

NORTH STRATEGIC NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

Day: Tuesday
Date: 18 January 2022
Time: 6.30 pm
Place: Zoom

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Agenda Item 2.

NORTH STRATEGIC NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

26 October 2021

Commenced: 6.30 pm

Terminated: 8.00 pm

Present: Councillors Bowerman (Chair), Choksi (Vice-Chair), Bray, Costello, Drennan, Glover, Huntbach, Lewis and McNally

In Attendance:

Ian Saxon	Director of Operations and Neighbourhoods
Paul Smith	Assistant Director of Strategic Property
Gregg Stott	Assistant Director of Investment, Development and Housing
Emma Varnam	Assistant Director of Operations and Neighbourhoods
Dave Smith	Partnership Manager for Community Safety and Homelessness

Apologies for Absence: Councillors Cartey, Fairfoull and Patel

1. MINUTES

RESOLVED

The Minutes of the meeting of the North Strategic Neighbourhood Forum held on 23 March 2021 were approved as a correct record.

2. POLICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

The Partnership Manager for Community Safety and Homelessness and Chief Inspector Broadstock, Greater Manchester Police (GMP), delivered a presentation giving details of the Greater Manchester Police Tameside North Neighbourhood Strategy 2021 – 2023.

The Partnership Manager began by outlining the five key priorities of the Community Safety Strategy as follows:-

- Building Stronger Communities
- Preventing and reducing violent crime, knife crime and domestic abuse
- Preventing and reducing crime and anti-social behaviour
- Preventing and reducing the harm caused by drugs and alcohol
- Protecting vulnerable people and those at risk of exploitation

Chief Inspector Broadstock then gave details of the new GMP Strategic Plan, which focused on fighting, preventing and reducing crime; keeping people safe and caring for victims. Information was given in respect of public promises, including:-

- Responses to incidents and emergencies
- Prevention and reduction of crime, harm and anti-social behaviour
- Investigating and solving crimes
- Delivering outstanding public service
- Building public trust and confidence

The Partnership Manager informed Members of ongoing activity in respect of the promotion of Road Safety campaigns and Hate Crime awareness. Information was also provided in respect of Community Safety Partnership Grant Funding and the projects funded in 2021/22. One such project was a vehicle for Ashton United In The Community, which would be used to support the delivery of a series of community engagement projects, along with popup events where the partners involved could promote current community safety awareness messages.

The Partnership Manager concluded by explaining that partnership working continued with the aim of creating a safer, stronger and active community, where crime and anti-social behaviour was less likely to happen through Neighbourhood Watch schemes, of which there were 62 registered schemes within the Borough and 10 schemes in Tameside North.

The Assistant Director of Operations and Neighbourhoods notified the Forum of a multiple agency operation that was undertaken in Ashton town centre today that included Police, Fire, Trading Standards and the Community Safety Team. Early indications showed that the operation had been very successful and communication on the results of the partnership operation would be released in the coming days. She was pleased to announce that a Police post would be based within the Market Hall in Ashton town centre and further partnership operations would be held in the future.

Chief Inspector Broadstock explained that the Market Hall Police post would allow neighbourhood staff to be based in the heart of the area that was causing the most issues and problems. There would be a CCTV link and staff could review incidents and have access to crucial evidence quicker, which would speed up the process.

Members welcomed this information and stressed the importance of partnership working in order to rebuild trust within communities. They commended the improvement in local policing recently and queried if there would be a dedicated burglary patrol.

Chief Inspector Broadstock gave assurances that Police Officers were now less constrained by tasks and procedures, which had prevented them from having a more visible presence in the community and that they would be able to work more flexibly in dedicated neighbourhood teams going forward. There was a firm commitment that victims of burglary would receive a visit from a Police Officer and if there were forensic opportunities, a Scenes of Crime team member would visit to look for lines of inquiry. He was pleased to inform the Forum that Tameside had the best positive outcome rate for charges for burglary in Greater Manchester but this could and would be better.

Chief Inspector Broadstock encouraged everyone to report crimes and provided assurance that reports would be responded to and reinforced GMP's commitment to listen to and work with people and partners with the aim of creating a safer, stronger community. He advised that there was a commitment to reducing response times and encouraged everyone who was able to report on-line as this was quicker.

Chief Inspector Broadstock also responded to Members concerns in respect of road safety, in particular speeding vehicles. There was a strong emphasis on enforcement and a week of action was undertaken during the summer with an ongoing dedicated day each month in areas where there had been reports of speeding. Members were encouraged to report areas of concern to the Neighbourhood Team and they would be targeted to issues speeding tickets, seize uninsured vehicles and in many cases arrest drivers for other offences. It was reported that the Chief Constable was committed to strengthening Tameside's central road traffic policing to a level where it should be. There would be increased visibility through a number of dedicated vehicles on a daily basis around the borough, which further strengthened the commitment and a real impact would soon be seen. In addition, community speed watches would be launched.

Following enquiries from Members, Chief Inspector Broadstock further emphasised the importance of Neighbourhood Watch schemes and the commitment for police officers to attend such meetings and be in a position to share crime data. He also confirmed that Police and Communities Together

(PACT) meetings would now recommence following a pause due to Covid restrictions, which was welcomed by Members.

The Chair thanked Chief Inspector Broadstock and the Partnership Manager for Community Safety and Homelessness for their reassuring presentation and looked forward to the positive impact that the implementation of the Community Safety Strategy and GMP Strategic Plan would have across Tameside and in particular Ashton.

RESOLVED

That the content of the presentation be noted.

3. PLACE PRIORITIES

The Assistant Director of Investment, Development and Housing, delivered a presentation on the priorities of the Place Directorate going forward. He began by giving details of the following ongoing / future projects / initiatives:-

Tameside Resilience Business Clinic

- Launched as part of the Covid response, offering free, bespoke advice and guidance.
- Businesses were matched with a Project Manager from Economy, Employment and Skills using the bank of Business Community Champions, GM Business Growth Hub provision and a catalogue of online support including webinars.
- Business Community Champions were local business experts offering free support across specialisms including finance, social media and business start-up.
- To date 63 businesses had registered and engaged with the Clinic.

In Work Progression - launching in January 2022

- Tameside had been selected by DWP to run a trial project, offering support to Tameside residents who were in work but would like to increase their earnings.
- Experienced staff would offer one-to-one support.
- Support would be tailored to the aims of each person.

Tameside Youth Employment Support

- Created in response to increased challenges for young people following the pandemic, recognising the challenges many faced when trying to find employment.
- Employers were supported to create job opportunities matching the aspirations of a young person by offering reimbursement of first 6 months' salary for apprenticeship or non-apprenticeship roles.
- Partnership and Engagement Officers provided one-to-one support from application through to job sustainment including support with preparation for work, CV writing, understanding employer expectations, preparing for interviews and transition into work.

Routes to Work Supported Employment Service

- A team of specialist advisors offering advice, support and practical assistance for anyone with a disability who would like to find employment.
- On the job training using specialist methods.
- The Service provided retention advice and support to local businesses.
- Created a network of opportunities for residents with disabilities.
- Currently the Service supported 77 Tameside residents - 46 in work and 31 looking for work.

A framework for investment in Town Centres was detailed, which would provide an overarching strategy for the regeneration of town centres going forward. Details were given of significant investment and improvement over recent years through the Vision Tameside programme, such as Tameside One and the Transport Interchange, and the Council were engaging with the owners of

The Arcade and Ladysmith shopping centres to better understand opportunities for further long term change.

Reference was made to the £19.9 million Levelling Up Fund bid that had been submitted, which would accelerate the delivery of the comprehensive transformation of Ashton town centre and would include work on land remediation and enable infrastructure works on the former interchange site, walking / cycling and public realm improvements and supporting the restoration of Ashton Town Hall. Reference was also made to St Petersfield and Ashton Moss that had a number of emerging proposals.

In terms of housing delivery, it was reported that there were dedicated affordable housing developments with 51 rent to buy homes located at The Box, Ashton-Under-Lyne and 50 affordable rent homes at Cavendish Wharf, Ashton-Under-Lyne. There were significant other developments including 42 affordable rent home for over 55 year olds with full permission at Emmanuel Court, Henrietta Street, Ashton-under-Lyne, Southway Housing Trust, 195 homes on Hartshead School, Ashton-Under-Lyne, market site with 15% affordable homes agreed and the former Taunton Sunday School site was currently being marketed by the Council.

With regard to Strategic Property, reference was made to the vaccination centre at Oxford Park, the installation of a new boiler at Hurst Knoll school and the decarbonisation project. It was reported that a number of assets were declared as surplus at a recent Executive Cabinet meeting.

Members of the Forum welcomed news of the Levelling Up Fund bid and highlighted two areas of concern; land at the side of the bus station in Ashton and Ashton town centre. The Assistant Director of Investment, Development and Housing confirmed that both areas formed part of the Levelling Up Fund bid and the Council were working with TfGM on the land at the bus station, as the area was a priority for future development.

The Chair thanked the Assistant Director of Investment, Development and Housing for an informative presentation and the Forum looked forward to receiving future updates.

RESOVLED

That the content of the presentation be noted.

4. ACHIEVEMENTS AND FUTURE PLANS FOR THE FORUM

The Director of Place explained that Members views on future items / presentations for Forum meetings were welcomed and that he would be liaising with Members and the Executive Member, Neighbourhoods, Community Safety and Environment on this matter, going forward.

Members of the North Strategic Neighbourhood Forum requested that there be regular updates on the development of Ashton town centre and an update be provided on Ashton Moss.

CHAIR

G1 Neighbourhood North

Strategic Neighbourhood Forums

Ashton T/C, Hurst, Waterloo, St.Peters, St.Michaels

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#OPERATIONSAFERTAMESIDE

G1 North and East



16th December Officers and police staff from Tameside's Neighbourhood team joined partners from TMBC and the Fire Service in a multiagency day of action to reduce ASB and promote Road Safety in hotspot areas of Tameside.

NORTH team commanded by Insp Swift & Sgt Marsden, to focus on Ashton Town Centre.

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Target areas of Ashton Town Centre: Market Ground/Mcdonalds, St Michaels Church Grounds/Carpark, Ashton Moss.

Road Safety:

- Vehicle pulled for erratic driving, resulted in X1 fined for vehicles being driven in un-roadworthy condition.
- Vehicle pulled for use of mobile device, resulted in X1 court notification.
- Vehicle pulled for suspicious circs (False Plates), PNC showed no Tax / MOT - No further action taken.
- Wanted vehicle located.
- Numerous Vehicle PNC checks completed.
- High visibility provided to locations as requested by public via correspondence.

Speed enforcement carried out:

- WHITELANDS ROAD near to Plantation Street Ashton Under Lyne, TAG907CCZ, 10.30 - 10.51, 1 offence highest speed 37mph

Speed checks carried out:

- Wakefield Road, in 30mph area before the 40mph limit. 100 vehicles checked 10 offences would have been captured.

#OPERATIONSAFERTAMESIDE



Highways highlighted by the public and your local officers were targeted, with support from your Traffic PCSO'S. The day was a huge success, resulting in the following:

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16th December 2021:

- X1 Vehicle seized due to driver having no insurance and MOT
- X4 Drivers breathalysed
- X6 Stopped for faulty lighting
- X2 Stopped for illegal tinted windows
- X1 Stopped for illegal number plates
- X9 Stopped for exceeding the speed limit
- X4 Delivery vehicles stopped for failing to wear a seatbelt
- X2 Stopped for driving whilst using mobile device
- X3 Warnings for anti-social driving
- X1 Obstruction on public highway
- X1 Driver contravening stop sign
- Numerous intelligences was also gathered which your Neighbourhood policing team will be looking into.
- **Next Operation Safer Tameside planned 25th Jan – focusing on violent crime towards Women and Girls.**

Current Priorities



	TOWN CENTRE B1	HURST A3/A4	WATERLOO B2/B3/C3	ST PETERS C2/B4	ST PETERS C1	ST MICHAELS A1/A2	TGH
MAIN PRIORITY	Youth ASB	Burglary	Vehicle crime	Fireworks	Drugs, ASB, Neighbour Disputes	Vehicle crime	Missing patients
	Market Ground/Mcdonalds	Kings Road area	All ward	Millenium Green/ Burlington Street and surrounding areas	Welbeck Street / Portland Basin	All ward	AMU/ A&E and MH Wards
SECOND PRIORITY	Street Drinkers	Drug dealing	Burglary/tomv	Burglaries	TFMV/ TOMV/ Burlaries	ASB -Youths	Assault of NHS staff
	St Michaels Church Grounds/Carpark	Rowley Street/ Kings Road area	Limehurst estate	Katherine Street, Burlington Street, Clifton Street, Thornway Drive	All Over C1	Youths congwrwgtng and smoking cannabis	All
	Multiple	N/a	Offenders unknown	N/a		Cedar Park / Hillgate Estate	Various
THIRD PRIORITY	Issues with Town House	Off road motor bikes	Drug dealing/taking	Drug Dealing	ASB/ Drugs	ASB - Residential	ASB
	All over TC	Ward wide	Cranbrook street/Minto street and Keane street	Wellington Road, Portland Street North and Berkeley Street	Bradgate Street, Park Street, Hanover Street	72 Princess St A-U-L	Fountain Street and Witham Street
	Nominals from the Town House	N/a	Offenders unknown	Various			

Good News



Celebrate

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- A Warrant has been obtained for a high profile intelligence address on St Peters for drugs.
- A Warrant has been executed on St Michaels for drugs – positive result.
- St Michaels team donated selection boxes for Tameside Hospital Children Outpatients – donated by Wilko in Ashton Town Centre.
- The Team OSO's donated money from the Tuck Shop to the Believe and Achieve Christmas Party – a Charity for Children with Disabilities.
- NBO's donated Christmas presents to the local Children's refuge.

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COVID-19 Update

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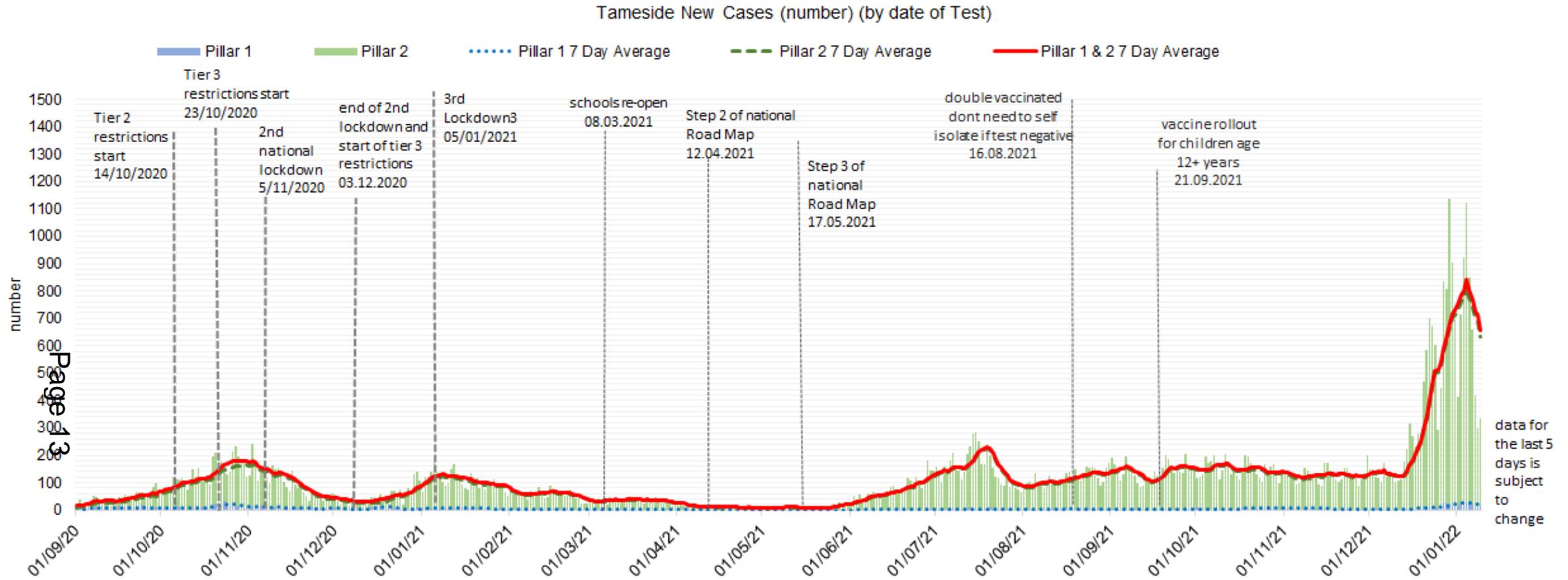
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COVID-19 – What is the current situation?



Trends in New Cases for Tameside (14/01/2022)



Current rate of new cases in the last seven days per 100,000 people is **1,122.3/100,000 (2,549 cases)**

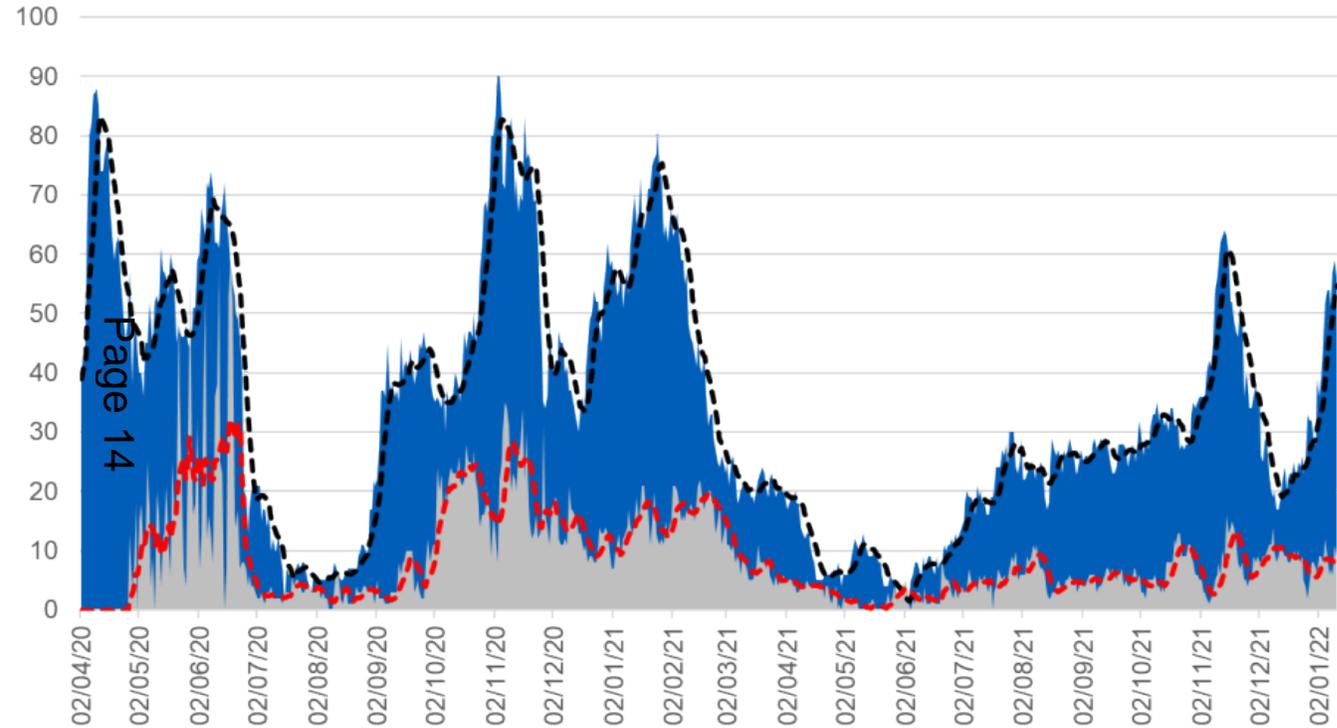
The rate has increased rapidly in recent weeks, however this is now declining again – data should be treated with caution due to changes in testing

Highest numbers of new cases in younger working age adults (20-40) but still increasing in children

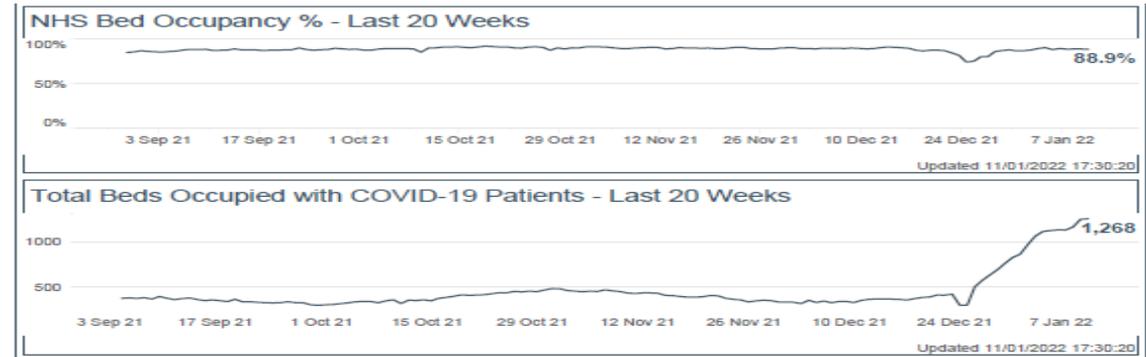
Impact of Covid in Tameside and GM

Occupied Beds at T&G ICFT

■ Number of Beds COVID Occupied (CO2) ■ Number of Beds COVID Suspected (CO2)
- - Occupied 7 Day Average - - Suspected 7 Day Average



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The number of people in hospital with Covid-19 in GM and Tameside has increased in recent weeks

Overall we have not yet seen increases in intensive care usage for Covid patients in GM or Tameside but this continues to be monitored

The current situation in Tameside

- Tameside has a similar rate of Covid to the rest of GM
- Rate of new cases has started to reduce but this should be treated with caution due to testing patterns and access – we may not be finding all the cases
- The positivity rate is extremely high – almost 1 in 2 tests coming back positive (45%)
- Numbers in children are still increasing and this may continue
- Guidance changes around testing
- Seeing high numbers of outbreaks and some large outbreaks – Care Homes
- Hospital activity has increased and there are indirect impacts in the health system and other public services due to staff absences and disruption to routine activity
- Ongoing pressure on all Council front line services. And on direct Covid response within Public Health; Adult Social Care; Public Protection; Education; Communications

COVID-19 – What is driving the current situation?



What is driving spread in Tameside? (1)

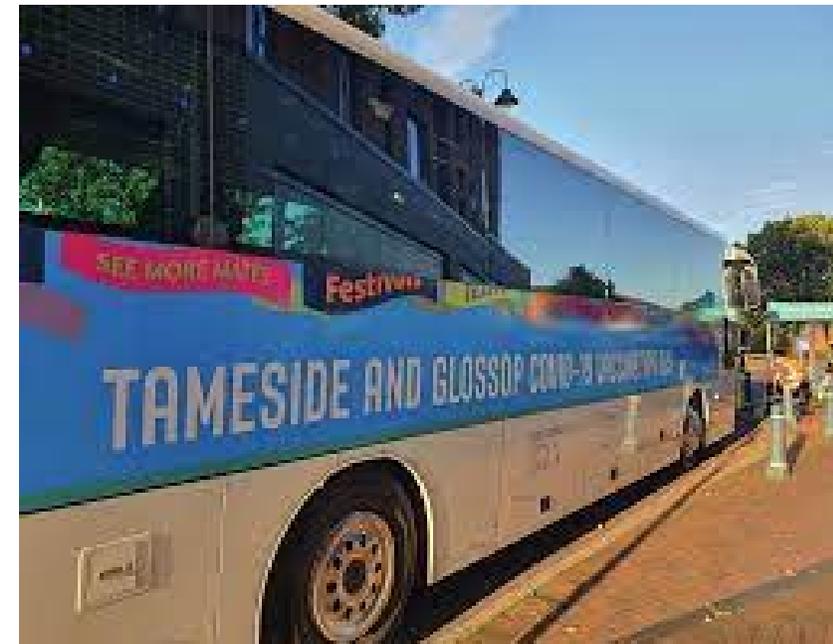
- The new Omicron variant of Covid-19 was discovered in late November and has spread rapidly across the globe since then, driving a huge spike in infections
- The Omicron variant is extremely infectious and is spreading more quickly and more easily than previous variants we have seen such as Alpha and Delta
- Omicron is now completely dominant across the country and in Tameside last week 100% of our cases were Omicron
- This has come at a time heading into winter when seasonal viruses spread easily and we have also had relatively few measures and restrictions in place to limit transmission
- Outbreaks are widespread across settings in the borough, some of which are particularly high risk such as care homes. This further spread adds to the overall numbers of infections
- We still see spread of infection linked to confined, crowded indoor spaces with inadequate ventilation

COVID-19 – What can we do about it?



Basic Measures to Prevent Transmission

- The same **basic measures** to reduce risk of transmission have been the same throughout the pandemic:
 - Regular, thorough handwashing with soap and running water
 - Wear a face mask/covering when in certain places
 - Social distancing from others of at least 2 metres
- Following the relevant **guidance & advice**
 - Regular testing
 - Work from home if you can
 - Covid passports at some venues
 - Limit close contact with other people
- **Get Vaccinated**
 - 76% of adults have had the booster in Tameside
 - Still seeing people for their first dose
 - Tackling inequalities in uptake
 - Vaccine bus / outreach





WHERE TO BOOK OR WALK IN

Your COVID-19 Vaccination Guide in Tameside and Glossop



Local Tameside and Glossop Vaccination Centres
Book an appointment
[tamesideandglossop.nhs.uk/vaccinations.co.uk](https://tamesideandglossop.nhs.uk/vaccinations)
or call 0161 368 5426

For all the latest walk in and bookable clinics, visit
tameside.gov.uk/covidvaccine
or call 0161 368 5426

National Vaccination Centres
Book an appointment
www.nhs.uk/coronavirus-vaccination
or call 119

3rd Dose qualifiers:

- * a blood cancer (such as leukaemia or lymphoma)
- * a weakened immune system due to a treatment (such as steroid medicine, biological therapy, chemotherapy or radiotherapy)
- * an organ or bone marrow transplant
- * a condition that means you have a very high risk of getting infections
- * a condition or treatment your specialist advises makes you eligible for a 3rd dose

PLEASE NOTE: Timings of 2nd and 3rd doses may vary in those commencing immunosuppressive therapy

Had Covid?
Adults – wait 28 days
Under 18s – wait 12 weeks
From the first day of symptoms or the day of positive test result before you have your COVID-19 vaccination.

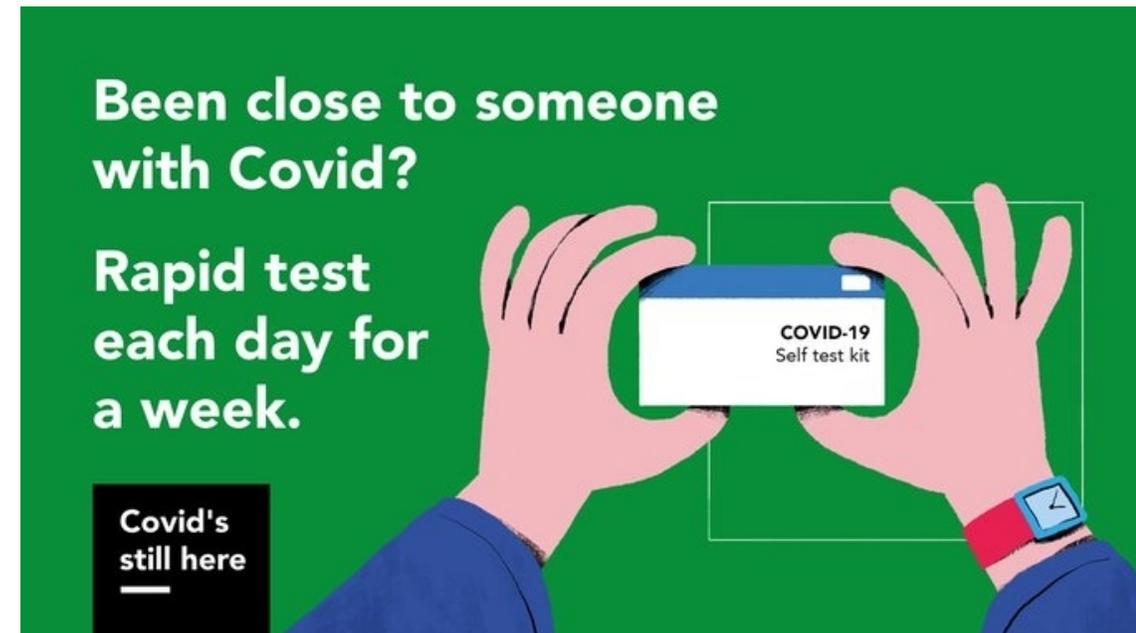
Correct as of Wednesday 1 January 2022



Tackling the Pandemic

- **Test, Trace, Isolate**

- PCR Testing –
 - People with Covid symptoms **MUST** still go for a PCR test
 - wide availability of mobile and fixed sites for those with symptoms to get tested
- Regular Testing –
 - Take regular lateral flow tests when you don't have symptoms – before going in to higher risk situations / work
 - Supplies under pressure over Christmas but easing now – available online / pharmacies / Active Tameside / Libraries. Emergency stocks available
- Contact Tracing –
 - You should tell NHS Test & Trace who you have had contact with if you test positive
 - Unvaccinated contacts still need to isolate for 10 days
 - Contacts who are vaccinated / under 18 need to do daily LFTs for 7 days



Covid PCR testing sites opening time



Get tested for coronavirus (COVID-19) if you have symptoms

PCR tests available at walk-through centres:

Darton Road Car Park, Ashton-under-Lyne • Beeley Street Car Park, Hyde • Etihad Regional Testing Centre

Days of week

7 days per week

Hours

8am to 6pm

PCR tests available at:

Curzon Ashton Football Club, Ashton-under-Lyne (drive-through though may accept on-foot appointments):

Days of week

Monday to Friday

Hours

9.30am to 3.30pm (until further notice)

Mobile Testing Unit - PCR tests available at:

Active Medlock, Gardenfold Way, Droylsden, Manchester M43 7XU

Days of week

10th to 23rd January

Hours

9am to 3pm

Book your appointment
online at
[gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)
or phone 119

Tackling the Pandemic

Changes to Testing and Isolation Advice

- No longer required to take a confirmatory PCR test if you have a positive lateral flow test (still do a PCR if you have symptoms)
- Positive cases can test on day 5 and 6 and if both are negative can come out of isolation on day 6
- It's very important people register their test results online for our data and so they are followed up

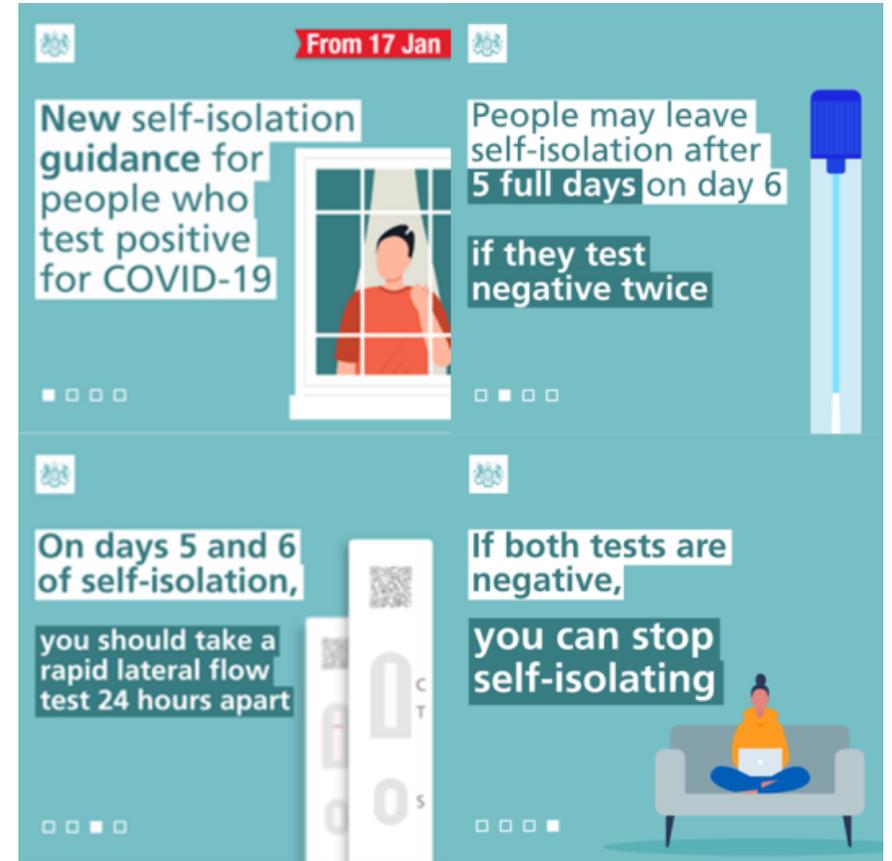


Keep telling us your test results and help beat Covid-19

Join the millions who report all their rapid lateral flow test results and you'll play a big part in helping the NHS stay ahead of the virus.

Go to: gov.uk/report-covid19-result

The poster features a red plus sign and a green minus sign above two QR codes. Below the QR codes are two illustrations of lateral flow test strips, one showing a blue line and the other showing two blue lines.



From 17 Jan

New self-isolation guidance for people who test positive for COVID-19

People may leave self-isolation after **5 full days** on day 6 if they test **negative twice**

On days 5 and 6 of self-isolation, you should take a rapid lateral flow test 24 hours apart

If both tests are **negative, you can stop self-isolating**

The carousel includes illustrations of a person in a window, a person sitting on a sofa with a laptop, and a vertical thermometer.

Encouraging and Supporting people to Tackle Covid in Tameside

- **Ongoing messaging** – testing / vaccination
- **Engaging** with our communities to provide information and listen to concerns
- **Community Champions** programme
- **Supporting people and services** to follow guidelines and reduce spread
- The **vaccination programme** is vital and is tackling inequalities and supporting access
- **Support to isolate** – there are still support payments available for those needing to isolate and help via the council call centre (0161 342 8355)

Questions?

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