

Cabinet Supplemental Agenda

Date: **Thursday 11 February 2021**

Agenda - Part I

8. Covid-19 Update (Pages 3 - 14)

Presentation to the verbal update from the Chief Executive.

Agenda - Part II - Nil

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Covid-19 Update

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- Update on Covid-19 London and Harrow
- National Lockdown progress and outlook
- Council Response to Covid-19
 - Covid-19 related activity
 - service impact
 - wider agenda
- Vaccination roll-out update
- Overview of issues, priorities and capacity
- Questions

- Lockdown has been in place 5 weeks and is having a significant effect on overall case numbers
- Harrow is now 240.5 cases per 100k people when at the peak almost at 1000 cases per 100k people
- This is still a high level with significant virus circulating in the community
- Hospital admissions and occupancy are reducing but will remain high for some time
- The vaccination programme is progressing well overall

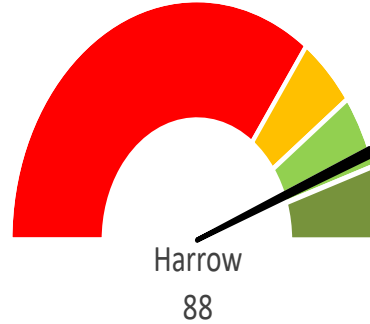
Harrow COVID 19 Dashboard

report date: 10/2/2021

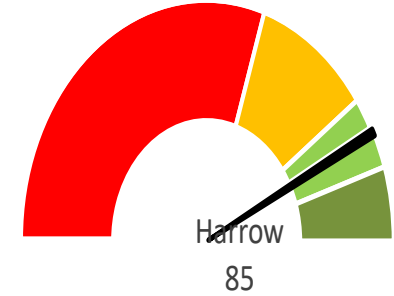
Data from 30/01/2021 to 5/02/2021

Confirmed Positive Cases in 7 days to 5/02/2021	604
% Change in past 7 days	-37%
Interim positive cases in 7 days to 9/2/2021	516

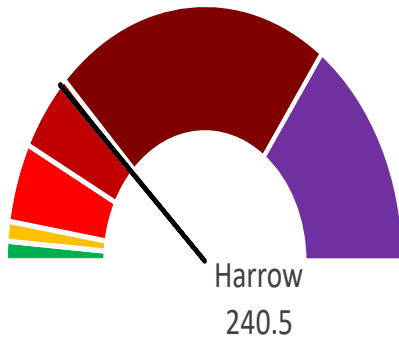
Test and Trace Cases (cumulative) % Complete



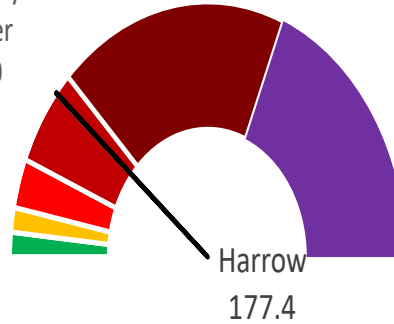
Test and Trace Contacts (cumulative) % Complete



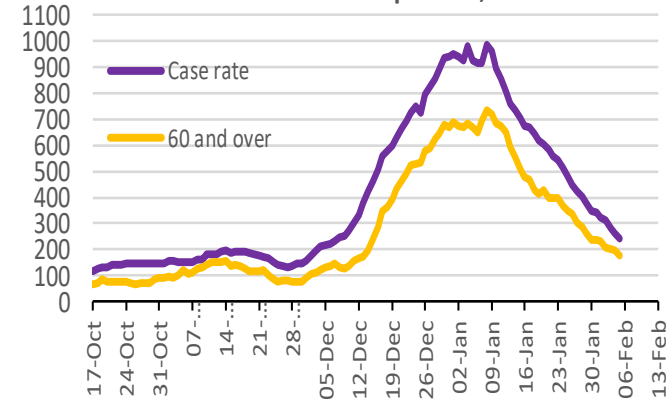
Incidence rate (all ages) in past 7 days per 100,000



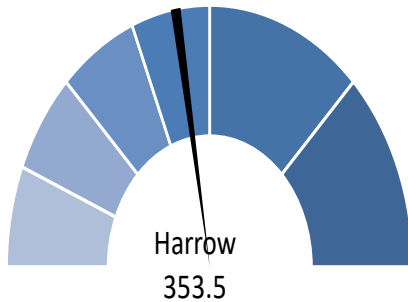
Incidence - 7 days in 60 and over per 100,000



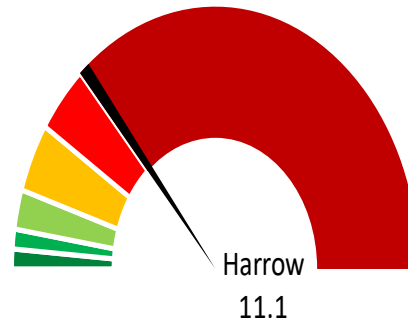
Trends in case rates per 100,000



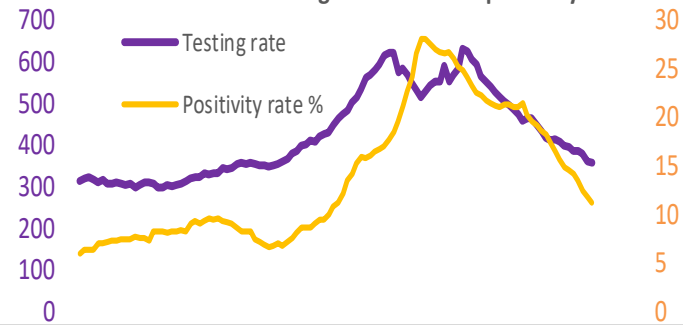
PCR Testing rate per 100,000



PCR Test Positivity rate



Trends in PCR testing rates and test positivity



- Lockdown will last in current form until 8th March with significant restrictions continuing well into Spring
- Roadmap out of Lockdown to be published 22nd February
7 with earliest possible change 8th March re schools
- Restrictions likely to be eased gradually and in tandem with roll-out of vaccinations to more cohorts
- Expectation of significant Council activity re Covid-19 emergency and recovery for all of 2021
- Many factors to consider including impact of new variants

- From Mid-December London and Harrow response to rapid rise in cases has been implemented
- Lockdown has increased the impact of these measures and responsibility of Council to deliver actions
- Significant focus on enforcement of regulations
- Increased Lateral Flow Testing capacity to identify asymptomatic residents – www.harrow.gov.uk/test
- Major focus on communications and engagement with local communities and residents

- Huge focus on working with the NHS on supporting hospital discharge and ensuring that adult social care is in place for vulnerable residents
- Extensive support to schools in order to support key workers and vulnerable children during Lockdown
- Economic impact of Lockdown is significant and Council administering 10 separate grants to support businesses in Harrow
- Infrastructure and logistics support for NHS in the roll-out of the PCN and mass vaccination sites
- Ensuring that Council services – universal, targeted and specialist, can continue to operate given impact of Covid-19 and Lockdown

- Vaccination has been delivered very effectively in Harrow by the PCN sites at The Hive, Byron Hall and Tithe Farm – possible pop-ups soon
- On course to offer vaccination to all of the priority 1-4 Cohorts by 15th February – take up is very good overall in Harrow
- 10 ● Challenges include care homes with an outbreak, social care staff, certain BAME Communities and our most deprived residents
- Priority to target those groups and communities who are more reluctant to be vaccinated – focus of Community Champions Fund
- Next phase of vaccination JVCI cohorts 5-9 – all over 50's and clinically vulnerable – timetable March to May
- Mass Vaccination Site will probably go live in early March

- Overall Harrow has the highest vaccination take up in North West London
- c86% of over 80's have been vaccinated
- c90% of 75-79's have been vaccinated
- c88% of 70-74's have been vaccinated
- c70% of CEV have been vaccinated
- c85% of care home residents have been vaccinated
- c55% of care home staff and c41% of agency staff have been vaccinated
- c25/30% of social care staff have been vaccinated

- Significant demands on all services but especially adult social care, children's social care, environment, enforcement, schools and business grants
- Many new services to run and many staff engaged in Covid-19 response activity – communications, testing, vaccination support, engagement and emergency response
- Impact of three Lockdowns on staff resilience and capacity as vast majority working at home
- Ongoing changes to Lockdown and easing of restrictions will see a very busy Spring for most services
- Mayoral and GLA Elections going ahead creates a big challenge

- The whole of 2021 is likely to be dominated by Covid -19 response
- Gradual move from an emergency response, to mix of an emergency response and recovery and then recovery
- The timing and detail is reliant on vaccination roll-out, impact of any new variants and the pace of the lifting of restrictions
- NHS and social care will be focussed on treatment catch up
- Economic challenge for business and residents will increase as furlough and other grant support schemes end
- Major focus on catch up for children re missed education
- Longer-term impact of “hidden harm” and mental health very likely
- Capacity and resilience will remain stretched impacting on priorities

- National Lockdown is having a positive impact on case rates and pressure is reducing on NHS and social care
- Lockdown restrictions are likely to be eased slowly though as case levels and service pressures remain high
- Vaccination programme is going very well and provides hope for the future in respect of reduced hospitalisation and deaths
- Council has responded very well to latest Covid-19 developments - enforcement, testing, communications and vaccination roll-out
- Covid-19 will continue to dominate Council's work and priorities for many months challenging organisational and staff resilience