



AGENDA PAPERS FOR TRAFFORD COVID-19 PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT BOARD

Date: Wednesday, 19 May 2021

Time: 10.00 am

Place: Virtual meeting

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A G E N D A	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 To receive and, if so determined, to approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on the 21 st April 2021	1 - 4
4. UPDATE ON THE CURRENT COVID-19 SITUATION IN TRAFFORD To receive an update from the Director of Public Health	5 - 12
5. 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 Associate Director of Commissioning, Primary Care

(d) **Community Engagement**

To receive a verbal update from the Head of Regulatory Services and the Consultant in Public Health

(e) **Community Enforcement**

To receive a verbal update from the Strategic Manager, Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour

6. 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

7. 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

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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 19th April 2021 – 10:00 a.m. – Virtual meeting

Present:

George Devlin (Chair)	Lay Member for Patient and Public Participation, Trafford CCG
Eleanor Roaf	Director of Public Health, Trafford Council
Khan Moghal	Chair, VoicebeMet
Donna Sager	Consultant in Public Health, Trafford Council
Ellie Caddick	Covid-19 Communications Lead, Trafford Council
Catherine O'Connor	Strategic Neighbourhood Engagement Lead (Central), Trafford Council
Andrew Latham	Chief Officer, HealthWatch Trafford
Kate Murdock	Operations Manager – Health, Trafford Council
Helen Gollins	Consultant in Public Health, Trafford Council
Dorothy Evans	Voluntary, Community Social Enterprise (VCSE) Representative, African Caribbean Care Group
Nick Young	GMP
Nicky Shaw	Emergency Planning/CCTV Manager, Trafford Council
Sara Radcliffe	Director of Integrated Health and Social Care Strategy, Trafford Council and NHS Trafford CCG
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Jilla Burgess-Allen	Consultant in Public Health
Alexander Murray	Governance Officer, Trafford Council

	Item	Decision / Action	Key Person for Action
1.	Welcome and apologies	All Elected Members were absent due to the meeting being held during the PURDAH period. Apologies were received from Rebecca Demaine and Fabiola Fuschi.	
2.	Minutes	Agreed	
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 following messages were shared with the Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Covid infection rates had dropped in Trafford 2. The Highest rates were in the 17 – 29 year old population, who were not eligible for vaccination yet. 3. Younger people were encouraged to take lateral flow and PCR tests when possible and to continue to be vigilant and aware of the impact Covid could have on them. 	N/A

		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. For all businesses due to re-open to review their Covid security arrangements and risk assessments. 5. That the vaccination programme was progressing very well and it was expected to be offered to younger demographics in the next few weeks. 6. That communications and engagement was underway with Trafford's Muslim community to ensure that Ramadan and Eid would be celebrated as safely as possible. <p>The Board agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To note the update. • To note the excellent efforts of the 17 – 29 year olds and their resilience throughout the pandemic. 	
5	10POINT ACTION PLAN		
5a.	Mass Testing	<p>The following messages were shared with the Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 20000 test per week were being complete within Trafford and the majority those tests were Lateral Flow Tests. 2. An appraisal of all the testing sites across Trafford was being conducted to ensure that they still met the needs of the community. 3. Communications to key groups were ongoing to encourage the uptake of testing. 4. The positivity rate was 1% which was the lowest it had been. 5. Risk assessments were available for any community centres that were re-opening. 6. Regular meetings were being held with the VCSE sector and Training and individual risk assessments were available for new staff and volunteers. <p>The Board agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To note the update 	N/A
5b.	Contact Tracing and Outbreak Management	<p>The following messages were shared with the Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There had been a reduction in demand over the previous two weeks which had allowed the team to review their processes. 2. A new system was in place for providing support during self-isolation. 3. Numbers had been low both overall. 4. 70% of residents that the team needed to contact locally had been contacted successfully. 5. There had been one outbreak in a school in the North of the Borough. 6. The team were working with a new business 	N/A

		<p>where there had been a cluster of cases.</p> <p>7. The team had dealt with one business four schools and a care home. Through the local contact tracing the team were able to determine that these outbreaks all linked to two individuals who had shared a coffee break together.</p> <p>The Board agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To note the update. 	
5c.	Mass Vaccination	<p>The following messages were shared with the Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Close to 50% of the Trafford population had received both doses of the vaccine. Among the most vulnerable cohorts around 88% had received both doses. 2. There had been concerns raised about the AZ Vaccine and the team had been addressing people's concerns. 3. For those who had continued concerns about the AZ vaccine the alternative was the Moderna vaccine available at the Etihad Stadium. 4. There had been no first dose deliveries in the last month but one was due on the following Monday. 5. There were two networks which would not be delivering vaccinations for the next cohort but this would be covered by pharmacies instead. 6. The Vaccination programme was on track and would be moving onto the next cohorts in the following two weeks. <p>The Board agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To note the update. 	N/A
5d.	Update and escalations from the COVID-19 Community Engagement Group	<p>The following messages were shared with the Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 4 neighbourhood engagement officers had been appointed bringing the team up to 10 members. 2. In the last two weeks the voice of BME had worked to boost confidence in vaccinations in the north of the borough and 70 people who had previously turned down the vaccine had now taken it. 3. Overall 30% of people who had originally turned down the vaccine had now been vaccinated. 4. Work was ongoing with homeless residents in Trafford to identify ways that a vaccine roll out could work and a session was scheduled for the 26th April. 5. Approval had been received to increase funding for volunteering which will be delivered through a collaborative community pilot programme over the next year. 6. The team were close to appointing a volunteering officer who will help to deliver the volunteering 	N/A

		<p>strategy.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. The Community Champions were going to be soft launched within the next month with a view to recruiting more champions prior to the larger public launch. 8. A meeting with mosque leaders and GMP was scheduled for the 21st April which would be used to pass on Covid guidance ahead of Eid and to listen to their views on having a vaccination session after Eid prayers on the 11th or 12th May. 9. Messaging was to go out regarding a vaccination session at Limelight of on the 22nd of April. 10. Door knocking in the North of the borough had led to 73 residents in Old Trafford being contacted and the information gained would be shared with teams and partner organisation who worked in the area. 11. Trafford were taking part in the GM “Do your bit” campaign, which was focused on generating positive messages around vaccination. 12. Mr Khan Moghul noted that Trafford had done an excellent job in engaging with the Community around COVID. <p>The board agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To note the update. • To thank the Community Engagement group for their excellent work during the pandemic. 	
5e.	Update and escalations from the Community Enforcement Group	<p>The following messages were shared with the Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The reduction of lock down restrictions had been a very positive experience and the joint approach by the police and the Council would continue. <p>The board agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To note the update. 	N/A
6.	Public Engagement Board Activity and Feedback	Nothing was raised	N/A
7.	Any Other Business	<p>The Chair informed the Board that due to the election on the 6th May it had been proposed that the next meeting scheduled for the 5th May be cancelled unless there was a sharp increase in cases.</p> <p>The Board agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To cancel the meeting on the 5th May. 	
8.	Date of Next Meeting	Wednesday 19 th May 2021 at 10:00am	

Report to: Public Engagement Board

Date: 19/05/2021

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 70 confirmed cases during the week of 06 May– 12 May, with the highest number of cases (17 cases) on Sunday 09th May.
- Trafford's case rate has decreased to **29.5/100k** residents from **36.7/100k** in the previously reported week (April 29 – May 05). However, the more recent (incomplete) data from 13th is showing a rising number of cases.
- Case rates remain mostly stable for all GM boroughs apart from the borough of Bolton, who have seen a sharp increase in their rates over the past 4 weeks.
- We continue to see little change in Trafford's testing rate over the past 21 days, fluctuating between a 7-day testing rate of 250/100k & 300/100k. Trafford's positivity rate remains below 2%, but is still much higher than the England average (0.8%).
- We are seeing case rates below 50/100k for each of our age groups apart from 15-29 years age group. However, case rate in this age group for the current week (**60.2/100k**) is only slightly higher compared to the previous week (**49.3/100k**).
- Case rates are lowest for our residents aged 60 years and over, with fewer than 7 cases during the reported week (06 May – 12 May).
- Ward rates remain volatile due to small numbers, increasing for 7 wards, decreasing for 11 wards, and remaining unchanged for 2 wards.
- We continue to see new workplace outbreaks. We would urge all businesses to increase their efforts to make their workplaces Covid secure and continue to encourage their staff to work from home, even as further lockdown restrictions are lifted over the coming weeks.

- Over 51% of all Trafford residents have been given their first vaccine dose. The percentage of Trafford residents receiving both doses has risen above 30%.

There has been little change in Trafford's case rate over the past 5 weeks, remaining below a rate of 50/100k. With case rates rising sharply in Bolton over the past 4 weeks, and the impact there of the variant VOC Apr21-02, we are keeping a very close eye on our rates, and are carrying out enhanced contact tracing.

The vaccination programme is progressing well as over 50% of Trafford residents have now been vaccinated, and over 30% of residents have received both vaccination doses. All cohort groups 1-9 have been offered their first dose vaccination, with over 89% having 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 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.

As more lockdown restrictions are eased this week, we 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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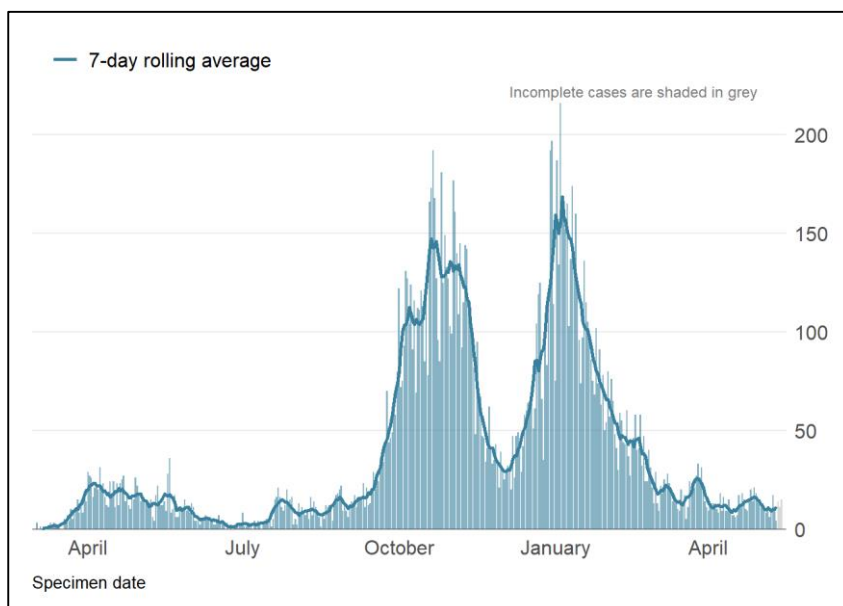
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1.0 Distribution of COVID-19 cases within Trafford

- 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 did see a slight rate increase during a 8-day period from April 25th, however we have since seen our case rates drop back down, currently at 29.5/100k as of the 7-days up to May 12th.
- 1.6 We may continue to see weekly volatility in our rates, especially rates by ward, as a result of the low case numbers that are currently being reported.



Source: PHE Covid-19 Situational Awareness explorer

Figure 1. Epidemic curve of daily confirmed new cases

Trafford, 02 March to 14 May 2021

- 1.7 We have seen case rates remain below a rate of 100/100k for each of our 15-year age groups over the past 6 weeks.

1.8 As of week ending May 12th, each of Trafford's age groups are showing a rate below 50/100k apart from our 15-29 group. Case rates for our 15-29 year olds have only shown a slight increase from the previous week (49.3/100k) to our current week (60.2/100k).

1.9 Case rates have remained lowest for our 75+ population, maintaining below a rate of 50/100k since early March. Rates are also low for our 60+ residents, again, maintaining below a rate of 50/100k since early March.

1.10 We have reported less than 7 cases among residents 60+ during the reported week (06 May – 12 May).

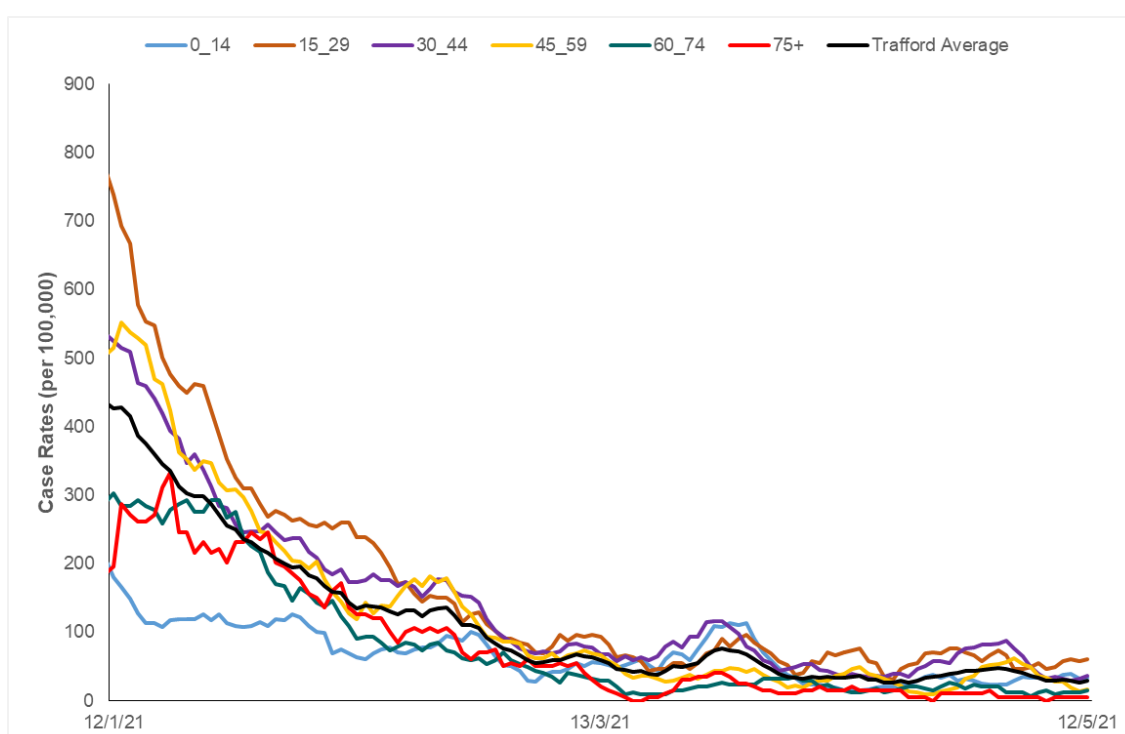


Figure 2. Age-specific case rates per 100,000 (January 12th – May 12th 2021)

1.11 Case rates among Trafford's school age population have remained mostly stable over the past 4 weeks, although we are seeing slightly higher rates for 10-19 year olds.

1.12 Trafford's 'White' ethnic group, as of week ending April 14, contribute to the highest number of cases (**45**), followed by the 'Asian / Asian British' ethnic group (**15**).

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

Trafford, 06 May to 12 May 2021

Source: PHE Daily COVID-19 Surveillance Reports

Cases in last 7 days		
Ethnic group	n	Per 100,000

Other	<10	181.8
Asian / Asian British	<10	50.1
Mixed	<10	33.2
White	50	25.8
Mixed	<10	15.3

2.0 Geographical spread of COVID-19 in Trafford

2.1 Ward rates remain volatile due to small numbers, increasing for 7 wards, decreasing for 11 wards, and remaining unchanged for 2 wards during the reported week (06 May – 12 May).

2.2 Each of Trafford's wards have a rate below 100/100k. We have seen rates dropped most for wards in the south of the borough, but have remained mostly unchanged for wards in our north, west, and south localities during the reported week (06/05 – 12/05).

3.0 Testing in Trafford

3.1 Over a 7 day period, ending May 15, the majority (**97.1%**) of COVID tests were conducted in our pillar 2 sites, consisting of all out-of-hospital testing sites. Less than 5 cases were reported from pillar 1 sites.

3.2 As of May 15, Trafford's 7-day positivity rate sits at **1.7%**, above the England average (**0.8%**).

3.3 Figure 3 shows mostly stable testing rates over the past 3 weeks; although most recent data indicates a slight reduction in the number of daily tests being conducted. We are seeing more volatility in our testing rates when compared to periods prior to March 2021 due to increased availability of testing from community and educational settings.

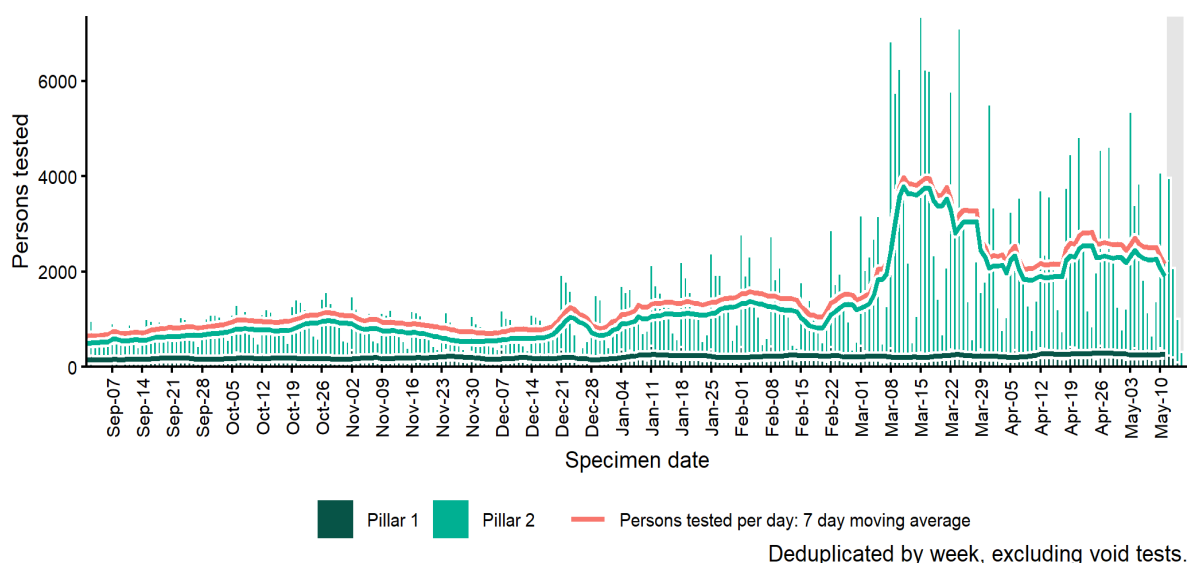


Figure 3. Number of individuals tested for COVID-19 (overall and by pillar) among residents of Trafford (September 01 2020 to May 15th 2021) 4 most recent days are provisional - indicated by a grey background.

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.

4.3 As of May 12th, Trafford's 7-day case rate (29.5/100k) is similar when compared to all other boroughs apart from the borough of Bolton. Bolton has experienced a sharp growth in its case rate since mid-April, currently greater than 250/100k.

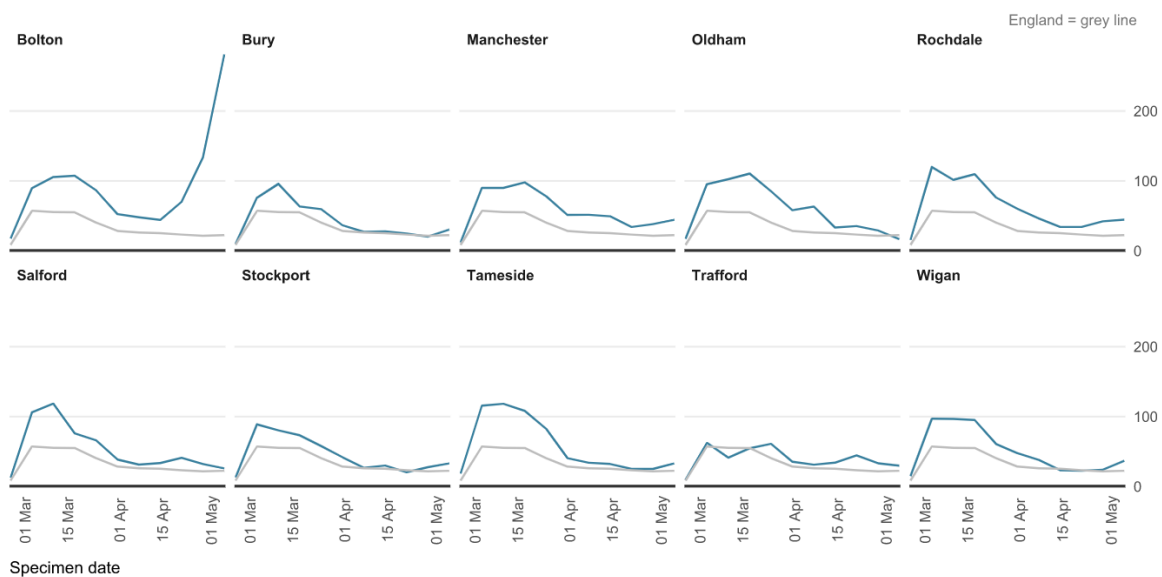


Figure 4. Weekly incidence per 100,000 population by local authority
Greater Manchester, 06 March to 13 May 2021

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