



**TRAFFORD
COUNCIL**

**AGENDA PAPERS FOR
TRAFFORD COVID-19 PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT BOARD**

Date: Wednesday, 16 June 2021

Time: 10.00 am

Place: Virtual meeting

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A G E N D A	PART I	Pages
1.	ATTENDANCES	
	To note attendances, including officers, and any apologies for absence.	
2.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	
	Members to give notice of any interest and the nature of that interest relating to any item on the agenda in accordance with the adopted Code of Conduct.	
3.	MINUTES	1 - 4
	To receive and, if so determined, to approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 2 nd June 2021.	
4.	UPDATE ON THE CURRENT COVID-19 SITUATION IN TRAFFORD	5 - 12
	To receive an update from the Director of Public Health.	
5.	NATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING COVID RESTRICTIONS	
	To receive a verbal update from the Director of Public Health.	
6.	TRAFFORD'S RESPONSE TO THE PROPOSED ADDITIONAL SUPPORT INTERVENTIONS	
	Report to follow from the Director of Public Health	
7.	10 POINT PLAN UPDATE	

- (a) **Mass Testing**
To receive a verbal update from a Consultant in Public Health
- (b) **Contact Tracing and Outbreak Management**
To receive a verbal update from a Consultant in Public Health and the Operations Manager, Health
- (c) **Mass Vaccination**
To receive a verbal update from the Deputy Medical Director, Trafford CCG
- (d) **Community Engagement**
To receive a verbal update from the Consultant in Public Health
- (e) **Community Enforcement**
To receive a verbal update from the Strategic Manager, Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour

8. PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT BOARD ACTIVITY

For all Board Members to provide updates on any activity pertaining to the remit of the Board not covered elsewhere on the agenda

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

To consider any other items of business not on the agenda which need to be considered by the Board before the next confirmed meeting.

SARA TODD
Chief Executive

Membership of the Committee

Council Leader or named Elected Member, nominated leads from opposition parties
VCSE representatives – including specialists relating to key population groups (older people; BAME; children; mental health , Learning Difficulties), Partnerships lead, Communications lead, Director of Public Health, Director of Adult Social Services, Director for Children’s Services, Neighbourhood representatives, Clinical Commissioning Group representative, Trafford Local Care Organisation representative, Healthwatch Representative

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Trafford Covid-19 Public Engagement Board

Wednesday 2nd June 2021 – 10:00 a.m. – Virtual meeting

Present:

Councillor Slater (Chair)	Portfolio Holder for Health, Wellbeing, and Equalities
Councillor Newgrosh	Leader of the Liberal Democrats Group
Eleanor Roaf	Director of Public Health, Trafford Council
Khan Moghal	Chair, Voice of BME Trafford
Suzanne Whittaker	Regulatory Services Manager (Environmental Health)
Andrew Latham	Chief Officer, HealthWatch Trafford
Caroline Hemmingway	Greater Manchester Police
Manish Pradah	Deputy Medical Director, Trafford CCG
Jilla Burgess-Allen	Consultant in Public Health, Trafford Council
Tracey Clarke	Communications & Engagement Specialist - Engagement (CCG)
Dorothy Evans	African Caribbean Care Group
Ben Wilmott	Covid-19 Senior Project Manager, Trafford Council
Alexander Murray	Governance Officer, Trafford Council

	Item	Decision / Action	Key Person for Action
1.	Welcome and apologies	Apologies were noted from Councillor Freeman, Rebecca Demaine, Nigel Smith, George Devlin, Helen Gollins, Thomas Maloney, Diane Eaton, Joanne Gibson	
2.	Minutes	The minutes of the meeting 19 th May 2021 were agreed as an accurate record.	
3.	Membership	There had been no changes to the Membership since the last meeting.	
4.	Update on the current Covid-19 situation in Trafford	<p>The Board agreed to note the update.</p> <p>The following messages were shared with the Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Trafford rates were good relative to the rest of Greater Manchester but were increasing; 2. The increase was mainly of the new strain known as strain Delta; 3. The new strain still responds to vaccination but you need both doses in order to not transmit that strain. So it is important that everyone receives their second dose as soon as possible; 4. Most cases were among the younger population including children of school age and the younger part of the workforce; 5. Trafford were starting to see cases among the over 60s; 6. Meeting with people outdoors still the safest way to socialise; 	All

		<p>7. Those who can work from home should continue to do so.</p> <p>8. The decision on wider opening was scheduled to be made on the 14th June.</p> <p>9. Contract tracing was working but still needed people who tested positive to continue the good work of informing people they had been in contact with, telling them to get a PCR test, and to self-isolate.</p> <p>10. Still need to take self-isolation seriously</p>	
5	10POINT ACTION PLAN		
5a.	Mass Testing	<p>The Board agreed to note the update. The following messages were shared with the Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Everyone needed to keep taking lateral flow test regularly, especially if they work in retail or hospitality; 2. Anyone with symptoms needs to have a PCR test; 	All
5b.	Contact Tracing and Outbreak Management	<p>The Board agreed to note the update. The following messages were shared with the Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. People should be encouraged to work from home if they are able; 2. If you have been in contact with someone who tested positive get a PCR test; 3. Businesses needed to do their own contract tracing in addition to the national system, if possible, to minimise infections among their workforce. 	All
5c.	Mass Vaccination	<p>The Board agreed to note the update. The following messages were shared with the Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 70% of eligible people have received a first dose 2. 44% of eligible patients have received a second dose 3. 90% of Cohorts 1 to 9 have been vaccinated. 4. 98% of over 80's and nursing home residents have been vaccinated. 5. There was a higher rate of reluctance to receive a vaccine in the North of the borough and focused work was continuing to combat that. 6. The CCG were aware of increased reluctance in taking the AZ vaccine due to media coverage and are looking at offering alternatives. 	All
5d.	Update and escalations from the COVID-19 Community Engagement	<p>The Board agreed to note the update. The Board recognised the excellent work of the Community Engagement Team in combating vaccination hesitancy across the borough. The following messages were shared with the</p>	N/A

	Group	<p>Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Community Champions scheme now launched and people were able to sign up. 2. Details of how to sign up were available on the Council's Website 3. Community Champions would be given key messages on a weekly basis to disseminate across their community. 4. A piece of work within the Clifford Ward was to be conducted over the next two weeks by the team and volunteers which would knock on 6000 doors to gain information from the community. 5. A mobile vaccination service was being set up with St John's Ambulance 	
5e.	Update and escalations from the Community Enforcement Group	The Board agree to note the update	N/A
6.	Public Engagement Board Activity and Feedback	<p>The following messages were shared with the Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That GPs with vaccines left over should contact their ward Councillors to advertise that there were extra available to the community. 2. If people need transport to a GP they can ring the GP who will help to arrange it for them. 3. The Board asked that people inform their local Council, Health Providers, and Voluntary Groups of the barriers they faced in accessing testing or vaccination. 	N/A
7.	Any Other Business	None	
8.	Date of Next Meeting	Wednesday 16 th June 2021 at 10:00am	

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Report to: Public Engagement Board

Date: 16/06/2021

Report of: COVID-19 Programme Team

CLT Lead: Eleanor Roaf, Director Public Health Trafford

Report Title: Data surveillance update paper to Public Engagement Board

Report Summary:

This paper provides an update on the current data position for COVID-19 within Trafford and provides comparative information with other GM localities. Data insights into any potential trends are provided based on best available public health information and intelligence available.

Overview of the current position

- There were **456** confirmed cases during the week of 03 June – 09 June, with the highest number of cases (84) on Tuesday 08th June.
- Following on from last week's increase in cases, we have seen a further rise in positive cases, as Trafford's case 7-day case rate is at **192.1/100k** (previously **117.5/100k** for the 7 days up to June 02nd).
- Apart from Bolton where rates are now coming down slowly, rates are continuing to rise in each of the GM boroughs (as well as the majority of boroughs in the North West). Although Trafford currently has the 3rd lowest rate out of the 10 GM boroughs, our rates are 17th worst in England.
- We are starting to see a steady increase in the number of people going for testing, although Trafford's 7-day testing rate still remains below **400/100k**. We continue to see an increase in Trafford's positivity rate, rising to above **6%**.
- Case rates remain highest in Trafford's 15-29 age group, increasing to a current rate of **599.6/100k** from **273.8/100k** in the previous week. Rates are increasing most for 17-24 year olds and a slight increase for young people aged 11-16 years – this may be due to people restarting regular testing as schools return after half term, so we will pick up cases more quickly.
- For the rest of the adult population, cases are not increasing at the same rate and remain at or below the Trafford average.
- Case rates remain lowest for residents 60 years and over (**40.7/100k**),. We remain among the worst 20 LAs in England for our over 60s rates.

- Rates have increased in all but 4 wards compared with the previous week. There are 9 wards with rates over 200/100k and only 2 wards with a rate below 100/100k.
- Over 76% of all Trafford residents aged 18 years and above have received their first vaccine dose. The percentage of Trafford residents 18 years and above receiving both doses has risen above 54%.

Along with the rest of Greater Manchester, we have seen a sharp increase in Trafford's case rate since the beginning of June. The dominant strain of Covid now circulating in Trafford is the Delta variant, which is more infectious than the previous strain. Our 7-day case rate is 192.1/100k as of June 09th.

The vaccination programme is progressing well as over 76% of Trafford residents aged 18 years and over have now been vaccinated, and over 54% of residents aged 18 years and over have received both vaccination doses. All cohort groups 1-9 have been offered their first dose vaccination, and over 90% have received their first dose vaccine. This still leaves a substantial number of people unvaccinated and we are striving to reach at least 95% in this group. Despite steady improvements, we are still seeing inequalities in vaccine uptake, with lower uptake in some of our more deprived areas and in some minority groups. We have seen rates of vaccination increase in the Asian/Asian British population in the North of the borough (with uptake now greater than in the White population); rates remain lower in our black/Black British population. We anticipate that inequalities in uptake will widen as the vaccine is rolled out to younger age groups and we are taking steps to reduce this risk.

The North of the borough remains our major area of concern both for endemic covid and for serious illness following Covid. We are working with local community groups to increase uptake of vaccination.

At time of writing, we are waiting to hear about any changes to the restrictions but are anticipating a delay in the relaxations. From a Public Health perspective, any delay is welcomed as even though the vaccination gives good protection, we still have large numbers of people who are still not vaccinated and so are at significant risk from Covid and long Covid. This delay will allow the vaccination programme to make even more impact on transmission and illness. I would like to emphasise the need for residents to continue to limit their social contacts, maintain social distancing, work from home wherever possible, stay outdoors, and keep good hand and respiratory hygiene habits at all times. We would strongly encourage all residents to take up the offer of vaccination as soon as they are eligible, and to remember the importance of the second dose in protecting themselves and others. While covid is generally not as serious in younger people, long covid can have a very significant impact, and vaccination protects against this too.

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1.0 Distribution of COVID-19 cases within Trafford

1.1 Early December saw a gradual increase in cases, rising more sharply near the end of the month and going into early January.

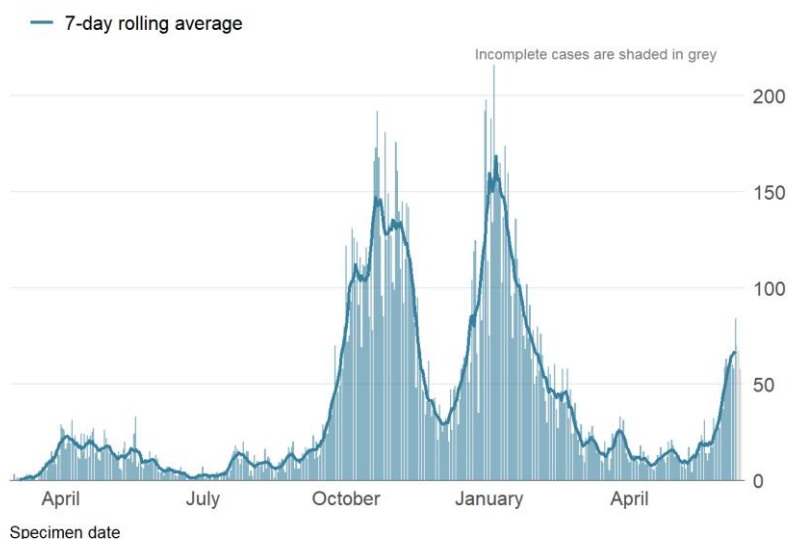
1.2 Trafford's cases started to drop following the national lockdown. We then started to see case rates stall over a 14-day period in mid-late February.

1.3 A drop in the number of daily cases during early March was followed by a 10-day period (March 21st – March 31st) where daily cases increased, increasing our 7-day case rate to greater than 70/100k on March 31st.

1.4 April saw a steady flow of cases, reporting, on average, between 15-20 cases per day.

1.5 We started to see volatility in our weekly rates in late April, going into May, however rates remained below a rate of 60/100k.

1.6 We have seen a sharp increase in positive cases for Trafford residents since June 1st – we are now averaging over 60 cases per day.



Source: PHE Covid-19 Situational Awareness explorer

Figure 1. Epidemic curve of daily confirmed new cases

Trafford, 02 March to 11 June 2021

1.7 Case rates have increased for each of our age groups over the past two weeks. Rates have risen most for Trafford’s 15-29 age group, currently at 599.6/100k. We have also seen rates increase for residents aged 30-44 years (200.3/100k), although the rates for this age group more closely resemble the Trafford average.

1.8 Among Trafford’s 15-29 age group, rates are highest (and are continuing to rise) for residents aged 17-24 years.

1.9. Although rates have increased slightly for residents aged 60 years and above (40.7/100k), rates are more stable than the rest of the Trafford population, and are well below the Trafford average.

1.10 The most recent days are showing an increase in the number of positive cases for the school-age population, particularly young people aged 11-16 years. We have also started to experience more school outbreaks as pupils have started to return from the holiday period.

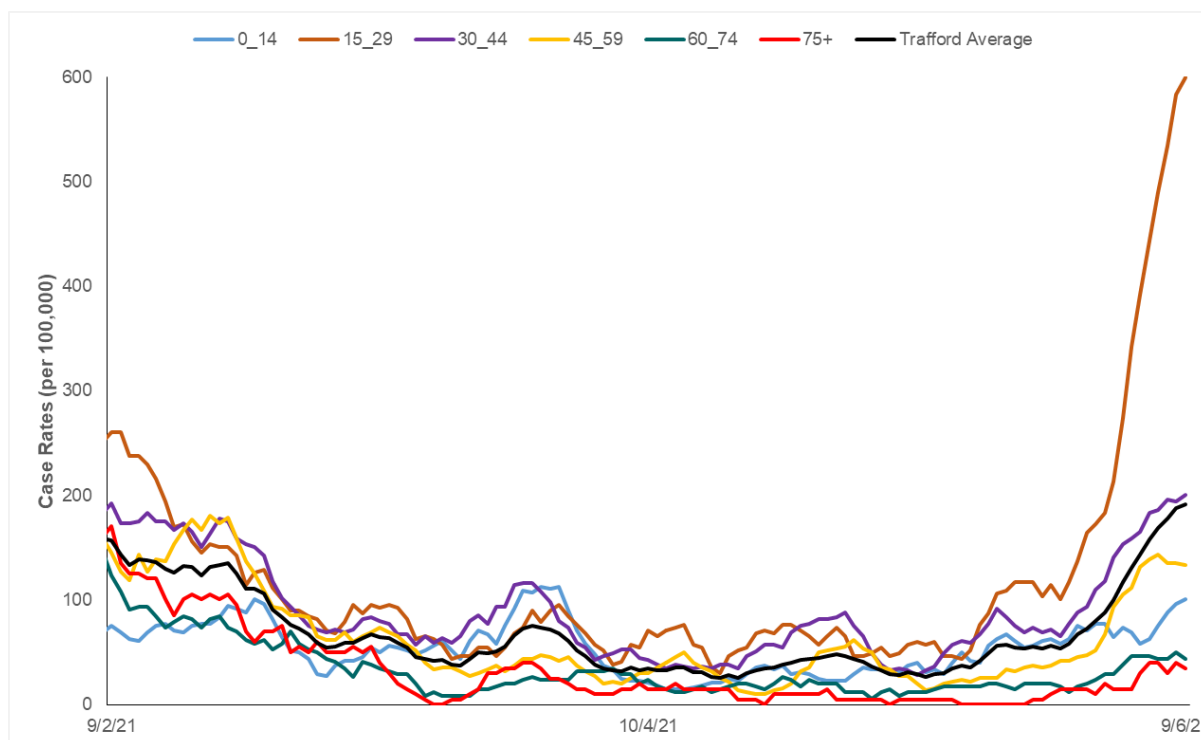


Figure 2. Age-specific case rates per 100,000 (February 9th – June 09th 2021)

1.12 Trafford’s ‘White’ ethnic group, as of week ending June 09, contribute to the highest number of cases (**308**), followed by the ‘Asian / Asian British’ ethnic group (**48**).

Table 1. Case count and incidence per 100,000 population by ethnicity

Trafford, 03 June to 09 June 2021

Source: PHE Daily COVID-19 Surveillance Reports

Cases in last 7 days		
Ethnic group	N	Per 100,000
Other	12	545.5
Asian / Asian British	48	267.1
Mixed	15	248.7
Black / Black British	13	198.8
White	308	158.7

2.0 Geographical spread of COVID-19 in Trafford

2.1 Rates have increased in all but 4 wards compared with the previous week. There are 8 wards with a case rate greater than 200/100k and only 2 wards with a rate below 100/100k.

2.2 Case rates remain highest in the north of the borough, as each of the 4 wards have rates above 200/100k. Rates have not continued to rise in the west of the borough, but have increased most for wards in the south of the borough, particularly Hale Central and Bowdon.

3.0 Testing in Trafford

3.1 Over a 7 day period, ending June 09, the majority (**95.4%**) of COVID tests were conducted in our pillar 2 sites, consisting of all out-of-hospital testing sites. 21 cases were reported from pillar 1 sites.

3.2 As of June 08, Trafford's 7-day positivity rate sits at **6.8%**, above the England average (**2.1%**).

3.3 Figure 3 shows that Trafford's testing rate has been mostly stable over the past two weeks, although the most recent days show that the number of residents getting tested is starting to increase (following a brief reduction in testing in late May). Trafford's 7-day testing rate remains below 400/100k.

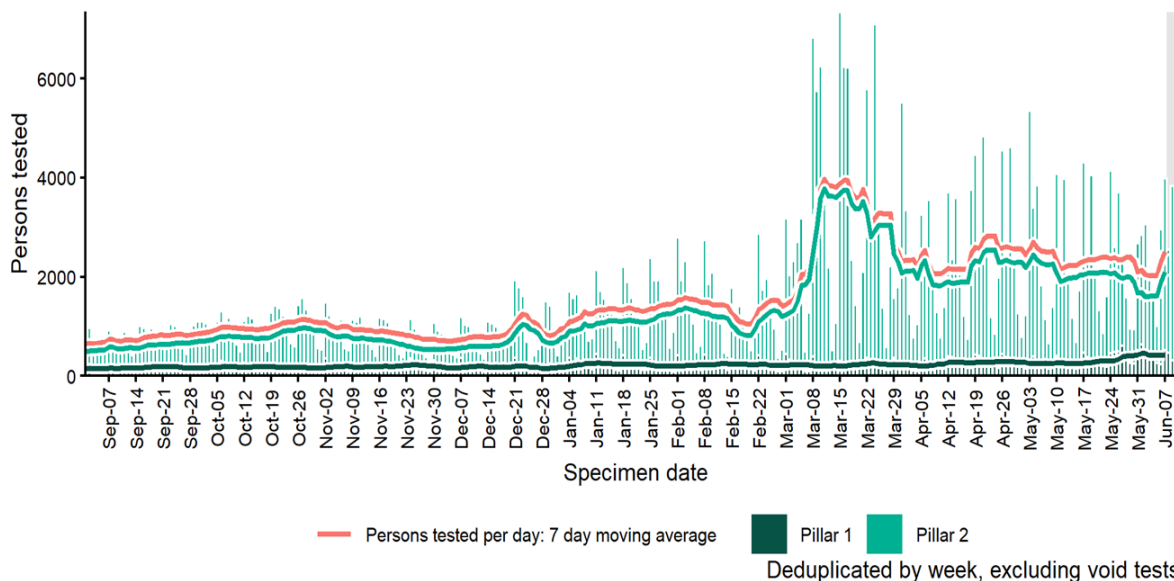


Figure 3. Number of individuals tested for COVID-19 (overall and by pillar) among residents of Trafford (September 01 2020 to June 11th 2021) 4 most recent days are provisional - indicated by a grey background.

4.0 Comparative data of COVID-19 cases within the local authorities of Greater Manchester

4.1 As presented in figure 3, regional case rates dropped sharply in early February, continuing into March.

4.2 Due to the low number of positive cases that were being reported throughout April, we started to see volatility in borough rates. However we did see a sharp increase in only Bolton’s case rate in mid-April, with their rates increasing above 400/100k into May.

4.3 Figure 3 shows a sharp rate increase for each of the Greater Manchester boroughs (apart from Bolton who are experiencing a steady reduction). As of June 10th, each borough has a rate above 160/100k, which is well above the England average (63.9/100k).

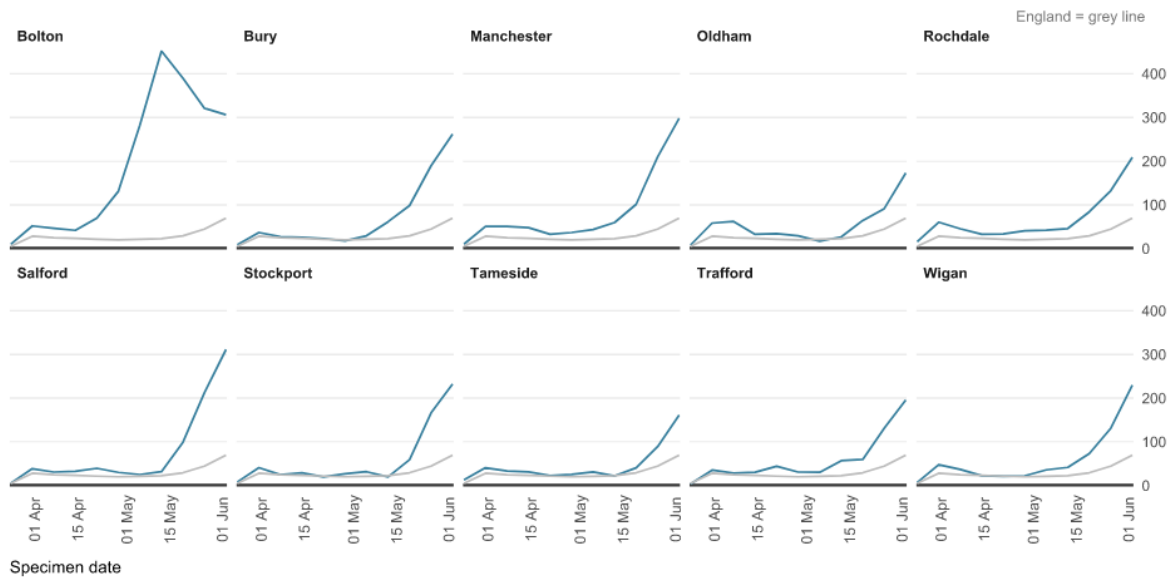


Figure 4. Weekly incidence per 100,000 population by local authority
Greater Manchester, 03 April to 10 June 2021

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