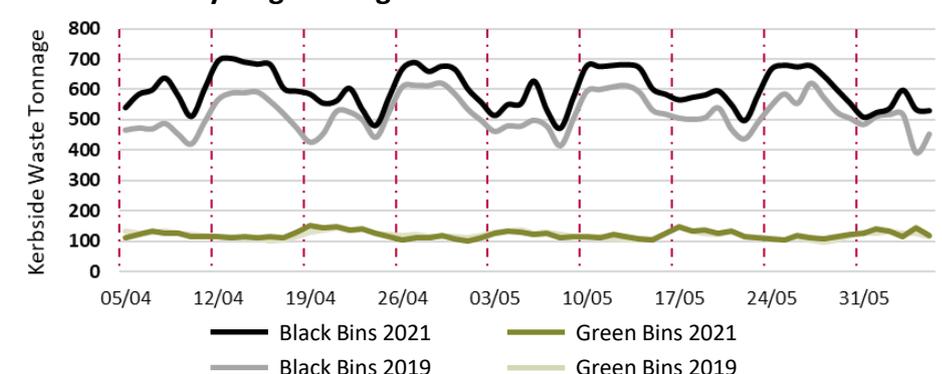
Percentage of pupils on roll attending lessons



Self Isolation Payments (accumulative)



Waste and Recycling Tonnage



Infrastructure & Supplies



Traffic Flow
Compared to recorded traffic flow in 2019/20¹



Average Footfall
In Leeds City centre in comparison to 2020¹



473 Thousand
MCard sales in the last week¹



21% Lower
12 Months NO₂ Levels, compared to the previous 12 months

Infrastructure & Supplies Summary

Traffic & Pedestrian Flow ¹

Since the reopening of non-essential retail and outdoor hospitality there has been a significant increase in city-centre footfall, especially over the weekends. Levels have fluctuated around 74% of what would usually be expected at this time of year.

Traffic flows had shown a gradual increase during April, but over the last few weeks have plateaued around 81% of pre-Covid levels.

M-Card use has levelled out in recent weeks and may not see a further increase until social distancing and other protective measures are lifted on public transport.

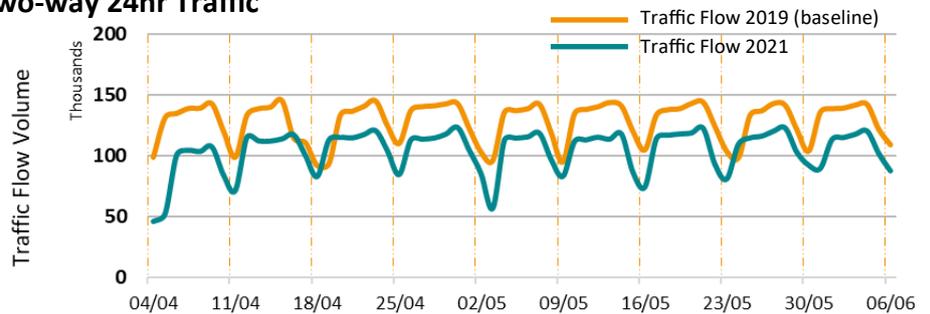
Leeds Air Quality (March 2020)²

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

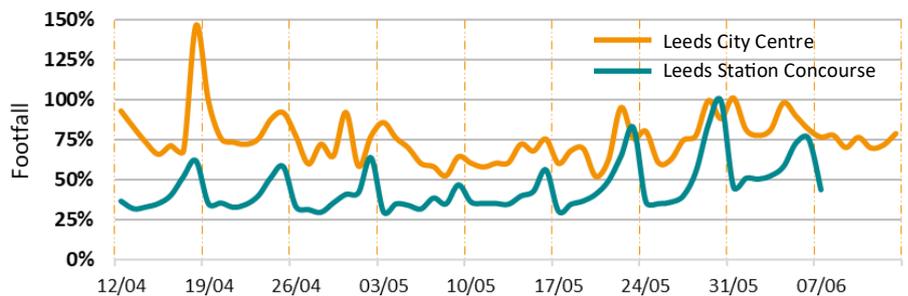
The effect of both national lockdowns shows a dramatic reduction across all sites in Leeds and the City Centre area.

Over the last 12 months NO₂ levels in Leeds were recorded, on average, at 21% lower than the same period in 2019, having not raised higher than the National Objective of 40 µg m⁻³ since December 2019.

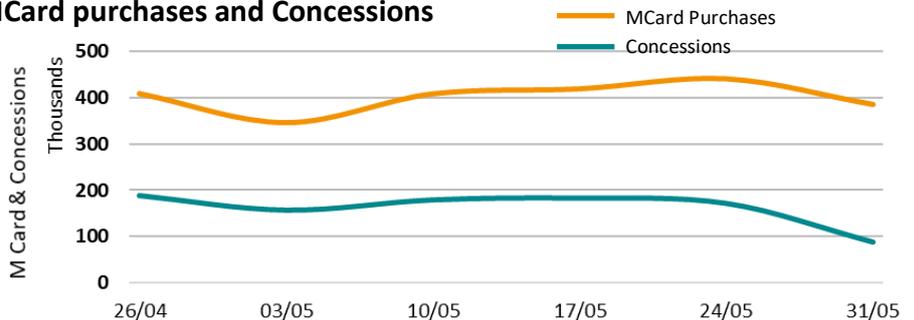
Two-way 24hr Traffic



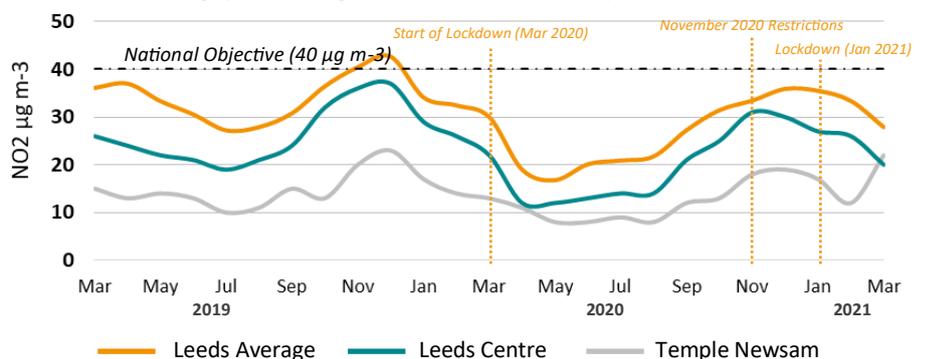
Percentage of Expected Footfall



MCard purchases and Concessions



Leeds Air Quality (February 2019 - March 2020)



Sources:
1. West Yorkshire Combined Authority - 14/06/21
2. Leeds City Council - APRIL 2021

Economy and Business



**Out of Work
Benefits Claimant
Count²**



**Employees
Are back in their usual
workplace.**

Economy and Business¹

84% of West Yorkshire businesses were open and trading in early May, according to the ONS's latest business survey, in line with the national rates and up from around 70% in January and February. There has been a steady return to work, with around 8% of workers on furlough down from 17% in April. The ONS survey estimates that 55% of employees are back in their usual workplace in Leeds, slightly below the West Yorkshire average, reflecting the relative dominance of office-based employment in the city and its impact on home-working. Across a range of measures, economic activity is now similar to early October (i.e. just before tiers and further restrictions began).

There has been a slight plateauing in footfall, after very strong growth during May, though it remains close to pre-Covid-19 baselines.

In terms of public transport, recent weeks have seen the highest rates of growth for rail travel since the start of the pandemic, though it is still 50% of baselines. Bus use remains fairly stable, with slight growth in adult usage up to the Spring Bank Holiday.

Employment

There has been little change in Out of Work Benefit claimants, with 36,170 people claiming Out of Work Benefits (7.0%) in April, slightly above regional (6.6%) and national rates (6.4%). However, the labour market remains buoyant, with the number of job vacancies in West Yorkshire posted online in early June remaining around 10% above pre-crisis levels.

LCC's financial position¹

After taking additional Government funding of £20.6m announced in October into consideration, which reduced the estimated funding gap to £30.5m, the Council identified one off resources to manage the financial position in 2020/21 and deliver a balanced budget position. This remains the position in the latest Financial Health report (the provisional financial outturn) which was received at Executive Board on 21st April. The final Outturn position will be reported to Executive Board on 23rd June.

The projected overspend for 2021/22 as reported to September's Executive Board in the Medium Term Financial Strategy was £118.8m, as a consequence of which Executive Board agreed that consultation should commence on a range of Budget Savings Proposals. The Government Spending Review 2020 included a range of measures relating to local government, with detailed allocations then provided at the Provisional Local Government Settlement in December. The final Budget Report, received at February's Executive Board, recognised an overall improvement of around £31.2m as a consequence of these announcements, which were confirmed in the Final Local Government Finance Settlement announcement on 4th February. Directorate savings proposals of £56.1m were incorporated into the final Budget and the remaining £31.4m will be delivered through a range of measures to ensure that assumed increases in funding are realised and to deliver budgeted reductions in costs.

The updated Medium Term Financial Strategy, covering the 5 years from 2022/23 to 2026/27, will be reported to Executive Board in September 2021. As reported in the 2021/22 Budget Report the Council continues to face a significant financial challenge, with budget gaps of £65.7m and £34.2m currently projected for 2022/23 and 2023/24 respectively.

The previous dashboard reported that Government had confirmed the methodology for the calculation of compensation for Council Tax and Business Rates income losses in 2020/21 (the Tax Income Guarantee Scheme) and that grant to be received by Leeds was estimated to be in the region of £12.7m. These estimates have now been revised to £17.5m, although the final amount received by Leeds will not be determined until finalisation of the 2020/21 position.

Key funding support for local authorities, including support for the general impact of COVID on local authority expenditure and for losses of Sales, Fees and Charges income is intended to end on 30th June 2021, which aligns with the Government's planned end of lockdown arrangements on 21st June. Similarly support to business through Business Rates Reliefs is currently due to reduce at the end of June 2021 and end in September. The Prime Minister is expected to confirm a four week delay in the lifting of most Coronavirus restrictions later today (14th June) and it is not yet known whether any extension of financial support will be provided.

Sources:

1. Leeds City Council - 14/06/21
2. Department for Work and Pensions - MAY 2021

Policy Announcements

25 May 2021

In response to rising cases of the new Covid-19 variant first identified in India, people in eight areas of the country, including Kirklees, are advised to minimise travel in and out of their area, meet outside rather than inside where possible, and keep a 2 metre distance from people outside their household/support bubble.

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

27 May 2021

The Health Secretary delivered a briefing to explain that Covid-19 cases are now rising nationally, driven by the B.1.617.2 variant first identified in India, which is thought to account for as much as three-quarters of all new cases. Vaccination is the best protection against the variant.

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

28 May 2021

The Janssen Covid-19 vaccine, which is a single-dose vaccine, is approved for use in the UK by the Medicines and Healthcare Regulatory Agency (MHRA).

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

2 June 2021

Four Leeds charities have received the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service, the highest award given to charitable organisations. The Government hailed volunteers as "the backbone of local communities" as Covid recovery continues. A total of 241 organisations across the UK received the award. Leeds charities awarded are: Dance Action Zone Leeds (DAZL), The Growing Zone, CATCH Leeds (Community Action To Create Hope), and Freedom4Girls.

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

£1 billion for national tutoring revolution which will see up to 100 million tutoring hours for children and young people across England.

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

3 June 2021

The DHSC confirmed that 50% of all adults in the UK have had both doses of a vaccine.

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

The DfT announced the latest update to the Government's traffic light list for international travel, which includes adding Portugal to the amber list, and seven countries including Sri Lanka and Egypt to the red list.

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

PHE data shows that cases of the Delta variant (originally identified in India), has overtaken the Alpha variant (originally identified in Kent), following a rise of 5,472 new cases.

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

4 June 2021

The MHRA approves Pfizer vaccine for 12 to 15 year olds.

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

5 June 2021

Surge testing deployed in Bradford.

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

7 June 2021

Surge testing to be deployed in parts of Calderdale.

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

8 June 2021

Additional actions to tackle Delta variant in Greater Manchester and Lancashire, including surge testing, tracing, isolation support and maximising vaccine uptake.

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

13 June

The PM's statement at the G7 summit. The PM confirmed leaders have pledged over 1 billion doses.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/pm-statement-at-the-g7-summit-13-june-2021>

Communications Update

Website Visits:

Around 8,300 visited the COVID information web pages last week, of which 6,800 were unique users, slightly higher than when last reported.

The GovDelivery Covid email bulletin, which was sent out to 112K residents on 11th June, had an open rate of 28% (higher than last reported). Most popular features included: Maps to find rapid Covid tests, How to order rapid Covid tests, and testing for Coronavirus- NHS page.

Communications Update:

We've been preparing for the June 21 **Roadmap announcement** with a dual-track approach; planning for both easing and delaying of restrictions release. While the announcement had not been officially made before this update, it's probably safe to assume from the widespread government briefings to media that there will be a four-week delay to any further easing.

Therefore, our main **LCC** campaign work is focusing on:

- Persuading people to do the right thing under a 'let's keep moving forward' theme;
- Maximising vaccine take-up through a 'it's not too late to get vaccinated' push;
- Focusing business support work on targeting wedding businesses and new general scheme, and redoubling efforts to reach small businesses who've not applied for discretionary grants.

Preparation is under way to support the **Enhanced Testing and Vaccine Promotion** work in Headingley/Hyde Park, Little London and Woodhouse. This is something that **NHS** and **Higher Education** colleagues are also working on, with the latter having communications to students ready for a likely announcement soon on the national programme opening up to 18-25 year-olds.

NHS communications priorities are currently around cross-cutting priorities of system pressures and the vaccination programme, particularly the targeted, proactive offer that's going to be stepped up as above. Text messaging to relevant groups is already lined up and ready to go.

At **LTHT** work continues to highlight pressures on emergency departments with signposting messages through media and social media, along with:

- Reminding staff that infection prevention guidance and social distancing guidelines within hospitals are different to the national Roadmap ones and reminding them to observe them;
- Focus on reset work – linking with BBC and wider West Yorkshire Association of Acute Trusts (WYAAT) to promote this across the region;
- Working with operational colleagues to scope a letter for patients to explain reset work and also an open letter possibly from WYAAT CEOs.

Social media listening:

Local discussions outside the general national conversation?

- Reports city centre economy almost back at pre-COVID levels.
- Figures in the city including in Queen's birthday honours list, including Rachael Loftus (Leeds Health Partnerships) for work supporting those shielding.
- British Transplant Games new date announced for Leeds (next July).
- Sharing for warm weather Covid-19 vaccination appointment advice.
- Live audiences back at Leeds Town Hall.

Popular topics and questions being shared and discussed regularly?

- Latest Covid rates in Leeds, which are currently on the rise. Focus in conversation locally is on the increase among young people and how the Delta variant factors in.

What discussions are we starting to see an increase in?

- Nationally, a lot of discussion and speculation ahead of government roadmap announcement this evening with expectation it will be delayed.
- People sharing their Covid vaccine experiences, including in new council video.
- Speculation around Covid rates among young people and presence of Delta variant in the city.
- People sharing positive experiences of getting vaccinated in Leeds.

What are the overriding feelings, behaviours and beliefs from people regarding the key and emerging themes?

- Excitement around things opening up with local media doing lots of 'What's on' style articles.
- Relief that vaccines seem to be effective against Delta variant.
- Wariness about potential future restrictions and what they might be.