

# Covid-19 Update: Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Panel

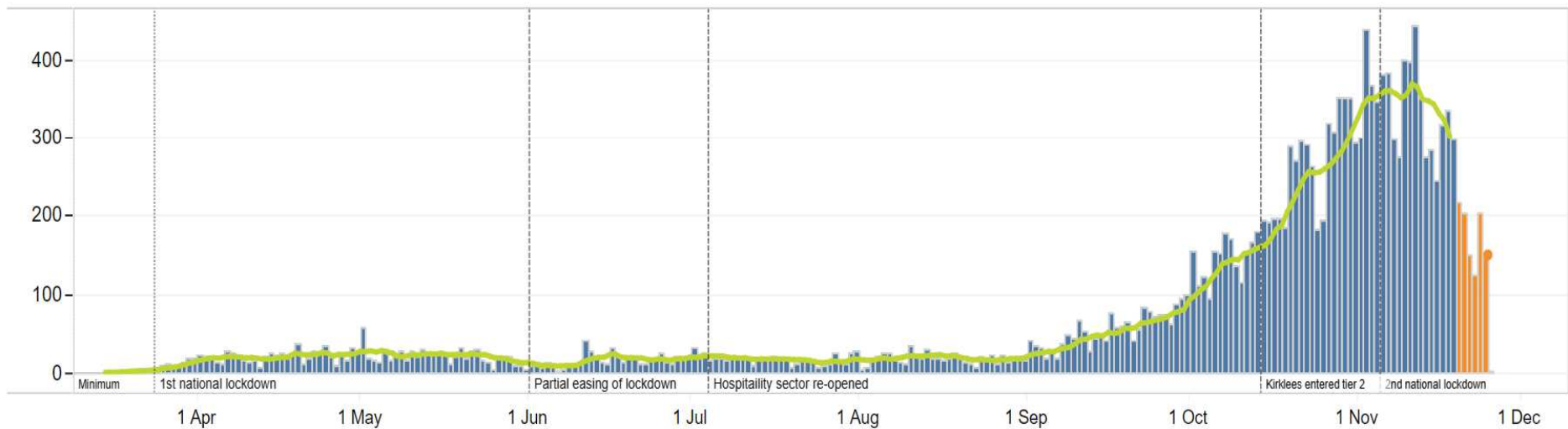
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# Cumulative Position

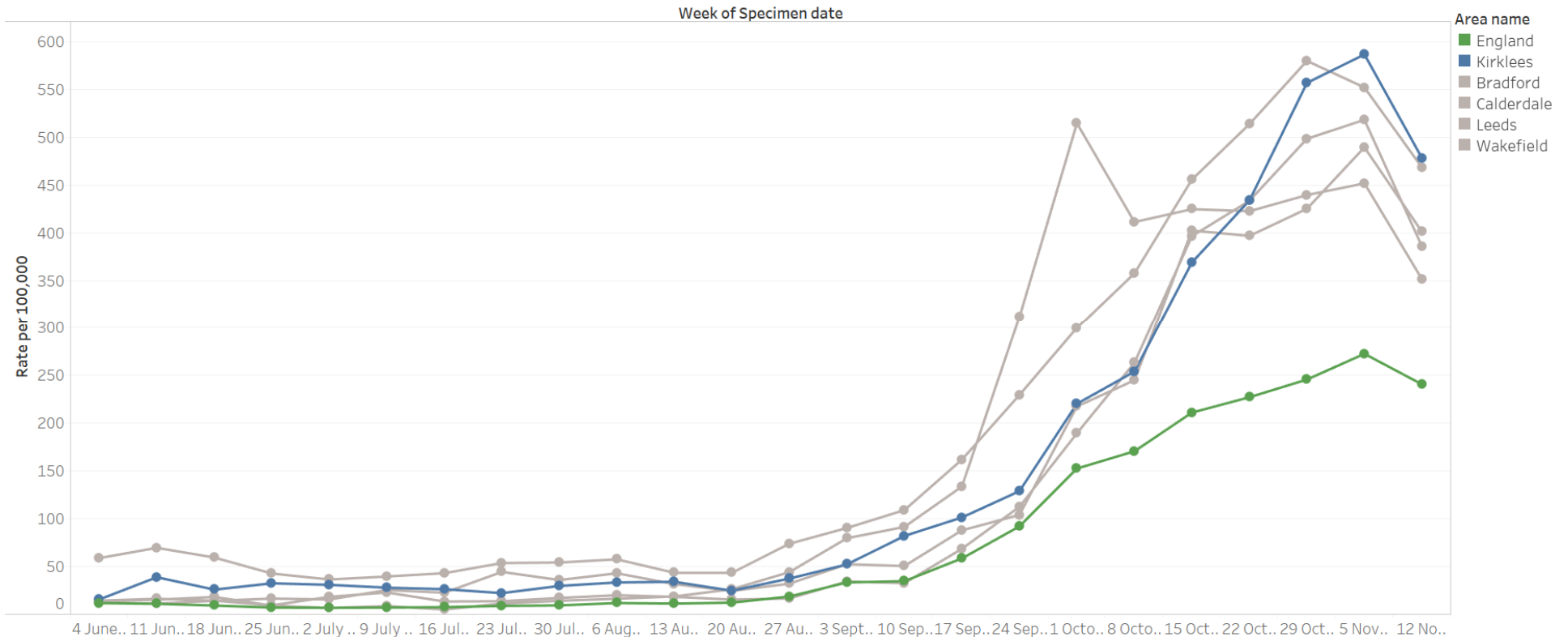
- Number of confirmed cases in Kirklees: 18,550
- Cases in the last week: 1,764
- Weekly Rate: reduction by 27.3%
- Latest weekly rank: 6
- Note: these are correct as of 27.11.2020

Number of daily cases of Covid-19 in Kirklees. **Green line** ◆ shows the 7-day rolling average. Data for the last 4 days is subject to change (coloured **orange** ◆). Annotations show national easing of restrictions.



# Current Position

The Kirklees rate is still the highest in West Yorkshire, but rates across the county have fallen



➤ Note: Updates can be tracked here:

<https://public.tableau.com/profile/kirklees.intelligence.service#!/vizhome/CoronaviruscasesKirklees/PublicFacingDashboard>

# Covid-19 Testing Update

- **The Extra Care / Supported Living** settings which are providing CQC registered care and have shared living facilities are currently receiving a single round of one off testing as part of a pilot run by Department of Health & Social Care to understand transmission in these settings. As set out in the Covid-19 Winter Plan announced on Monday these high risk settings will move to regular retesting (further information in due course).
- **Domiciliary Care staff** - carers should use the domiciliary testing route. Note that this route is **not for testing care recipients**, only for carers and will be eligible for weekly testing.

# Lateral Flow Testing Update

Lateral Flow testing is asymptomatic testing to identify those carrying the virus who do not know. It aims to reach a higher proportion of the population, targeting areas which will have most impact and supports the economy and wider society to return to a normal way of life.

## Eligibility

- If testing an organisation, the subject will be the responsibility of the organisation being tested (e.g. an employee/student).
- **The subject will be asymptomatic.**
- The subject will consent to participation in the study.
- The subject will consent to sharing their data with the National T&T programme.

# Covid-19 Schools Update

## Schools:

- Responding to requests for support and advice from schools on an individual basis – the number of requests have declined, but are still significant, as schools increasingly self-manage issues.
- Receive robust IPC outbreak control/incident management team support in response to positive tests.
- There is an ask to support where required with schools and other provision that remains open.

# Covid-19 Provider Update

## Other Providers:

- Supporting youth and sports sectors to ensure compliance with the national restrictions and to prepare to restart in allocated tier from 2nd Dec.
- Working with partners to ensure support groups for the vulnerable operate within the national restrictions (ongoing) – DPH guidance issued

# Care Home Testing Update

## **Care Home residents discharged from Hospital**

All care home residents being discharged from hospital or interim care facilities to a care home, and new residents admitted from the community, should be isolated for 14 days within their own room. This should be the case unless they have already undergone isolation for a 14-day period in another setting, and even then, the care home may wish to isolate new residents for a further 14 days.

Some residents may have received a positive covid-19 test but be ready for discharge from hospital. A proportion of care homes across Kirklees have been approved as step down care homes due to being able to cohort positive covid-19 residents effectively and ensuring these residents can receive the care and recuperation they need in an acute setting.



# COVID-19 Vaccine

- Encourage early flu vaccination to ensure completed prior to covid-19 vaccination.
- Ensure flu and Covid-19 vaccines at administered x days apart
- National campaign and messages targeted
- Place messages will be aligned with national messages but tailored locally
- Key messages will be aimed at take up of the vaccine
- Key messages around how to get the vaccine

# COVID-19 Vaccine

- Covid-19 vaccine is two doses which must be administered between 21 and 28 days apart.
- The Covid-19 vaccine programme approach and delivery models will be defined nationally.
- Plan on the basis that the vaccine will be available from the 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020.
- Sites have been identified for designated delivery, PCN and are now awaiting NHSE approval.
- Call and recall systems will be used to administer the vaccinations.
- Place messages to be aligned with national messages but tailored locally.

# COVID-19 Vaccination phases 1 & 2

- Phase 1

- Care Homes
  - As per flu vaccination models
  - Peer Vaccination and care home staff vaccinate residents?
- NHS Staff
  - Peer vaccination models as per flu
- Social Care Staff
  - As per flu vaccination models
- Highly vulnerable
  - As per flu vaccination models
  - Additional roving vaccinators (if required)?

- Phase 2

- Population Vaccination

# COVID-19

## Community Engagement Including Targeted Engagement

- Visual audit of key areas in North Kirklees. Most targeted areas extremely quiet. All non-essential businesses appeared to be closed as per restrictions. Observation of restrictions compliance and adherence to guidance undertaken outside a North Kirklees school in response to concerns flagged by head teacher.
- Community Safety staff (CESOs) continue to work in partnership with Environmental Services on non-compliance reports and visits.
- Town Centre Support Officers to support Covid engagement, to be rolled out via Huddersfield Business Improvement District (BID). Start date TBC, aiming for first week in December
- Reactive communications are taking place as and when required for situations arising
- Publication of data updates (weekly summaries, weekday daily updates available online)
- Test and trace plan – T&T PR and comms plan review and update ongoing as required
- Schools isolation guide (including schools transport) reviewed and updated as required
- Isolation comms
- Face covering comms
- NHS Covid app comms reviewed and update (including for Council, care home and schools staff)
- Information leaflets for residents

# COVID-19 Communications

- Encourage early flu vaccination to ensure flu vaccination is administered before Covid-19 vaccine starts (timelines to be confirmed)
- Ensure National messages are tailored locally
- Expect National campaign messages:
- Key message will be to encourage take up of vaccine (information on safety trials etc.)
- Information about how to get vaccine (timings, bookings, locations)

# Immunisation Programme Update

**Childhood immunisations are continuing as normal, there are a few extra steps in place to ensure covid-19 safe.**

- Appointment times have been extended to 20 minutes
- Redeployed staff are triaging all appointments the day before, both to check they are well and to encourage attendance as we have seen an increase in DNA's
- Staff assisting with waiting rooms and ensuring distancing is maintained
- Locals are assisting some GP practices to provide the immunisations (for those practices who usually carry out their own)

To ensure targeted work is taking place:

- Locals and GPs in North Kirklees are contacting families to assure them about appointments.
- Reassurance provided that vaccinations will be administered in a Covid secure environment

**The following statement has also been added to appointment letters:**

- Please note that due to COVID 19, appointment times have been extended to allow extra time. Waiting rooms are also being managed to maintain social distancing but we also ask patients to ensure they maintain social distancing advice on arrival. Public Health England Guidance is also being followed with regards to the use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).

# Flu Immunisation Programme Update

## **50-64 age cohort**

This year with Covid-19 still circulating, flu vaccinations are even more important than ever, and are being provided to those most at risk of serious illness if they contract flu or Covid-19. 50-64s have been included as a flu cohort this year, as 50 is the age at which the risk of hospitalisations for COVID-19 sharply increase, which justifies increasing protection against influenza. Roll out will commence on 1<sup>st</sup> December.

## **Schools Year 7**

Due to securing additional vaccinations this year school children in year 7 will now be eligible for vaccination. All school age influenza vaccinations will be complete by 15<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

# Flu Immunisation Programme Update

Flu Uptake in cohorts 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept – 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct 2020	Uptake
65 and overs	69.4%
Under 65 at risk (GP registered patients)	30.4%
Pregnant (GP registered patients)	31.1%
Age 2 ( <b>not</b> in clinical at risk group)	29.5%
Age two (in a clinical <b>at risk</b> group)	29%
All two year olds	29.5%
3 year old ( <b>not</b> in clinical at risk group)	29.8%
3 year olds (in clinical <b>at risk</b> group)	32.3%
All 3 year olds	30%



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Flu Uptake in Hospital Trust staff (Patient facing roles) Provisional Monthly data 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept – 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct 2020	Uptake
CHFT 51.2% (51.2%) same time period last year was 41.6%	51.2% (4540 staff – 2223 received the vaccine)
MYHT 5791 – 3210 55.4% last year 4929 (nearly 1000 staff) 60.3%	55.4% (3210 this year compared to 4929 this year – last years uptake 60.3%)

# Flu Immunisation Programme Update

School age children: Provisional 30 sept – 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2020	Uptake
Reception (ages 4 and 5)	15.2%
Year 2 age 6 and 7	15.7%
Year 3 age 7 and 8	16.4%
Year 4 age 8 and 9	15.8%
Year 5 9 and 10	16.1%
Year 6 10 and 11	12.1%
Year 7 (ages 11 and 12)	2.3%