

Covid-19 Update

Cabinet 18th November 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

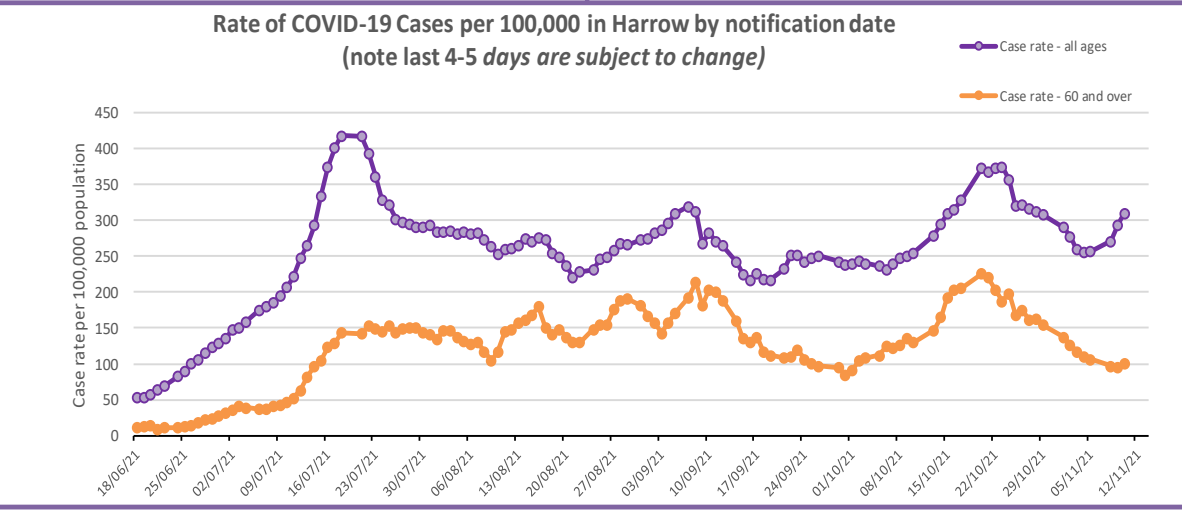
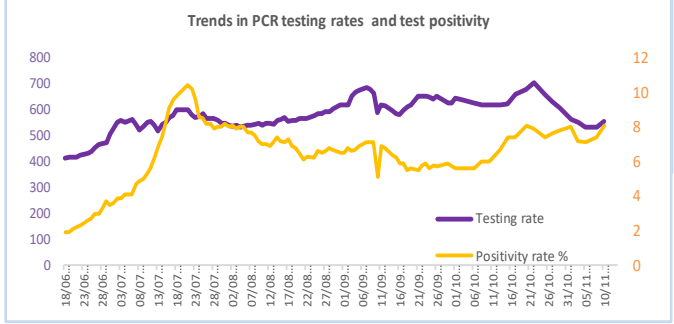
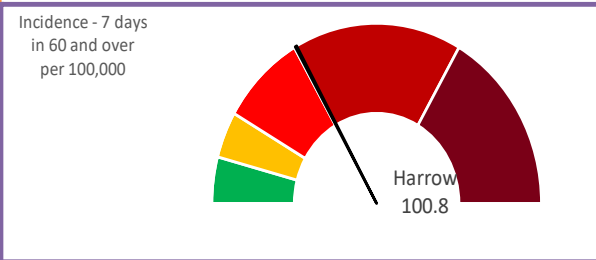
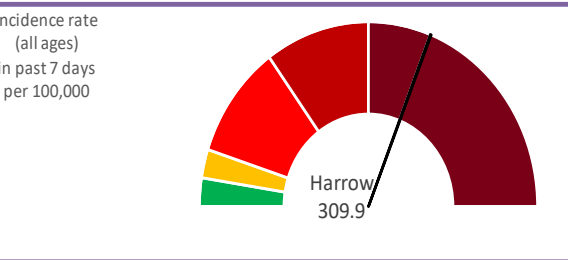
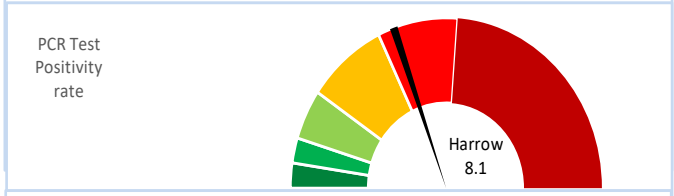
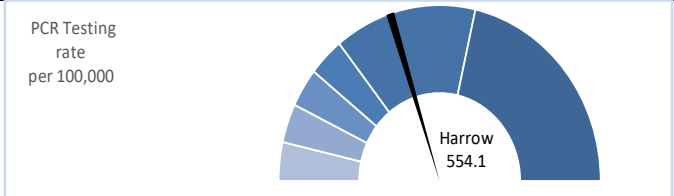
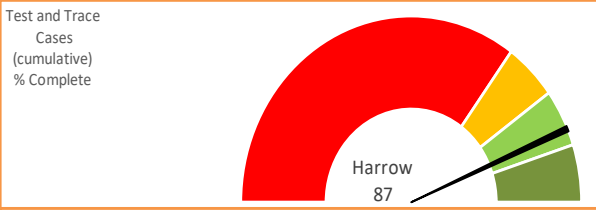
- Overall Covid-19 cases remain quite high in Harrow
- Harrow is now 309.9 cases per 100k people – cases fell recently probably due to half-term and vaccination but are now growing again as schools return
- Significant reduction in impact of Covid-19 on hospitalisation due to vaccination but pressures on NHS and Social Care continues
- The Government Covid-19 Winter Plan is in place to manage an expected increase in cases and impact over the next few months
- The vaccination programme is focused on booster jabs for over 40's and vaccination for 12-15 year olds – likely to be expanded further
- 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: 17/10/2021
Data from: November 6 2021 to November 12 2021

Confirmed Positive Cases (all ages) in 7 days to 12/11/2021 **782**
 % Change in past 7 days **20%**
Interim positive cases (all ages) in 7 days to 16/11/2021 **727**
 Confirmed Positive Cases (age 60+) in 7 days to 12/11/2021 **55**
 % Change in past 7 days **-14%**



Harrow is currently in 9th position out of the 33 London boroughs, a slight rise from previously reported. The decreasing trend in all age and over 60s infection rate has continued. If a bounce back effect happens after school holidays we expect to see it within the coming week.

Hospitalisations: There were 71 patients in hospital with coronavirus on 16 November 2021. There were 8 coronavirus patients in hospital beds with a mechanical ventilator on 9 November 2021.

Deaths: Between 1 November 2021 and 17 November 2021, there has been 1 death 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 has confirmed mandatory vaccination for those working in NHS and Social Care from April 2022
- 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 – predicted at least through 2022
- 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

- Phase three roll out continues in Harrow, including:
 - Vaccinations for the general 12-15 population, through schools, and now available through GPs, with 40% of eligible 12-15 year olds having received a vaccination so far (best in NWL)
 - Booster vaccination for those over 50 and clinically extremely vulnerable, with over 60,000 boosters delivered to date (best in NWL)
- The booster vaccination is being offered through Primary Care Hubs and pharmacies with sites available across the borough
- All sites offering both 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 was acting as a 'pop-up' from Thursdays to Sundays for both third doses and walk ins / bookings but is now closing as per the NHS original plan for the site – options are being looked at for the Leisure Centre to remain part of the local offer for vaccination
- Focus of our Covid Awareness Fund still on those who have not had a first dose, especially our Black heritage and Romanian Communities – 11 successful applications through the 6th round of Covid Awareness – 47 groups funded so far
- Broader Communications Campaign is about keeping safe through Winter, which is about the importance of both Covid vaccination and Flu vaccination

Vaccination Uptake in Harrow



Cohort	1 st Vaccination	2 nd Vaccination (as % of first doses)
Care home residents	94%	92%
Over 80's	93%	97%
75-79	92%	98%
70-74	90%	98%
CEVs	91%	98%
65-69's	88%	98%
60-64	84%	98%
55-59	79%	97%
50-54	76%	97%
40-49	68%	95%
30-39	58%	95%
18-29	58%	93%
16-17	52%	23%
12-15	40%	NA

Overall **91%** of people who have had a first dose have had their second dose, making Harrow the second best performer in North West London.

On the **Booster Campaign**, Harrow is the best performer in North West London with 62,170 delivered, with over 80% of those aged 65+ in Harrow having now already had their booster.

- 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