

Covid-19 Update

Cabinet 21st October 2021

- Update on Covid-19 London and Harrow
- Council response to Covid-19
 - Covid-19 related activity
 - Winter Planning
 - Service impact
- Testing Update
- Vaccination update
- Overview of capacity and organisational issues
- Questions

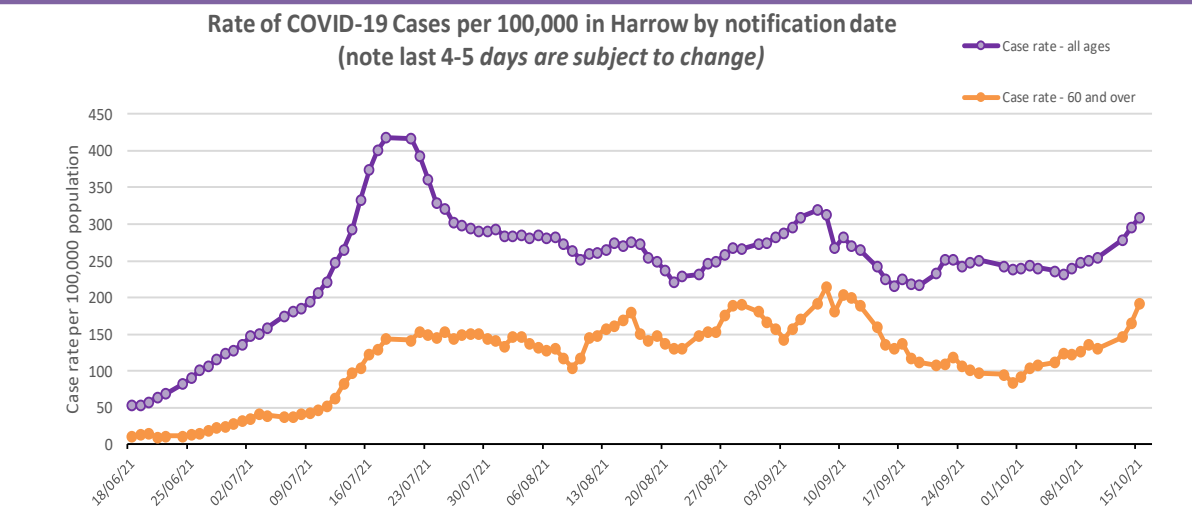
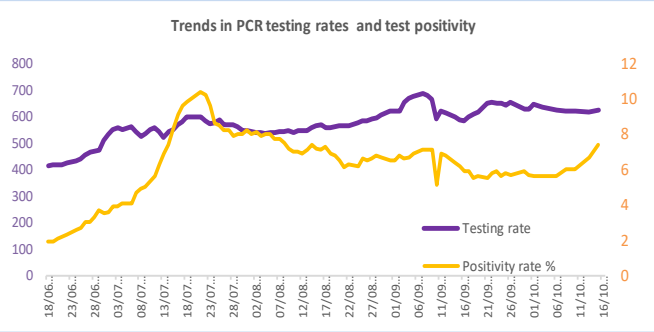
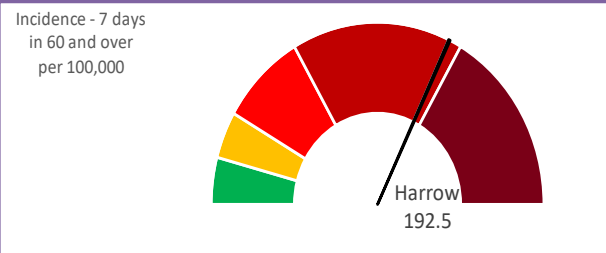
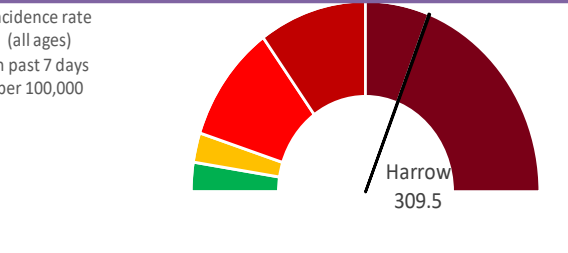
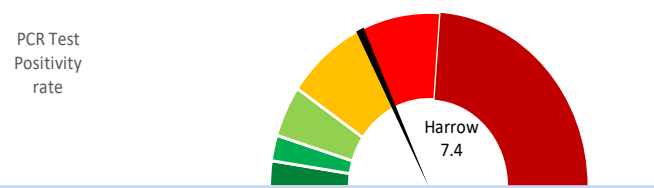
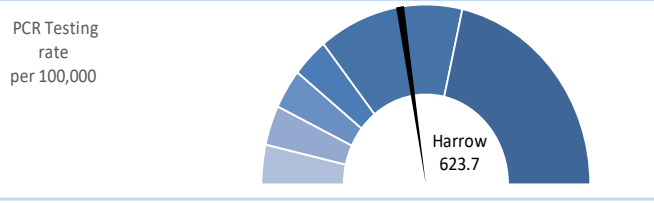
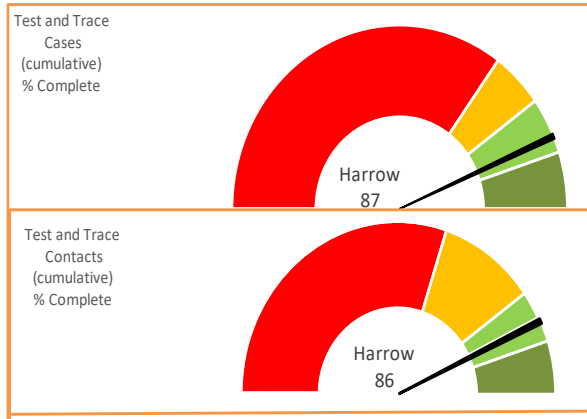
- Overall Covid-19 cases remain at a high level in Harrow
- Harrow is now 309.5 cases per 100k people – cases have been at a high level for sometime now and are increasing
- Significant reduction in impact of Covid-19 on hospitalisation due to vaccination but pressures on NHS and Social Care continues
- The Government has announced Covid-19 Winter Plan to manage an expected increase in cases and impact over the next few months
- The vaccination programme has moved to a new phase including booster jabs for over 50's and vaccination for 12-15 year olds
- As Winter approaches Covid-19 and Flu will become an increasing challenge
- Flu vaccination is a priority to reduce pressures on NHS and social care
- Significant focus on service pressures and recovery going forward

Harrow Covid 19-Dashboard



Harrow COVID 19 Dashboard
Report date: 20/10/2021
Data from: October 9 2021 to October 15 2021

Confirmed Positive Cases (all ages) in 7 days to 15/10/2021 **781**
 % Change in past 7 days **24%**
Interim positive cases (all ages) in 7 days to 19/10/2021 **883**
 Confirmed Positive Cases (age 60+) in 7 days to 15/10/2021 **105**
 % Change in past 7 days **52%**



Harrow ranks 9th position out of the 33 London boroughs. The all age rate is increasing rapidly. The over 60 rate has also increased since the beginning of the month with a 52% increase in the past 7 days.

Hospitalisations:
 5 people with coronavirus went into hospital on 10 October 2021. Between 4 October 2021 and 10 October 2021, **40** went into hospital with coronavirus. This shows a decrease of -32.2% compared to the previous 7 days. There were **75** patients in hospital with coronavirus on 12 October 2021. There were **9** coronavirus patients in hospital beds with a mechanical ventilator on 12 October 2021.

Deaths
 Between 13 October 2021 and 19 October 2021, there was **1** deaths within 28 days of a positive coronavirus test.

- Winter anticipated to be very challenging for NHS and social care due to Covid-19 and normal Winter pressures e.g. Flu
- Government's Winter Plan focusses on a "Plan A" based upon vaccination and a "Plan B" which would see other measures such as mandatory face covering and a greater focus on home working
- Other key aspects include testing, self-isolation, encouragement to continue with hands, face, space, flu vaccination and general caution
- Vaccination programme involves new cohorts, boosters and an evergreen offer to those who are currently not vaccinated
- Government consultation is ongoing in respect of mandatory vaccination for those working in NHS and Social Care
- Council is preparing detailed contingency plans and current mitigations re services will remain in place as part of our support of the Winter Plan

- Pandemic response continues to be a major focus of the Council and will continue to be for many months
- Activity continues on key areas including testing, vaccination and isolation support
- Significant demand on services due to covid-19 especially social care, environment, benefits and via the community hub
- The demand on services is causing both a capacity and financial pressure in the system and is likely to grow as Winter approaches especially in Social Care
- The vaccination programme is very important and requires ongoing Council support for c6months

- Lateral Flow testing Centres at Pavilion, Civic 5/6 and Depot closed on 4th October
- Staff can now collect home test kits from Civic reception and the Depot
- Mobile pop up continues to hand out c20,000 home test kits a month at various locations around the borough five days per week
- Working to expand the network of Council and VCS Community Collection Points to give home test kits to service users
- You are now required to get a collection code in order to collect test kits from pharmacies
- Opening hours of PCR test centres will reduce from 8am – 8pm to 8am – 6pm from 1st Nov

- Phase three roll out started in Harrow, including:
 - Vulnerable 12-15 years olds have been offered vaccinations from the start of September through our Special Schools
 - Roll out of vaccinations for general 12-15 population, through schools, with a target of 75% receiving a single dose – uptake around 40% so far and half term pop-ups have been set up
 - Booster vaccination for those over 50 and clinically extremely vulnerable has started, with over 16,000 boosters delivered to date (best in NWL)
- The booster vaccination is being offered through Primary Care Hubs with sites available across the borough - patients contacted directly by their local surgery
- This will be supplemented by nine pharmacies across the borough, offering third doses as well as first and seconds, known as the 'Evergreen Offer' - which can be booked via the NHS National Booking Site or walk-ins
- Byron Hall acting as a 'pop-up' from Thursdays to Sundays for both third doses and walk ins / bookings for first and second doses
- Focus of our Covid Awareness Fund still on those who have not had a first dose, especially our Black heritage and Romanian Communities – 6th round of Covid Awareness Fund closed on 18th October – 13 applications received and 47 groups funded so far
- NHS Communications Campaigns coming out soon which will also include the importance of Flu Vaccination this winter

Vaccination Uptake in Harrow



Cohort	1 st Vaccination	2 nd Vaccination (as % of first doses)
Care home residents	94%	91%
Over 80's	92%	97%
75-79	92%	98%
70-74	90%	98%
CEVs	91%	97%
65-69's	88%	98%
60-64	83%	98%
55-59	79%	97%
50-54	76%	97%
40-49	68%	95%
30-39	57%	92%
18-29	57%	85%
16-17	46%	11%
12-15	25%	0

Overall 91% of people who have had a first dose have had their second dose, one of the best performance in North West London

- Covid-19 case rates are high but serious illness and hospitalisation remains lower as a result of vaccination programme
- Onset of Winter will be a big challenge in respect of Covid-19 and Flu especially for Social Care
- Major focus for Council on supporting the Winter Plan response e.g. vaccination and delivery of social care
- Planning for recovery and ensuring capacity and resilience is in place is a key focus
- Covid-19 will continue to dominate Council's work and priorities for many months challenging organisational and staff resilience