



Covid Report for Harrow Health and Wellbeing Board 08/06/2021

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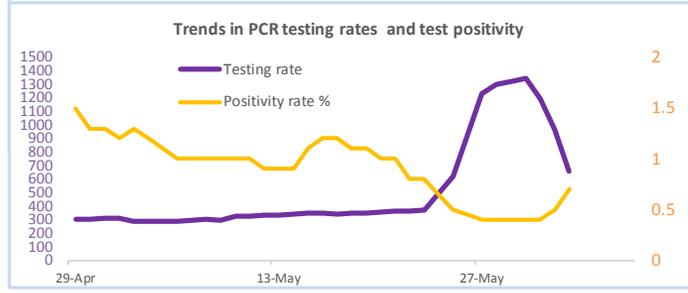
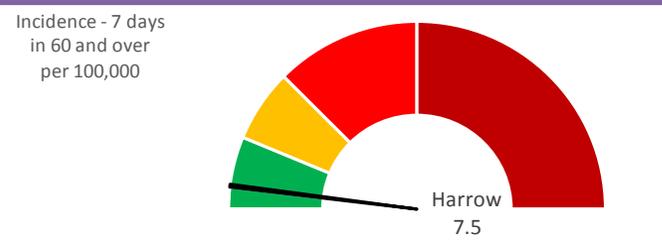
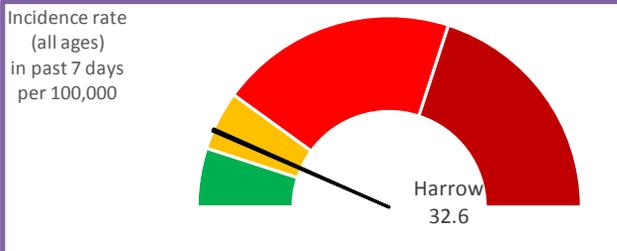
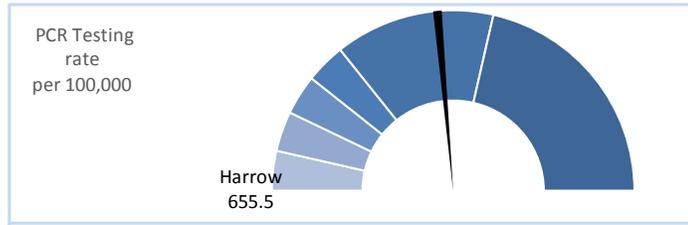
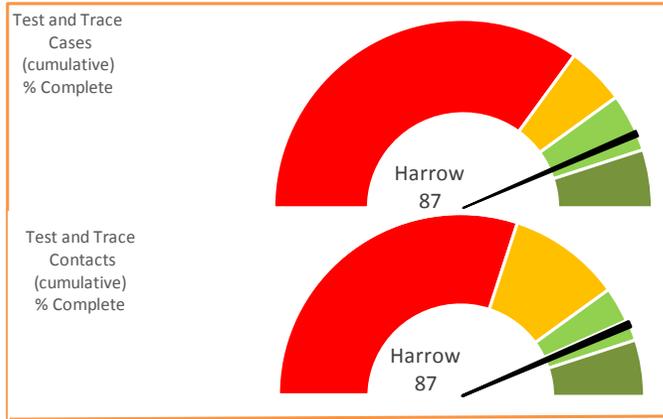
- ▶ Rates of Covid have been variable in the past 2 weeks due to undertaking surge testing in the week before half term.
- ▶ Currently we have confirmed rate of 11-12 cases per day to 2nd June although the interim data for the past 4 days suggests the rate will decrease in the coming week.
- ▶ Majority of cases (70%) are currently due to the Delta Variant and the remainder due to the Alpha Variant. The Delta Variant is 50-80% more transmissible than the Alpha variant so it is vital that we remain vigilant and identify contacts and isolate people as soon as we know about their diagnosis.

Harrow COVID 19 Dashboard

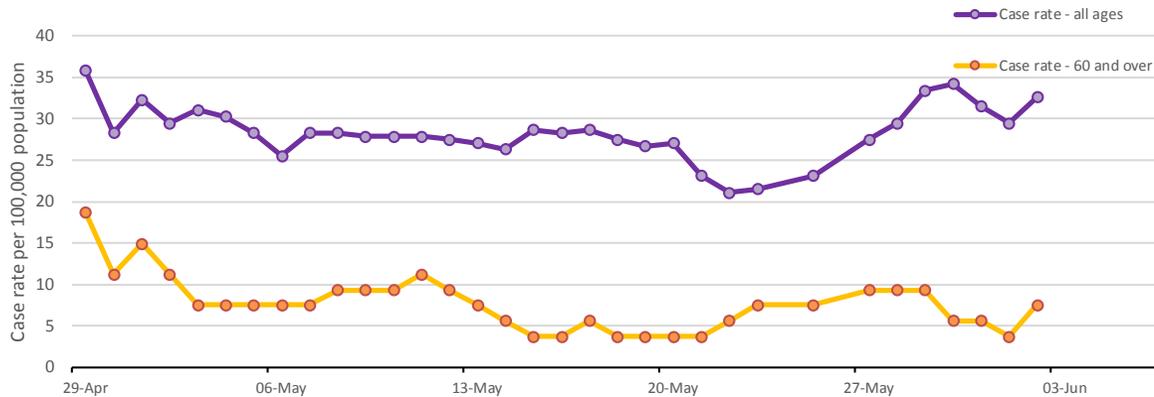
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Data from May 27 2021 to June 2 2021

Confirmed Positive Cases (all ages) in 7 days to 2/6/2021	82
% Change in past 7 days	22%
<i>Interim positive cases (all ages) in 7 days to 6/06/2021</i>	64
Confirmed Positive Cases (age 60+) in 7 days to 2/6/2021	4
% Change in past 7 days	0%

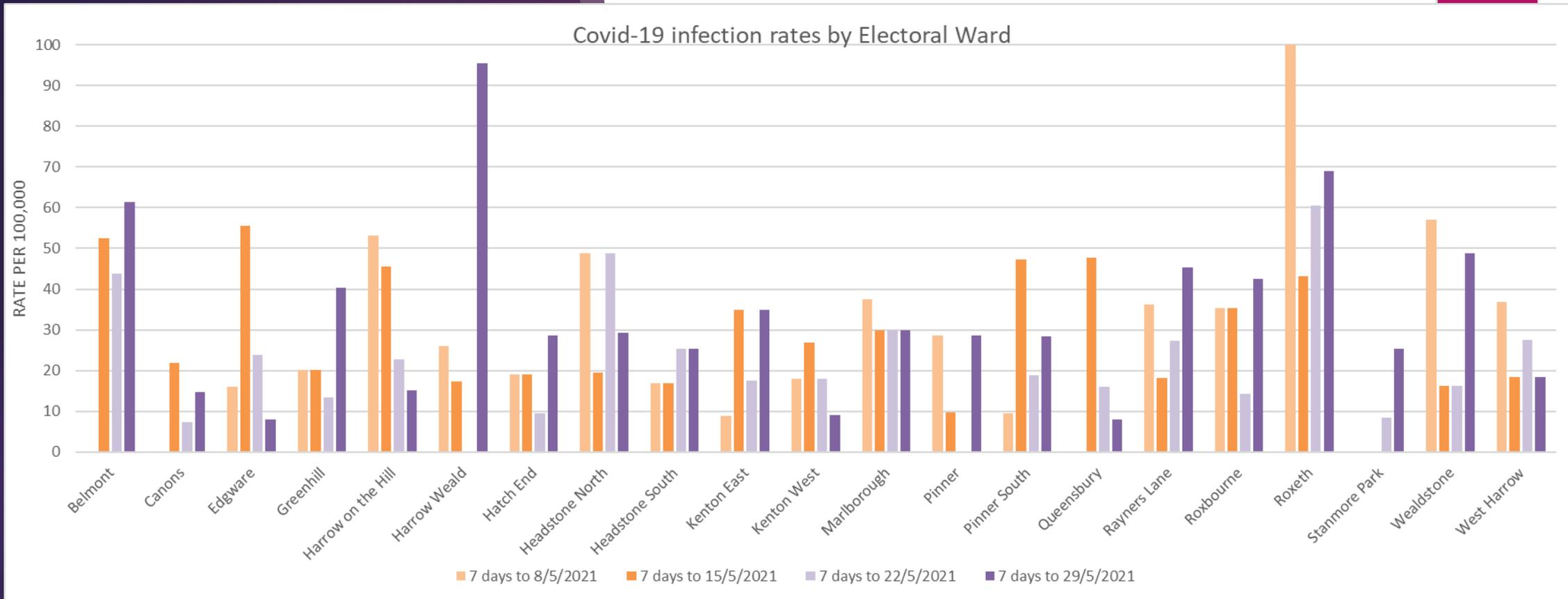


Rate of COVID-19 Cases per 100,000 in Harrow by notification date (note last 4-5 days are subject to change)



Fewer than one third of cases in Harrow are due to the Alpha variant and we assume that the majority of the remainder are due to the Delta variant. Two doses of the vaccines are effective against the Delta variant so it remains vital that people get both doses of the vaccine as soon as they can.

Rates by Ward



Due to the surge testing last week we saw an increase in the number of cases across the borough. Family clusters were identified in some wards contributing to higher rates. The highest rates in the seven days to 29/5/2021 were in Harrow Weald and Roxeth.

Surge Testing for Covid-19 variant of Concern

- ▶ Data suggests that the Delta Variant (the variant first identified in India) is now replacing the Alpha Variant (the variant first identified in Kent) in many areas of the UK including London. While many of the original cases were linked to international travel or were contacts of those who had travelled, many of the more recent cases are thought to be due to community spread. As it takes around 2 weeks before the results of genome sequencing are available, we are only able to look at this data retrospectively.
- ▶ Because of the pattern of new cases in Harrow every student that attends a secondary school/college in Harrow and every member of staff that works in one was asked to take a test last week. The response from the schools was phenomenal and around 14,000 tests were taken within the schools. An additional 13,000 family members also took a test at home (interim data).
- ▶ All of those tested positive have been asked to isolate immediately and NHS Test and Trace informed of contacts.
- ▶ This testing will, in combination with measures such as hands-face-space-fresh air and following national guidance, help to suppress and control the spread of the virus, while enabling a better understanding of the new variant.
- ▶ Considering the number of tests we have undertaken, a relatively low number of positive tests have been found – the positivity rate during the time we did surge testing was 0.4% (this includes those who were tested because they has symptoms).

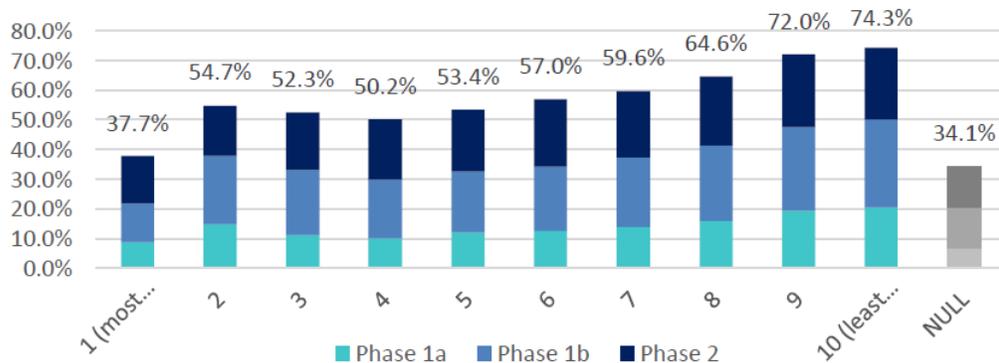
Vaccination

- 150,000 people over 18 in Harrow have had at least one dose of the vaccine. Over 105,000 have also had their second dose (as of 4 June 2021).
- There are some significant differences in vaccine uptake within the population. While the White British, Indian, Irish and other Asian groups have uptake between 60 and 80%, Black Caribbean, Black African and other Black groups have uptake below 50%.
- People living in the most affluent part of Harrow are much more likely to be vaccinated than those living in the most deprived (74% compared to 38%)
- Of the 31,000 people that haven't had their first vaccination, less than 2,000 are in the JCVI groups 1-4; around 20,000 are in groups 5-9 and around 10,000 are in the under 40s

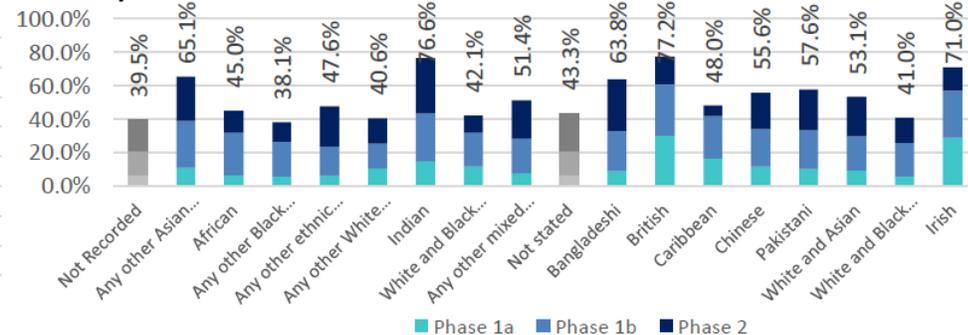
Proportion of population vaccinated by protected characteristic

Cumulative of position (Source: WSIC. Reporting period cumulative of 30th May)

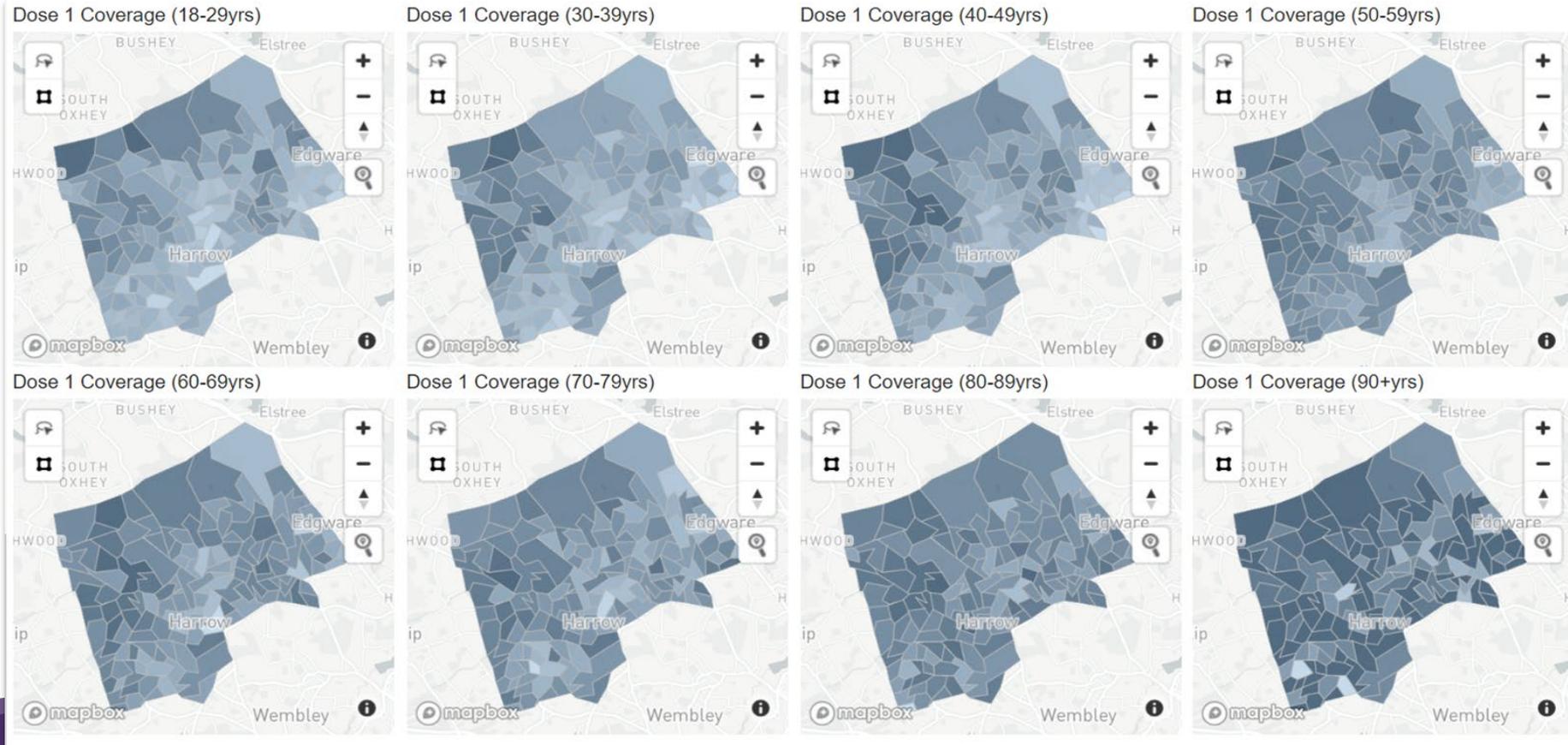
Deprivation



Ethnicity

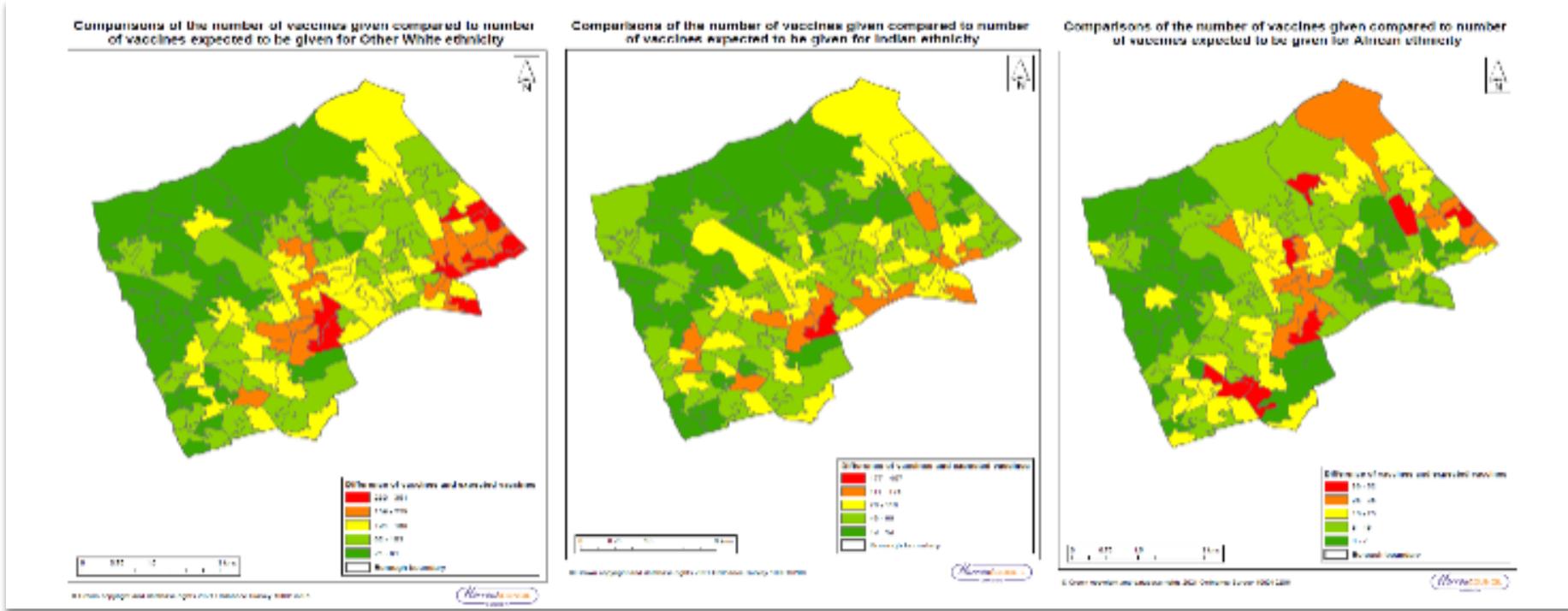


Note: (1) The denominator for uptake by deprivation and ethnicity is based on the total JCVI 1-12 cohorts of the relevant sub-cohort. (2) Phase 1a: JCVI cohorts 1-4. Phase 1b: JCVI cohorts 5-9. Phase 2: JCVI cohorts 10-12. Phase 2: JCVI cohorts 10-12 (3) Percentages represent the number of people vaccinated per decile/ quintile.



Covid Vaccine Coverage by age group (Dose 1)

The pattern of vaccine coverage varies across age groups but the areas with lower coverage tend to be in the centre of the borough and south west and the to a lesser extent in the south east of the borough in under 50s groups.



Targeting areas for action on vaccination based on ethnicity and uptake

Note variation in patterns uptake at LSOA level which will allow us to help the vaccine community champions to focus on specific areas. It will also allow us to look at where we might need to set up pop up clinics

COVID-19 vaccine, pregnancy, fertility and breastfeeding webinar

- ▶ This free webinar is essential to hear from NHS specialists to answer your questions and concerns about the Covid-19 vaccines with regards to fertility, pregnancy and breastfeeding.
- ▶ **Who should attend:** The event is open to all residents in North West London, particularly if you are pregnant, breastfeeding or have concerns about fertility.
- ▶ **Date and time:** Monday 14 June 2021 6 to 7:30pm
- ▶ **The panel:** The panel will consist of NHS specialists and independent chair to join in the discussion and provide updated information.
- ▶ Click on the eventbrite registration below, if you wish to register, after registration you will receive notification of your webinar ticket and you will receive the webinar link 24 hours before for the webinar.
- ▶ <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/covid-19-vaccines-pregnancy-fertility-and-breastfeeding-second-webinar-tickets-156867658389>
- ▶ If you want to submit your questions for the panel before the webinar click this link <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/KWJWH5W>
- ▶ , or you can simply ask your questions on the night.

