

# Covid-19 Update

## Cabinet 21<sup>st</sup> January 2021

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

- Rapid increase in cases in December led to Tier 4 for London and January National Lockdown
- London position overall is 731.4 cases per 100,000 people
- Harrow position is 733.4 cases per 100,000 people
- Hospital admissions and occupancy at a record level – still increasing and major cause for concern
- Early signs that Lockdown is gradually reducing cases

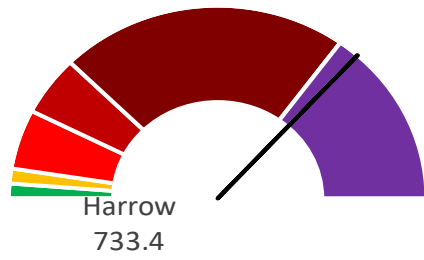
# Harrow Covid-19 Dashboard



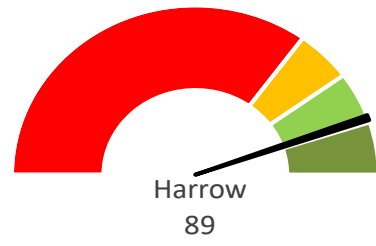
**Harrow COVID 19 Dashboard**  
**report date: 19/1/2021**  
**Data from** January 8 2021 to January 14 2021

Confirmed Positive Cases in 7 days to 14/01/2021 **1842**  
 % Change in past 7 days **-21%**  
 Interim positive cases in 7 days to 17/1/2021 **1692**

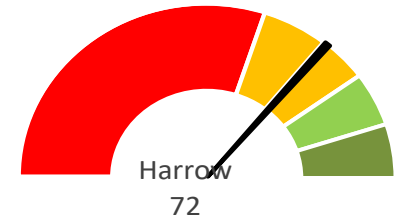
Incidence rate (all ages) in past 7 days per 100,000



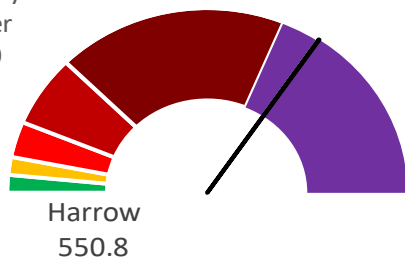
Test and Trace Cases (cumulative) % Complete



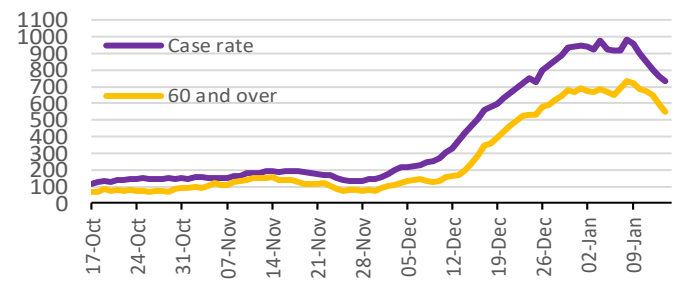
Test and Trace Contacts (cumulative) % Complete



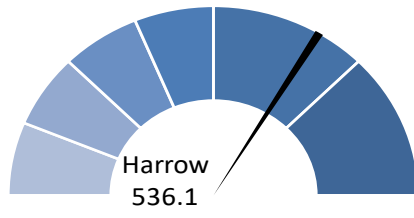
Incidence - 7 days in 60 and over per 100,000



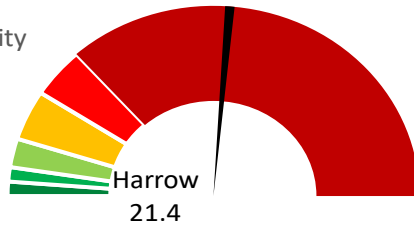
Trends in case rates per 100,000



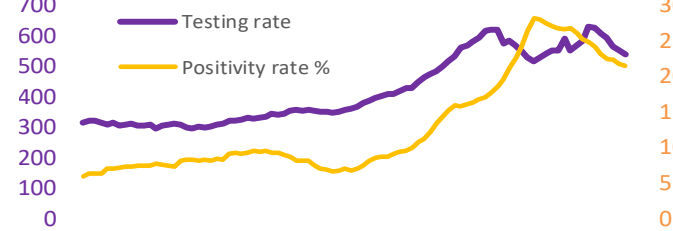
Testing rate per 100,000



Test Positivity rate



Trends in testing rates and test positivity



The latest data shows a clear decrease in the rate of new cases in the past 3 days. Interim data suggests that this is a real decrease as a result of the lockdown after cases plateaued late last week. On average, there over 250 new cases per day. However, this still means that infection rates are very high. Positivity, a good indicator of rates of sustained / increasing community transmission, remains high with 2 in 9 tests being positive. 90% of the cases in Harrow are due to the new UK variant. All of the data above are for PCR tests (those that need to be analysed in a laboratory).

- New variant led to very rapid rise in cases and National Lockdown required
- Lockdown will probably last in current form until March with significant restrictions continuing well into Spring
- Council response to support action re Covid-19 continues to increase across a range of areas
- Delivering services during Lockdown and in Covid-19 secure environment presents significant challenges
- Resilience and capacity is more stretched than at any point

- 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
- Increase in Lateral Flow Testing capacity to identify asymptomatic residents – [www.harrow.gov.uk/test](http://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

- The three PCN vaccination sites are up and running in Harrow
- Progress is good with greater pace subject to vaccine supply
- Care home vaccination is ongoing and on target for completion
- Social care staff have begun to be vaccinated this week
- Vaccination for those unable to leave home starting soon
- Mass vaccination site will go live in February
- Priority to target those groups and communities who are more reluctant to be vaccinated



- Covid-19 situation deteriorated rapidly in December due to new variant leading to National Lockdown
- The Lockdown is beginning to have an impact but tough restrictions and significant pressures on NHS likely well into the Spring
- Council has responded very well across a wide range of areas to latest Covid-19 developments including enforcement, testing, communications and vaccination roll-out
- Organisational and staff resilience and capacity is being tested as never before given length and intensity of emergency
- Vaccination roll out and public compliance key