

**Report to:** Pandemic Scrutiny Committee

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**Report of:** COVID-19 Programme Team

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**Report Title: Update paper to Pandemic Scrutiny Committee on COVID-19 Programme in Trafford**

**Report Summary:**

This report outlines the progress made in the recent period in the local response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The paper outlines key activities within each work programme including testing, track and trace, data and intelligence, community engagement and PPE/infection control.

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## **1.0 Data and Intelligence**

- 1.1 Rates of infection have been gradually increasing over the past weeks.
- 1.2 The 7-day average number of daily confirmed cases in Trafford on Tuesday 15 September 2020 was 14.1.
- 1.3 There were 99 confirmed cases during the week ending Tuesday 15 September which is equivalent to 41.7 cases per 100,000 residents.
- 1.4 The highest number of daily cases during the past week were reported on Thursday 10 September with 22 cases.
- 1.5 The positivity rate for testing current stands at 3.1%.
- 1.6 Whilst Trafford have the second lowest incidence per 100,000 population within GM local authorities, rates are increasing with Clifford, Longford and Sale Moor the worst affected areas.
- 1.7 Performance monitoring against PHE intelligence exceedance data (network triggers) continues with ongoing exploration of demographics (e.g. younger people) to understand patterns and causes to feed into our 10 point action plan.
- 1.8 Full data and intelligence briefing is provided in Appendix A.

## **2.0 Testing**

- 2.1 Testing sites in Trafford Park and Partington are now operational but the number of test being undertaken in the locality has been declining due to the national capping of activity
- 2.2 There are significant testing issues nationally with limited testing capability and large lab analysis backlogs on tests.
- 2.3 The mobile testing site will be in place during September and October at Trafford House but there is a chance these may be redeployed to other GM sites in response to COVID outbreaks and where rates are higher.
- 2.4 Redeployment of testing sites to other areas could act to skew infection rate data if fewer cases are being identified due to reduced testing capacity.
- 2.5 The recruitment of BAU swabbing team has been initiated and is ongoing and there is a plan in place for swabs to be obtained for staff regularly visiting care homes.
- 2.6 Supported Living & Extra Care Social Care Team are to be part of GM testing pilot during next period.
- 2.7 Care Homes are reporting increasing unacceptable delays in test results being received which have been escalated the national team.

## **3.0 PPE**

- 3.1 The stock position at New Smithfield Market (PPE Warehouse) for all PPE lines is within healthy parameters.

- 3.2 GMHSCP have now secured three models of FFP3 masks for future supply and to manage demand and reduce reliance on a single model. Quality assurance and certification of these masks is complete and testing/piloting and FIT testing onto the new models is ongoing.
- 3.3 Key roles in new structure have now been appointed – there are two remaining roles that could not be recruited to that need to go back out to advert.
- 3.4 The online PPE order form has now been launched to providers, simplifying the ordering process and reducing resource requirements. Feedback has been positive.
- 3.5 A first draft of the GM procurement and logistics business case has been shared with chief execs. The team are generally supportive of the interim proposals outlined in the paper - a functioning GM PPE model provides a key foundation to support our own transitional arrangements. Remaining areas of concern have been shared with RCG and the team are proactively working with GMHSCP to address these concerns to ensure the future model is fit for purpose and provides adequate locality assurance.
- 3.6 A local position on provision of PPE for winter flu clinics agreed – providers should access PPE via the national online portal in the first instance. However the team have secured adequate supplies via GM to cover winter flu PPE need should this be required.
- 3.7 There is limited information on further mobilisation plans of the national PPE portal – the scope of the portal is regularly being expanded with new providers being on-boarded and order limits are regularly updated, but a roadmap of has not been shared by the national team. The mobilisation of this portal forms a critical dependence of the scale and scope of the Trafford and Manchester PPE mutual Aid Hub.

#### **4.0 Track & Trace**

- 4.1 Locally supported contact tracing was initiated on the 9th September 2020. Staff recruitment is ongoing and additional staff from ASC and the CCG are being secured via RCG.
- 4.2 The operational model for track and trace is in development and actively being implemented - Information governance requirements have now been signed off and agreements are being developed for other case systems within council.
- 4.3 There is currently a high volume of emails being received in the team for advice on infection control measures and potential positive cases in school settings.
- 4.4 The job descriptions for the infection control lead, nurse and support officer have been drafted and are with MFT for evaluation and recruitment.
- 4.5 The operational model to consider door-to-door contacts and enhanced community engagement for these activities is ongoing.

#### **5.0 Community Engagement**

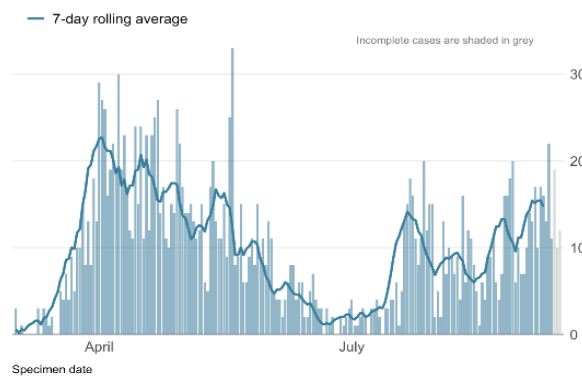
- 5.1 The team are creating better system ownership of delivery against the 10-point action plan. The Public Engagement Board Members have agreed specific actions where they could support in delivering key messages and a Covid-19 Co-ordination Engagement Group has been established to support the work of the Board and co-ordinate the engagement response across the locality.
- 5.2 The Covid-19 Co-ordination Engagement Group will use the local data and intelligence to update and lead the intensive engagement plan using localised networks for disseminating information and engaging with residents
- 5.3 A series of engagement events have been delivered in Partington during September in response to the high rates of infection.
- 5.4 The team are working to develop localised networks in neighbourhoods for disseminating info, faith leaders, 'activists' and community organisations. CCF members are willing to engage with hard-to-reach communities to increase awareness and support. Masjid E Noor and As Salaam Centre (both Old Trafford Mosques) have agreed to utilise their transmitter service to broadcast key messages and updates into households. Mosques have suggested that the messaging would reach 5,000 households in Old Trafford and Stretford. This allows for engagement with households that do not have access to the Internet.
- 5.5 Urdu and Punjabi posters have been delivered around Old Trafford and Stretford businesses and there is ongoing engagement with business re local lockdown restrictions.
- 5.6 A Virtual Partners Network has been established to disseminate key information to communities for wider circulation.
- 5.7 25,000 leaflets printed in Arabic, Gujarati and Urdu have been developed for distribution after afternoon prayers by Mosque Leads.
- 5.8 An engagement event has been planned with Community Safety Officers, Partnerships and Communities Officers and Place-Based Integration Workers in Old Trafford
- 5.9 Stakeholder briefings are now being circulated weekly by Trafford Business, Community Safety and Partnerships and Communities.
- 5.10 Faith Leaders disseminate weekly stakeholder briefing to congregations.
- 5.11 Targeted work has been undertaken with education partners re safe return to school.

## Appendix A: Covid-19 Surveillance Summary

This summary draws on a number of PHE data sources which have different publication times so the most recent reporting date will vary slightly.

- The 7-day average number of daily confirmed cases in Trafford on Tuesday 15 September 2020 was **14.1**.
- There were **99** confirmed cases during the week ending Tuesday 15 September which is equivalent to **41.7** cases per 100,000 residents. **97** cases or **40.9** cases per 100,000 residents were confirmed during the previous week.
- The highest number of daily cases during the past week were reported on **Thursday 10 September** with **22** cases.
- **10.1% (10)** of cases were tested under Pillar 1 and **89.9% (89)** under Pillar 2.

**Epidemic curve of daily confirmed new cases**  
Trafford, 02 March to 14 September 2020



Source: PHE Covid-19 Situational Awareness Explorer

**Testing volume and positivity rate**  
Trafford, 14 days ending 15 September

Pillar	Tests		
	n	per 100,000	Positiv rate
Pillar 1	1,019	429	1.2
Pillar 2	4,186	1,764	3.9
Total	5,205	2,193	3.4

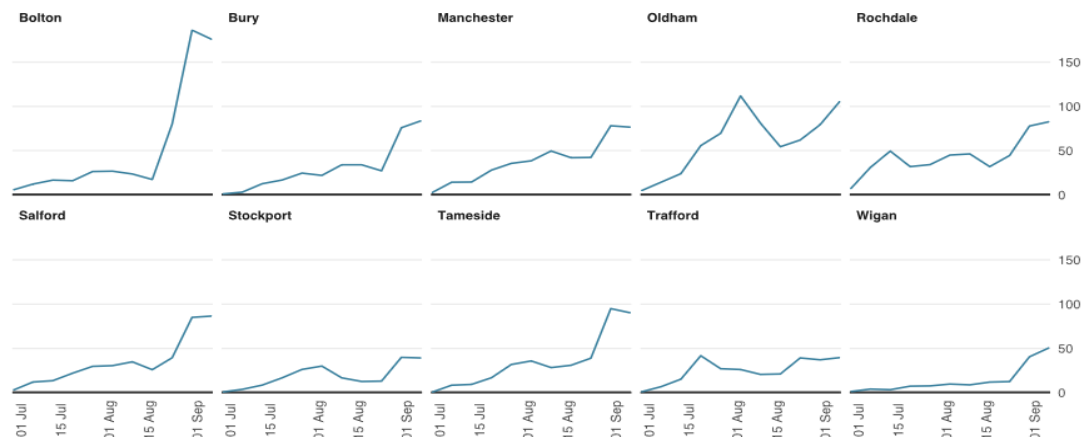
Source: PHE Daily COVID-19 Surveillance Reports

**Weekly incidence per 100,000 population by local authority**  
Greater Manchester, 01 September to 14 September 2020

	01 September - 07 September	08 September - 14 September ↓	Change
Bolton	186.1	175.6	-10.4
Oldham	79.3	105.9	26.6
Tameside	94.9	90.1	-4.9
Salford	85	86.5	1.5
Bury	75.9	83.8	7.9
Rochdale	77.8	82.7	4.9
Manchester	78.1	76.5	-1.6
Wigan	40.5	50.8	10.3
Trafford	37.1	39.6	2.5
Stockport	39.9	39.2	-0.7

Source: PHE Coronavirus Dashboard

**Weekly incidence per 100,000 population by local authority**  
Greater Manchester, 08 July to 14 September 2020



**Weekly incidence per 100,000 population by ward**  
Trafford, 02 September to 15 September 2020

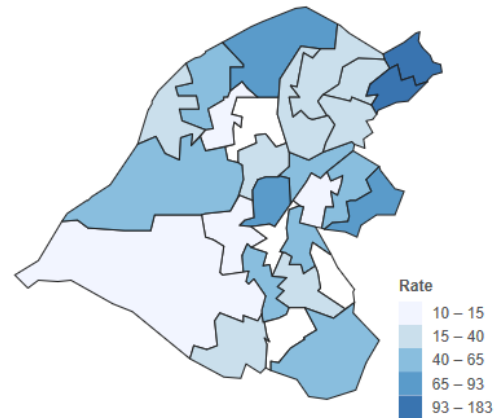
	02 September - 08 September	09 September - 15 September	↓ Change
Clifford	103.9	143.8	39.9
Longford	136	96	-40
Sale Moor	55.4	83.1	27.7
Hale Barns	19.9	59.6	39.7
Davyhulme East	30.7	51.1	20.4
Broadheath	7.1	49.9	42.7
Bucklow-St Martins	28.4	47.4	18.9

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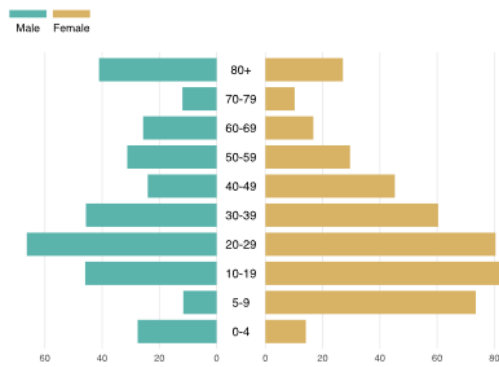
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**Incidence per 100,000 population by MSOA**  
Trafford, 09 September to 15 September 2020



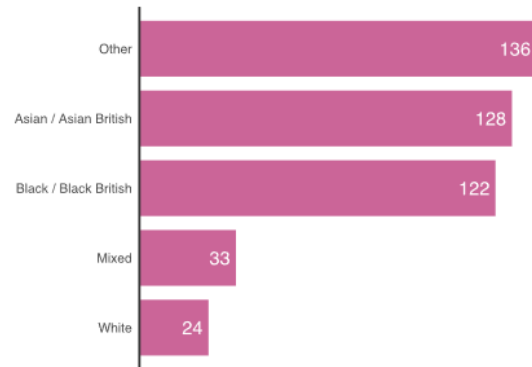
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**Incidence per 100,000 population by age and gender**  
Trafford, 09 September to 15 September 2020



Source: PHE Covid-19 Situational Awareness Explorer | ONS

**Incidence per 100,000 population by ethnicity**  
Trafford, 09 September to 15 September 2020



Source: PHE Covid-19 Situational Awareness Explorer | 2011 Census