Quarterly Public Health Report. Quarter 1 2021/22

Introduction

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought an unprecedented situation to the world.

In the first section of this briefing I show the Covid-19 trend since the beginning of the summer, and pose a few observations.

In the second part of the report, I detail some excellent examples of inter-organisational work that have been fast tracked by the pandemic and that will enable us to better tackle health inequalities in the future. I conclude with a slide on the specific PH actions in the last quarter.
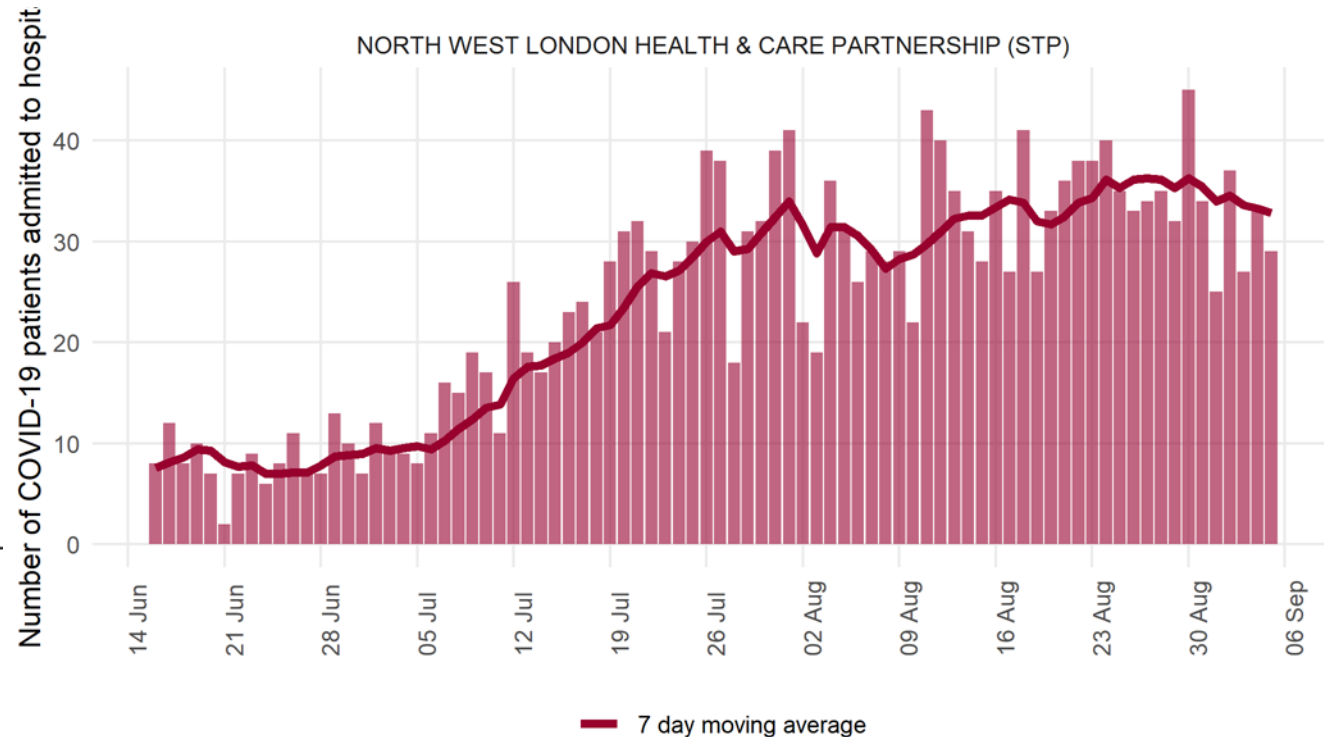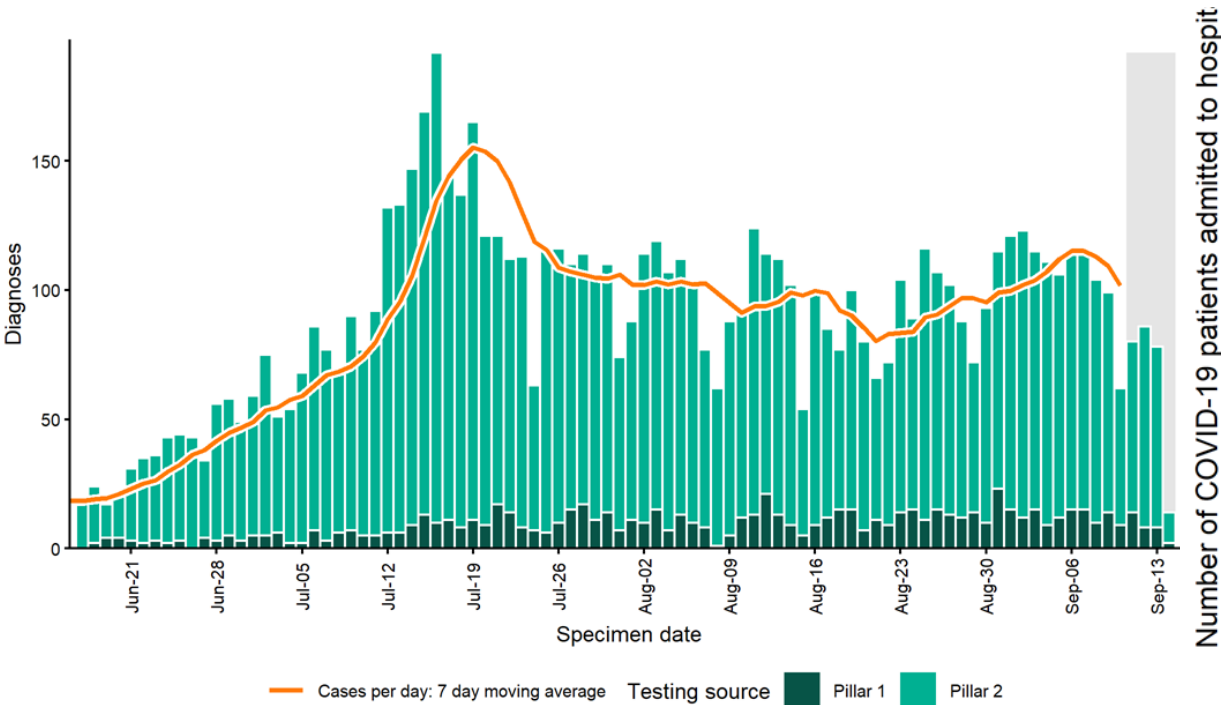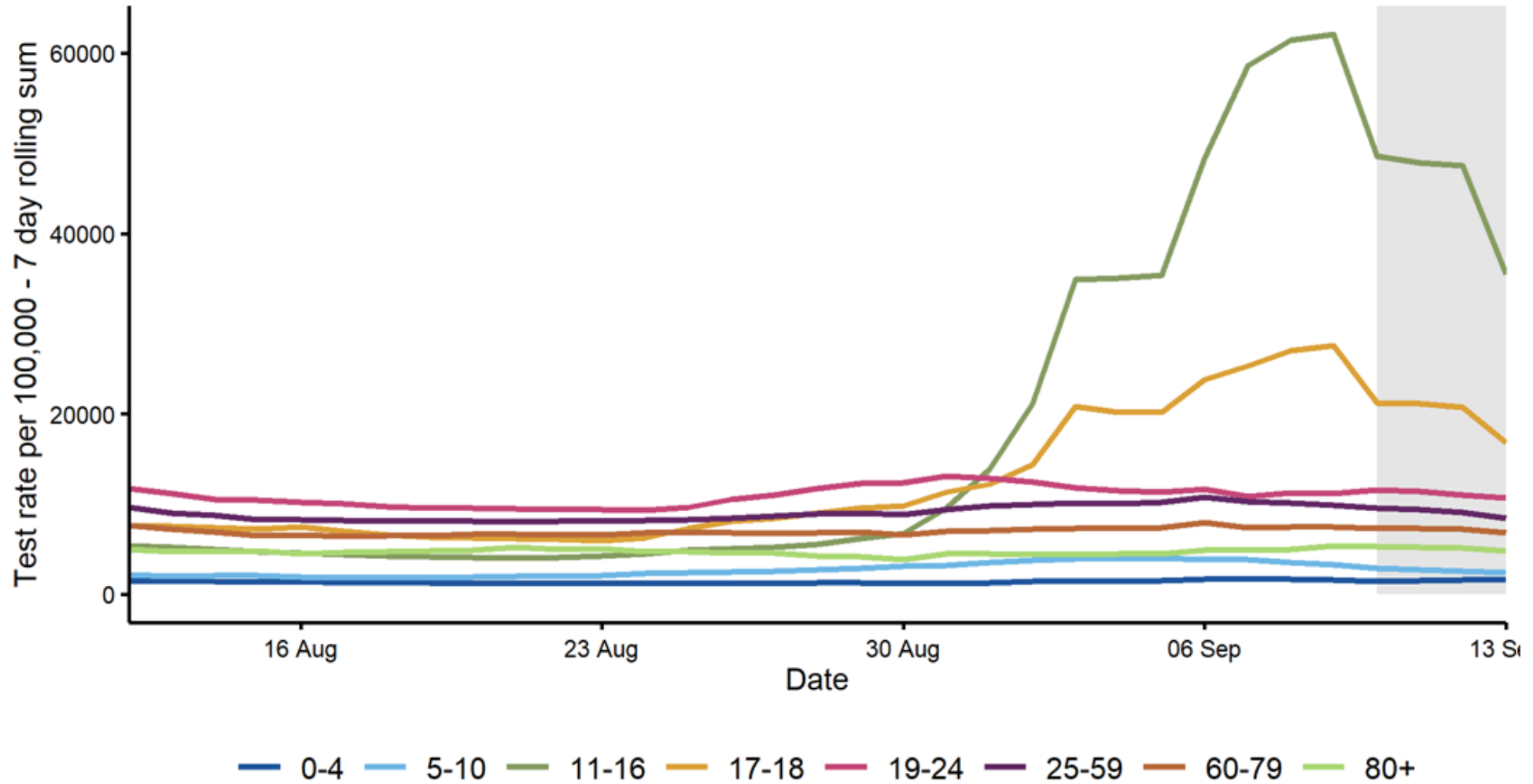
Part 1 Covid-19 – since June

Epidemic curve of confirmed COVID-19 cases in Harrow from June 16, 2021 to September 14 2021, by specimen date and pillar.

Daily number of COVID-19 patients admitted to hospital in the STP(s) associated with Harrow, 16 June 2021 to 5 September 2021.

Age-specific 7-day rolling Pillar 1 and 2 test rates per 100,000 population among residents of Harrow, August 12, 2021 to September 14 2021.

Excluding 263 tests with missing age data.

So, examples of inter-organisational work within Harrow

- Strengthening key messaging: hands, face, space and fresh air; routine testing, isolation and vaccination.
- Strengthening key engagement: Working with the Community and Voluntary Sector to share knowledge, and understand behaviours particularly around vaccination.
- Using the relationships with the NHS: to support care homes, deliver vaccination, and ensure appropriate testing venues (both PCR and LFT).
- Supporting schools: outbreak management, contact tracing, interpretation of guidance, and being partners with them to roll out the 12-15 vaccinations.
- Data exchange: pooling knowledge and data to build the foundation of Population Health Management / Risk Management
  - Covid risk factors: age, BMI, deprivation, ethnicity, respiratory conditions and other vulnerabilities

Public Health specific actions (June – September)

- The 2021 flu programme preparation
- Promotion of childhood vaccinations such as Measles, Mumps and Rubella
- Highlight the management of Asthma in children : Ask about Asthma campaign with Mayor of London
- Restarted the weight management through Watford Football Club
- Recommissioning of the Children and Young Person's Substance Misuse service
- Developing closer links with CNWL in the promotion of good mental health and suicide prevention
- School based How Are You survey (HAY) Harrow
- We are looking to refresh our approach to the Expert Patient Programme, which is a peer level education and support programme