



TRAFFORD COUNCIL

AGENDA PAPERS FOR TRAFFORD COVID-19 PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT BOARD

Date: Wednesday, 2 June 2021

Time: 10.00 a.m.

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 To receive and, if so determined, to approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 19 May 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 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

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

Councillors N. Evans, M. Freeman, J.D. Newgrosh, M.J. Welton and A. Western.

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Trafford Covid-19 Public Engagement Board

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

Present:

Councillor Freeman (Chair)	Portfolio Holder for Covid-19 Reform and Recovery
Councillor Newgrosh	Leader of the Liberal Democrats Group
Councillor Welton	Ward Councillor, Green Party Group
George Devlin	Lay Member for Patient and Public Participation, Trafford CCG
Rebecca Demaine	Associate Director of Commissioning, Primary Care, 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
Andrew Latham	Chief Officer, HealthWatch Trafford
Helen Gollins	Consultant in Public Health, Trafford Council
Nick Young	Greater Manchester Police
Jilla Burgess-Allen	Consultant in Public Health, Trafford Council
Helen Grant	Strategic Manager Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour, Trafford Council
Nigel Smith	Head of Regulatory Services, Trafford Council
Debbie Walsh	Director of Integrated Services, Trafford Local Care Organisation
Ben Wilmott	Covid-19 Senior Project Manager, Trafford Council
Louise Wright	Partnerships and Communities Team, Trafford Council
Fabiola Fuschi	Governance Officer, Trafford Council

	Item	Decision / Action	Key Person for Action
1.	Welcome and apologies	The Chair welcome all attendees and thanked George Devlin for chairing the meeting during the pre-election period. The Chair announced Donna Sager's retirement, and, on behalf of all Board Members, thanked Donna for her invaluable contribution to the Public Health Services of Trafford and its residents.	
2.	Minutes	Agreed subject to the amendment of the date of the minutes to say 21 st April 2021 instead of 19 th May 2021.	
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. The following messages were shared with the Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Covid-19 infection rates dropped in Trafford but slight increase in younger population; 2. Vaccination rate good as greater than 70%. People are strongly encouraged to take second dose for greater protection; 3. Outstanding contribution of community, faith and voluntary sector to encourage vaccination uptake; 4. Successful Eid prayer in Trafford – thank you to all those involved; 	All

		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Lateral flow testing useful for asymptomatic people whereas those with Covid-19 symptoms should use PCR testing; 6. People with symptoms or with positive test result tend to do their own contact tracing with family and friends. This is good practice and it should be encouraged; 7. Continue to be cautious, avoid crowded places and follow hand hygiene, social distancing and face covering rules. 	
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. Position stable in terms of provision and access; 2. Community collect model, easy access to lateral flow testing and used to going back to normal activities; 3. Acknowledgement from national organisations that community collect model to continue for nine months; review of staffing and venues will take place to ensure its efficiency; 4. Currently drafting plans for responses to vaccine of concern, if need arises. 	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. Local contact tracing is effective; 2. Be honest with contact tracing and share all the contacts you had to stop the chain of transmission and to keep places open; 3. If in doubt, get in touch with Public Health and Contract Tracing; 4. Good collaboration with schools, pupils and their families who have been extraordinary and helped to manage a few outbreaks; 5. Big piece of work with Manchester United for their first match open to spectators; Environmental Health Team have supported the match to be Covid secure. 	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. National guidance issued for bringing forward second dose from 12 to 8 weeks for over 50s and high risk groups; 2. Thank you to all volunteers and communities who have contributed to increase the vaccination uptake. Greater request for second dose; 3. As 12th May in Trafford, 121,249 people have received the first dose of the vaccination and 65,868 the second one; 	All

		4. NHS Application able to provide vaccination certificate.	
5d.	Update and escalations from the COVID-19 Community Engagement Group	<p>The Board agreed to note the update. The following messages were shared with the Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Community Champion Programme will be launched this week. A web-site has been created with resources for Community Champions who will share Covid-19 information advice and collect feedback from communities; 2. Engagement exercise and activities in the north of the Borough to pilot and test new methodology and approach; 3. Community listening exercise held in Old Trafford to speak with parents and guardians re. the impact of Covid-19; 4. VoicebeMet and difference they make re. vaccination and tests with greater uptake; more activity now directed to Partington; 5. Increase vaccination uptake with Asian communities, work promoting clinics to continue. 	N/A
5e.	Update and escalations from the Community Enforcement Group	<p>The Board agree to note the uptake and following messages were shared with the Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Safe reopening of retail and hospitality, support to businesses provided by Environmental Health and Licensing; 2. Good level of compliance; 3. Security Advisory Group to support sporting events; 4. Reports of Anti-Social Behaviours, not Covid related; 5. Enforcement Group might start meeting fortnightly, it will be reassess after May Bank Holiday week-end; 6. Onus on licenced premises to have security in place during the evening, if issues occur, Environmental Health and Police will intervene. 	N/A
6.	Public Engagement Board Activity and Feedback	People to continue to exercise caution and limit their contacts and work from home whenever possible. In order to keep hospitality open, people have to be responsible and continue to follow social distancing, face covering and hand hygiene.	N/A
7.	Any Other Business	None	
8.	Date of Next Meeting	Wednesday 2 nd June 2021 at 10:00am	

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Report to: Public Engagement Board

Date: 01/06/2021

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 127 confirmed cases during the week of 20 May – 26 May, with the highest number of cases (30 cases) on Tuesday 25th May.
- Trafford's case rate has increased to **53.5/100k** residents from **36.7/100k** in the previously reported week (April 29 – May 05). The more recent (incomplete) data from May 26th is showing a continuing rising number of cases and our rates are likely to be nearer 80/100,000 by 3rd June.
- Case rates are increasing across most other GM boroughs following the recent surge in cases for the borough of Bolton.
- Although we are not seeing big changes in Trafford's testing rate, the most recent 7-day period indicates a slight increase in the number of residents getting tested, rising above a rate of **300/100k**. Trafford's positivity rate (**2.6%**) remains stable, but is still well above the England average (**0.9%**). **Coupled with the increase in testing, this suggests that we are seeing a genuine ongoing rise in the underlying rate of Covid in the borough.**
- Case rates remain highest for Trafford's 15-29 age group (greater than **101.3/100k**), followed by residents age 30-44 years (**65.4/100k**).
- We have seen a slight increase in the number of residents aged 45-59 years testing positive, and worryingly, we are starting to see more cases in people aged over 60.
- Ward rates remain volatile due to small numbers, increasing for 8 wards, decreasing for 11 wards, and remaining unchanged for 2 wards. Ward rates remain highest in the north, as Clifford and Longford are the only two wards in the borough with a rates over **100/100k**.

- 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 55% of all Trafford residents have been given their first vaccine dose. The percentage of Trafford residents receiving both doses has risen above 36%.

There has been an increase in Trafford's case rate over the past 5 weeks, and our rates are now well over 50/100,000. Most of our cases now are likely to be caused by the new variant VOC Apr21-02 (the 'delta' variant) . We are continuing to carry out enhanced contact tracing.

The vaccination programme is progressing well as over 55% of Trafford residents have now been vaccinated, and over 36% of residents have received both vaccination doses. However, in cohorts 1-9, who are the people most likely to be seriously ill, we are still not yet at 90% uptake of first dose. This still leaves a substantial number of people unvaccinated and we are striving to reach at least 95% in this group. Furthermore, 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. If we do not narrow this gap we are likely to see more illness in groups who are less able to withstand it.

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 this point, we feel that the safety of full lifting of restrictions on 21st of June could be in jeopardy unless rates start to come down again. We all have a part to play in ensuring that the restrictions can be lifted safely. 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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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.

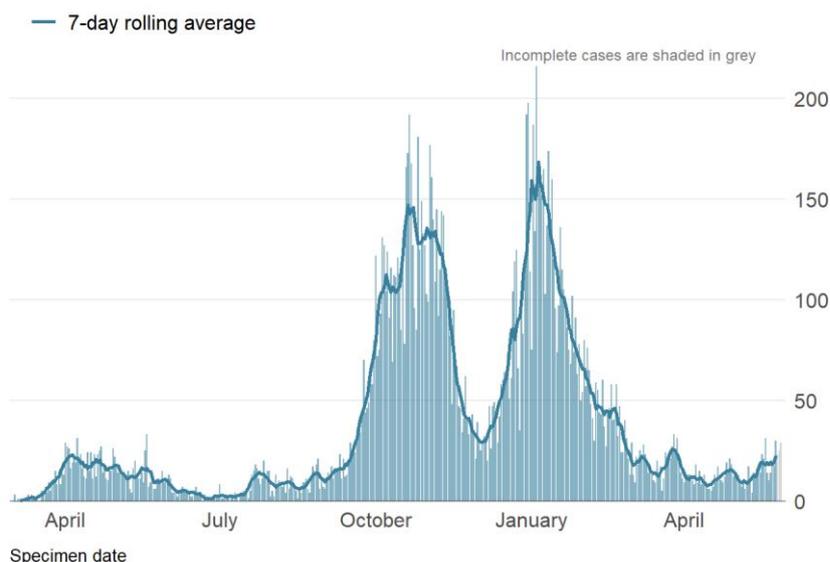
1.2 Trafford's cases started to drop following the national lockdown. We then started to see case rates stall over a 14-day period in mid-late February.

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 an 8-day period from April 25th, but our case rates dropped back down. However, rates were 29.5/100k as of the 7-days up to May 12th but are currently at 56.5/100k as of the 7 days up to May 26th.

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 28 May 2021

1.7 We have seen case rates remain below a rate of 100/100k for most our 15-year age groups over the past weeks, with the exception of 15-29 age group (101.3/100k) which has increased from 60.2/100k previously reported, followed by residents age 30-44 years (65.4/100k).

1.8 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.

1.9. We have seen a slight increase in the number of residents aged 45-59 years testing positive, however we are still recording less than 10 cases per week in residents 60 years and older.

1.10 We have reported less than 10 cases among residents 60+ during the reported week (20 May – 26 May).

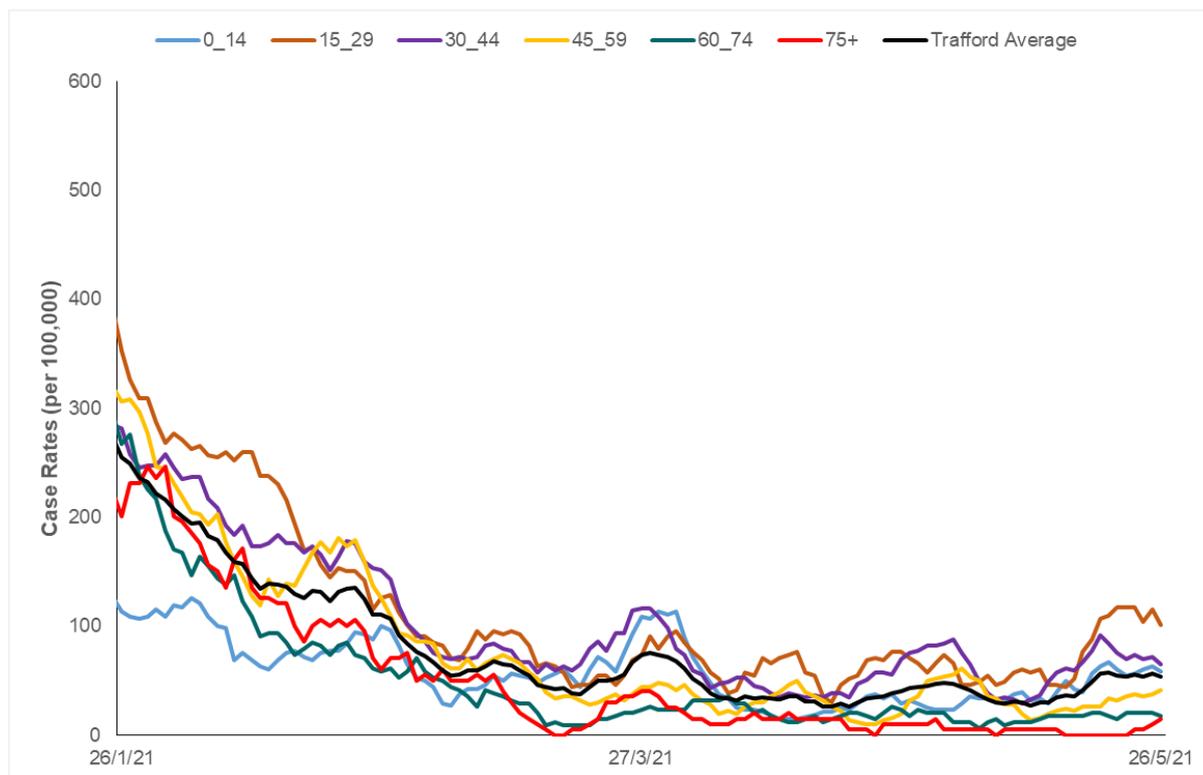


Figure 2. Age-specific case rates per 100,000 (January 12th – May 26th 2021)

1.11 We are also seeing an increasing number of school outbreaks. Case rates for our school-age population remain above the Trafford average (particularly young people aged 15+), although we haven't seen the rates continue to rise over the most recent 7-day period.

1.12 Trafford's 'White' ethnic group, as of week ending May 27, contribute to the highest number of cases **(69)**, followed by the 'Asian / Asian British' ethnic group **(39)**.

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

Trafford, 21 May to 27 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	39	217
Black/Black British	<10	61.2
White	69	25.8
Mixed	<10	16.1

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 29, the majority **(96.4%)** of COVID tests were conducted in our pillar 2 sites, consisting of all out-of-hospital testing sites. 5 cases were reported from pillar 1 sites.

3.2 As of May 29, Trafford's 7-day positivity rate sits at **2.7%**, above the England average **(0.9%)**.

3.3 Figure 3 shows a slight increase in testing rates over the past 3 weeks. Although we are not seeing big changes in Trafford’s testing rate, the most recent 7-day period indicates a slight increase in the number of residents getting tested, rising above a rate of **300/100k**.. 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.

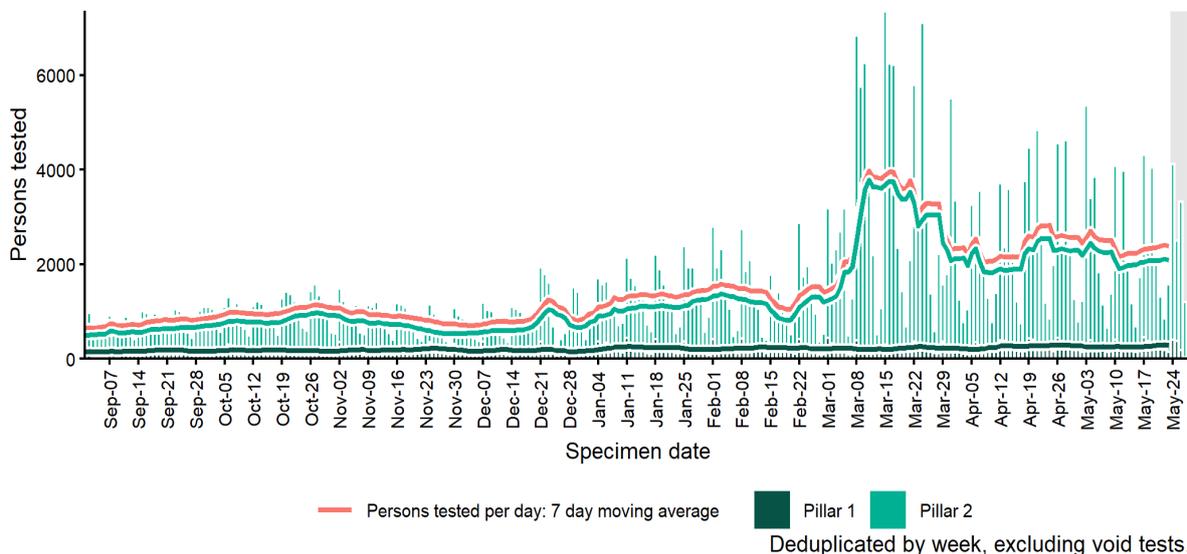


Figure 3. Number of individuals tested for COVID-19 (overall and by pillar) among residents of Trafford (September 01 2020 to May 27th 2021) 4 most recent days are provisional - indicated by a grey background.

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 28th, Trafford's 7-day case rate is (53.5/100k) is similar when compared to all other boroughs apart from the borough of Bolton. Following the recent surge in cases for the borough of Bolton, we are starting to see rates increase across most other GM boroughs. The 7-day case rate for the North West (**60/100k**) is well above the England average (**25.7/100k**).

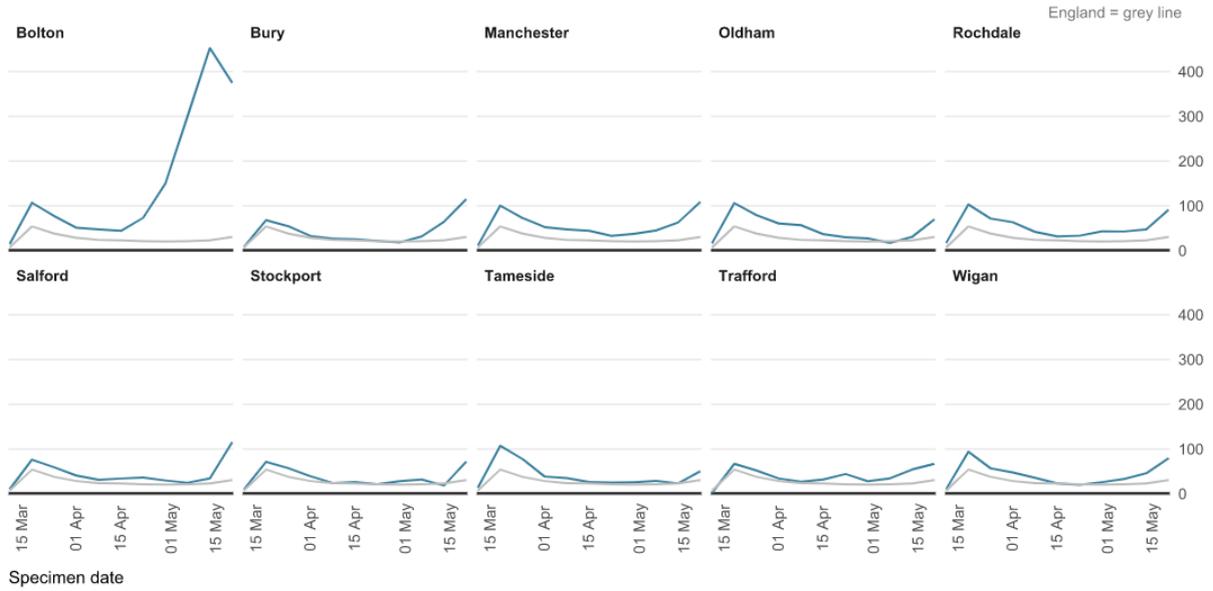


Figure 4. Weekly incidence per 100,000 population by local authority
Greater Manchester, 06 March to 27 May 2021

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