



## TRAFFORD COUNCIL

# AGENDA PAPERS MARKED 'TO FOLLOW' FOR TRAFFORD PANDEMIC SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date: Wednesday, 29 July 2020

Time: 4.00 p.m.

Place: Virtual

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	To receive an update of the position in Trafford and to discuss the boroughs continued response to COVID 19.		
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	To consider the attached report.		

**SARA TODD**  
Chief Executive

### Membership of the Committee

Councillors D. Acton (Chair), S.B. Anstee, Dr. K. Barclay, Miss L. Blackburn, G. Coggins, J. Dillon, J. Holden, J. Lamb (Vice-Chair), J. Lloyd, J.D. Newgrosh, A. New, B. Shaw, R. Thompson, D. Western, A.M. Whyte, A.J. Williams and B.G. Winstanley.

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## Trafford Pandemic Scrutiny Committee - Wednesday, 29 July 2020

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## **Briefing for external stakeholders on rate of infection of COVID-19 in Trafford 21/07/2020: Sensitive**

### **Introduction**

The purpose of this briefing is to provide an update on the current situation regarding COVID-19 infections in Trafford for relevant stakeholders. This briefing will be provided weekly.

### **Summary**

- Rate of new cases had reached a plateau, with very small numbers being recorded daily, but there is now an upward trend
- Rate has increased slightly after a slight increase in cases last week even though the overall number of new cases is still very small
- Trend will be closely monitored over the coming weeks to assess if there is a sustained rise in cases
- Data is now available at the MSOA level on a public facing website that can be searched by postcode

### **Position Statement from Eleanor Roaf, Director of Public Health**

Our increase in cases means that we are now showing more cases than the national modelling predicted, and that our exceedance report is now rated RED.

We continue to have low numbers of cases each day, and our positivity rates (the percentage of tests taken that are positive) remains at 1%. We have increased the availability of testing and this may explain increase in the number of cases detected. However, there has been an increase in rate per 100,000 over the previous 7 days, which looks as if it may continue.

We are seeing increasing numbers of younger people (especially women) testing positive; we need to make sure that men are also accessing testing.

Overall the risks remain low but with the increase in cases among younger people, we need to ensure that all workplaces and hospitality venues are keeping records of attendees and that social distancing and hand hygiene is maintained.

### **Total confirmed daily cases in Trafford- updated 19th July 2020**

Figure 1 below shows the confirmed cases (Pillar 1 and Pillar 2 data) by the day that people were tested, and the 14 day rolling average number of new cases per day.

There has been a general downward trend that started to plateau, but now seems to be showing a slight increase. The overall numbers are still low, but the trend is now moving upward again. The largest peak in cases occurred in late May, which coincided with the increase in testing opportunities for Trafford residents. Due to the

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low overall figures, a small number of positive cases have a large impact on the shape of the graph so this should be taken into account.

### Daily confirmed cases

Trafford, to 21 July 2020

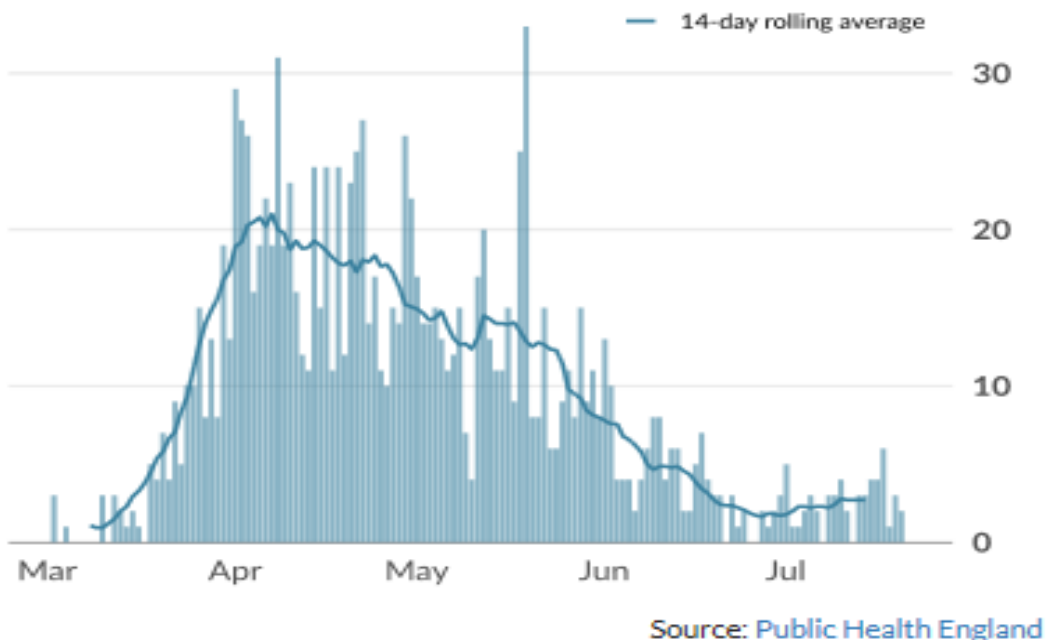


Figure 1- daily confirmed cases in Trafford over time, by date test taken. Includes Pillar 1 and Pillar 2 data. Updated 21st July  
Blue line indicates 14 day rolling average

### Confirmed cases- rate per 100,000 as of 19th July

Table 1 shows the total number of confirmed cases per 100,000 on the 21<sup>st</sup> July.

The rate has increased to 16.0 per 100,000 from 12.6 on the 11<sup>th</sup> July although the overall numbers are still small.

Trafford currently has the fifth highest rate of new cases per 100,000 compared to other parts of GM.

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**New confirmed cases in the last 14 days**  
to 21 July 2020

Name	Total cases	Population	Rate per 100,000
Bolton	73	287,550	25.4
Bury	24	190,990	12.6
Manchester	134	552,858	24.2
Oldham	74	237,110	31.2
Rochdale	163	222,412	73.3
Salford	58	258,834	22.4
Stockport	33	293,423	11.2
Tameside	30	226,493	13.2
Trafford	38	237,354	16
Wigan	21	328,662	6.4
Greater Manchester	648	2,835,686	22.9
England	6,916	56,286,961	12.3

Source: Public Health England

Table 1 – new confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the last 14 days- rate per 100,000 as of 21st July 2020

**14 day rolling average of cases per 100,000 21/07/2020**

Figure 4 sets out the rolling average of cases in the past 14 days per 100,000.

In Trafford there has been an overall downward trend, with some slight peaks, heading into a slight increase. This could be due to the small numbers involved. Nationally and in GM the downward trend continues.

**Daily confirmed cases per 100,000 population**  
14-day moving average, to 21 July 2020

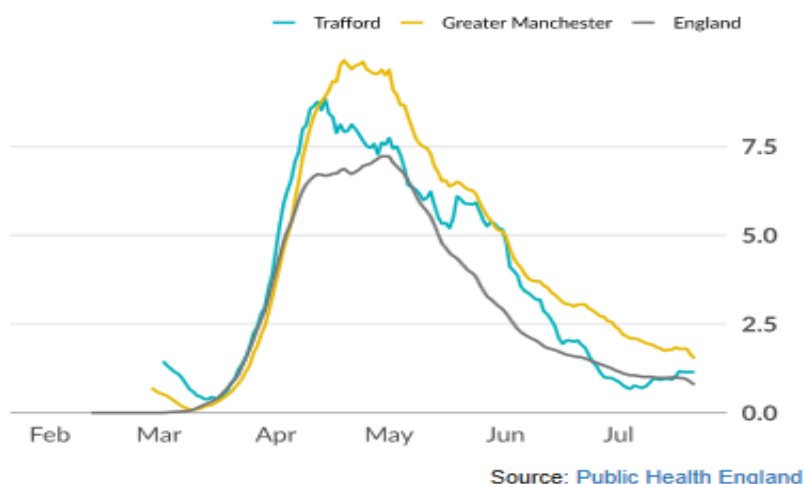


Figure 3 – 14 day rolling averages of confirmed cases of coronavirus per 100,000 for England, GM and Trafford as of 21<sup>st</sup> July 2020 (includes Pillar 1 and Pillar 2 data)

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**New Website for MSOA data**

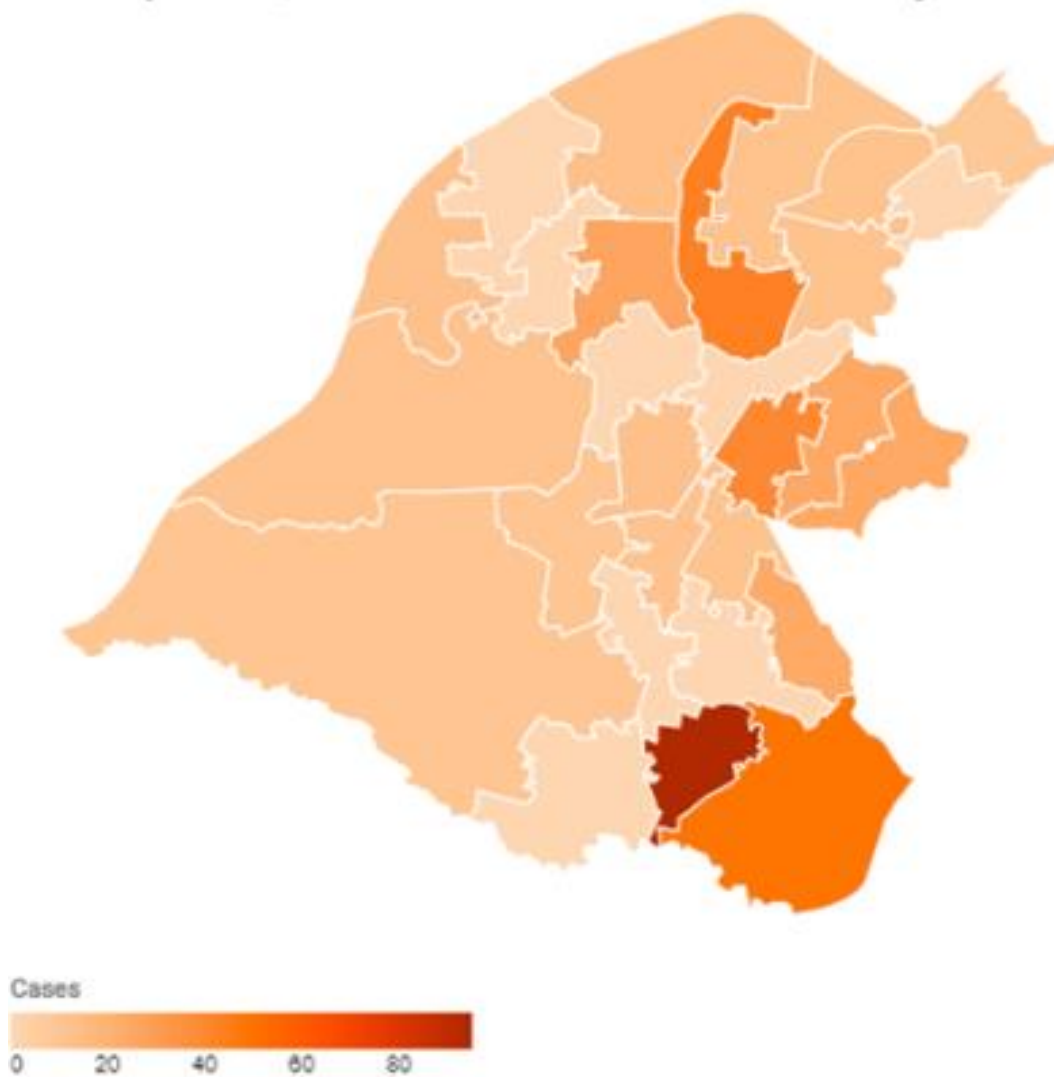
A new website is making data on the number of positive coronavirus cases available by Middle Super Output Area (MSOA) which means that the site can be searched by postcode and displayed on a map.

<https://www.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=47574f7a6e454dc6a42c5f6912ed7076>

This is publically available information and can be searched for any postcode of interest. Data is not displayed in areas where there are two cases or fewer, so whilst rates are low not all areas will have data displayed.

The figure below shows the rates by MSOA for the last fortnight. We are looking at the cases in the South of the borough to identify any common themes or linkages.

Rate per 100,000 of cases in the last 2 weeks by MSOA



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## Contact Tracing

247 cases have been identified in Trafford since the inception of NHS Test and Trace at the end of May 2020

- 179 (72%) of these have completed the contact tracing
- This has led to 414 contacts being identified by the national system, of whom 261 (63%) are complete.
- There are a further 1268 contacts identified through the local (Tier 1, GM Health Protection) system
- Of these, 1238 (97%) are complete

**Overall, 1682 contacts have been identified and 1499 (89%) are complete.**

The low number of contacts per case identified through the national programme may in part be explained by a high number of contacts during lockdown being household members. In such cases the contact tracer may have given advice to one member of the household (rather than each member separately), so this would reduce the number of contacts recorded.

There is a need to increase people's willingness to engage with contact tracing, as this, along with hand hygiene and social distancing, will be key to reducing the risk of community transmission and a second wave.

**Eleanor Roaf /Louise Harding**

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**Report to:** Pandemic Scrutiny Committee  
**Date:** 29 July 2020  
**Report for:** Information  
**Report of:** Statutory Scrutiny Officer

**Report Title**

**Trafford Pandemic Scrutiny Committee – Work Programme Report**

**Summary**

This report lays out the progress that the Pandemic Scrutiny Committee has made to date and details the areas that the Committee will look to scrutinize in their scheduled meetings.

**Recommendation(s)**

The Pandemic Scrutiny Committee are asked to;

- Note the content of the report
- To agree the recommendation that the Executive provide any recovery plans under development to the Pandemic Scrutiny Committee on the 19<sup>th</sup> August 2020.

**Contact person for access to background papers and further information:**

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## **Background**

1. The Pandemic Scrutiny Committee was created on the 15<sup>th</sup> May by Council to fulfil the Council's Scrutiny function during the COVID 19 pandemic following the suspension of the Council's three Scrutiny Committees. Since the 15<sup>th</sup> May the Committee has held three meetings.
- 1.2 The first meeting was to discuss how the Committee would function during the pandemic and to suggest topics that the group would consider. At the second meeting the Committee covered Public Health, Adult Social Care and Schools and Education during the COVID 19 Pandemic. The Third meeting covered the Council's financial position.

## **Meeting 1<sup>st</sup> July**

- 2.1 The Committee were provided with reports on the Council's financial position in advance and were asked to provide questions in advance of the meeting. The Leader, the Executive Member for Finance and Investment, the Corporate Director of Place, and the Deputy Director of Finance attended the meeting to provide an overview of the financial position and answer the Committee's questions. During the meeting a wide variety of topics were discussed with the following items being of particular interest.

- The position of Council tax collection
- The impact of COVID 19 on Trafford's self-employed residents
- Intu going into administration
- The possibility that the Chief Finance Officer would submit a Section 114 notice
- The Council's budget deficit
- The Council's reserve position
- The impact of COVID 19 on planning and development
- The use of Council estates and assets going forward
- The impact of COVID 19 on the investment fund
- Burden sharing
- The Council's plans for recovery
- The considerable reduction of income from Council Services, for example leisure centres, parking income etc.

- 2.2 The Committee noted that there were a lot of unknowns regarding both the local and national position in relation to local authority finance. The Committee also noted a lot of work was ongoing in all areas and that the picture was developing on a weekly basis as more information became available. The Committee were informed at the meeting that the financial report that was due to be given to the Executive on the 20<sup>th</sup> July would form the basis of the Council's budgetary expectations for the year and that plans for the Council's response would have a more solid foundation from there onwards.

2.3 Given the importance of the report the Committee requests that it be the main item on the Agenda for the meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> August. The Chair invites the Executive Member of Finance and Investment to attend the meeting to present the report and answer the Committee's questions. It is also hoped that by the 19<sup>th</sup> August some of the unknown variables which had been a barrier to the development of concrete recovery plans will be known. The Committee request that any such plans under development as of the 19<sup>th</sup> August be brought to the committee so that they can support the Executive in the shaping of those plans.

### **Recommendations**

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## Annex 1 – Work Programme

### Dates and Topics for upcoming meetings

Date of Meeting	Area of focus
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> July 2020	Schools and Education and Health and Social care
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> August 2020	The impact of COVID 19 on the Council's Budget, Investment, and Economy
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> September 2020	To be decided

### Topics suggested by Councillors

Below is a log of topics suggested by Committee Members

Area	Topics
School and Education	Impact on Children with SEND including support in place, use of easements, and EHCP performance including level of referrals.
	Number of Children returning to school by location
	Childminders and Child care and how the Council is working with this sector
	Impact on Young people finishing school, further education, and university
	Remote learning
Children and Young People's Health and Social Care	Impact upon disadvantaged and vulnerable school children
	Impact upon Children in Care
	Young people's Mental Health. Performance of Healthy Young minds and level of referrals.
Public Health, Wellbeing, and Social Care	Performance of Track, Trace, and Isolate
	Adult Mental health during COVID 19
	Active Transport
	Community Hubs and lessons learned
	Use of easements of the Care Act
	Impact Upon BAME Community
	CQC Report Regarding Learning Difficulty and Autistic Spectrum Disorder
Budget, Investment, and Economy	Council's financial recovery plans
	How to ensure Trafford is open for Business
	The position of Council tax collection
	The impact of COVID 19 on Trafford's self-employed residents
	Intu going into administration
	The possibility that the Chief Finance Officer would submit a Section 114 notice
	The Councils budget deficit
	The Council's reserve position
	The impact of COVID 19 on planning and development

	The use of Council estates and assets going forward
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