

EAST STRATEGIC NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

Day: Wednesday
Date: 19 January 2022
Time: 6.30 pm
Place: Zoom

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EAST STRATEGIC NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

27 October 2021

Commenced: 6.30pm

Terminated: 8.05pm

Present: Councillors T Sharif (Chair), Gosling (Vice-Chair), Billington, Dickinson, J Homer, Jackson, Lane, Patrick, Pearce, N Sharif and Sweeton.

Apologies for absence: Cllrs Feeley, S Homer, Taylor and Wills

1. MINUTES

RESOLVED

The Minutes of the meeting of the East Strategic Neighbourhood Forum held on 24 March 2021 be approved as a correct record.

2. POLICE/COMMUNITY SAFETY

Ms Varnam, Assistant Director, Operations and Neighbourhoods, Mr Gregory, Head of Community Safety and Homelessness and Chief Inspector Broadstock, Greater Manchester Police, delivered a presentation giving details of the Greater Manchester Police Tameside South Neighbourhood Strategy 2021 – 2023.

Ms Varnam began by outlining five key priorities of the Community Safety Strategy as follows:

- Building Stronger Communities;
- Preventing and reducing violent crime, knife crime & domestic abuse;
- Preventing and reducing crime & anti-social behaviour;
- Preventing and reducing the harm caused by drugs & alcohol; and
- 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 care 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;
- The investigation and solving of crimes;
- Delivering outstanding public service; and
- Building public trust and confidence.

Mr Gregory, Head of Community Safety and Homelessness advised Members of ongoing activity in respect of the promotion of Hate Crime awareness and Road Safety campaigns.

Information was also provided in respect of Community Safety Partnership Grant Funding and the projects funded in 2021/22.

Chief Inspector Broadstock 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.

Members thanked everyone for the presentation and sought further information in respect of resources available to deliver the new GMP Strategic Plan.

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.

Members welcomed the new narrative and stressed the importance of communication and partnership working in order to rebuild trust within communities. Chief Inspector Broadstock concurred and added that Police Officers had received huge support on the joint enforcement day of action, which had taken place across the Borough, the previous day.

Further information was sought in respect of response times to 999/101 telephone numbers. Chief Inspector Broadstock advised that there was a commitment to reducing response times and encouraged everyone who was able to, report on-line, as this was quicker.

A member of the public submitted a question via email and asked what were GMP doing to encourage residents to report crime?

Chief Inspector Broadstock encouraged everyone to report crimes and assured everyone 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.

A further question submitted by a member of the public made reference to the Car Park review, which closed 19 months ago and the Castle Street Car Park, which was pitch black and raised concerns of the safety of users as winter and dark nights approached.

The Assistant Director, Operations and Neighbourhoods, explained that the Car Park review had ended as Covid had hit and the staff involved were central to the Council's Covid response, therefore it had been reprioritised at that time. Car parks would however now be considered in conjunction with Town Centre reviews.

The Chair thanked Ms Varnam, Mr Gregory and Chief Inspector Broadstock for a very interesting presentation.

RESOVLED

That the content of the presentation be noted.

3. GROWTH PRIORITIES

Mr Stott, Assistant Director, Investment, Development and Housing, presented before Members giving details of the Place Directorate priorities going forward.

Mr Stott 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 to with a Project Manager from Economy Employment & Skills using the bank of Business Community Champions (BCC), GM Business Growth Hub provision and a catalogue of online support including webinars. BCCs 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 project launching in January 2022. It was explained that Tameside had been selected by DWP to run the 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, 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 & Engagement Officers provided one-to-one support from application through to job sustainment.

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. The Service provided retention advice and support to local businesses and 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 also provided and details given of significant stakeholder engagement for Stalybridge Town Centre carried out in recent years through the Stalybridge Town Centre Challenge and of the Stalybridge Town Centre Challenge Action Plan approved by Council in February 2020.

Stalybridge Town Centre challenges and current activity/areas of focus were detailed and discussed.

Reference was also made to the £14.5m Levelling Up Fund bid, which built on stakeholder engagement for Stalybridge Town Centre.

Next steps for Stalybridge Town Centre were detailed and included:

- Continued delivery of the HSHAZ programme with works to the Civic Hall roof being progressed and designs prepared for the Heritage Walk;
- Feasibility work for future uses in vacant buildings on Market Street and the Civic Hall to be completed shortly;
- £80k secured for the Cultural Consortium to fund a programme of activity bringing major benefits to the town;
- Stalybridge Street Fest every second Friday of the month demonstrating demand, appetite and prospects of Stalybridge as a cultural hub; and
- £100k secured from TfGM for Stalybridge Interchange Options Study with initial report due by March 2022.

In terms of housing delivery, the following was reported:

- Sixteen Affordable Rent houses with full planning permission at Rydal Walk, Stalybridge (Jigsaw Homes);
- Twenty four Affordable Rent apartments at the Police Station site and 21 at Grosvenor Street, both in Stalybridge, both in the process of seeking amended planning permission to meet the needs of Adult Services clients provided by Great Places HG; and
- Seventy units Affordable Rent Retirement Living apartments, Egmont Street Mossley, seeking revised permissions, provided by Johnnie Johnston Housing.

With regard to Strategic Property, repairs/improvement work was detailed at a number of schools in the area. Further details were given of surplus assets and decarbonisation projects at: Loxley House; Gorse Hall Primary School; Birch Lane Children's Centre; and George Lawton Hall.

Further to queries from Members, the Assistant Director gave further details in respect of the £80k secured for the Cultural Consortium and added that this was the maximum grant available and it was hoped that this would leverage money from other stakeholders.

Information was also sought on the Levelling Up Fund bid and the announcement in the Budget by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, that Ashton-under-Lyne had been successful.

The Director of Place responded that formal confirmation of this was awaited and as soon as this was received, detail would be shared with everyone.

Further to enquiries from Members in respect of the process for disposal of sites within the Council's portfolio, the Assistant Director explained that Members and stakeholders would be consulted through the Strategic Asset Management Plan.

A member of the public raised queries in respect of the following, via email:

- Stalybridge Town Centre Action Plan;
- the Cultural Consortium; and
- the Affordable Rent apartments at the Police Station site and 21 at Grosvenor Street, Stalybridge.

The Director of Place agreed to respond in writing within seven working days.

The Chair thanked the Assistant Director for a very informative presentation.

RESOLVED

That the content of the presentation be noted.

4. ACHIEVEMENTS/FUTURE PLANS FOR 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.

CHAIR

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Dukinfield G1/G2; Stalybridge South L1/L3 ; Stalybridge/Dukinfield G3/G4/L4;
Stalybridge and Town Centre L1/L5/L6; Stalybridge North M1; Mossley M2/M3

INSP Andrew Moss



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OP AVRO



* What is Operation AVRO?

- * *Operation AVRO is a forcewide initiative that delivers a surge of extra resources and specialist officers to a different district within Greater Manchester each month.*
- * *The operation targets crimes that members of the public in that district have told us give them the most concern.*
- * *Members of the press and key partners, including local representatives, are invited to attend Operation AVRO deployments to see results first-hand and conduct important multi-agency work, such as welfare visits.*
- * *Op AVRO will be in Tameside Thursday 17th February.*

#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:

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



Dukinfield G1/G2

- * Domestic Burglaries
- * Vehicle Crime

Stalybridge Town and North L1/L5/L6/M1

- * Burglaries both residential and commercial
- * Vehicle Crime theft of and theft from
- * ASB Stalybridge Town Centre (night time economy)

Stalybridge South and Stalybridge / Dukinfield L2/L3/G3/G4/L4

- * ASB – Demense Drive, Brushes Estate
- * Burglary - Whole Ward
- * Road Safety issues

CURRENT PRIORITIES



Mossley M2/M3

- * Burglary – Residential
- * Theft from and theft of Motor Vehicle
- * Youth Violence / ASB Top Mossley Park.

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- * **Burglary updates:**

- * 1 x male arrested on Christmas eve from forensic evidence for a burglary at Stalybridge Labour club, charged and awaiting a court appearance.

- * **Shop lifting arrests**

- * 2 males arrested, during the course of investigations for high value shop lifting at Aldi in Stalybridge.

- * **Vulnerable adult repeat caller:**

- * Joe WILDE known to the East NBO team - was arrested early morning after a grade 1 report of h attacking outreach workers, NBO's attended, arrested WILDE. He was later charged with x2 sect 39 Assaults - Bailed to attend court 14/01/21 - Joint partnership work ongoing around possible CBO's/ exclusions. PC Will DRUMMOND and PC Martin JONES acting quickly to detain and deal with the male.



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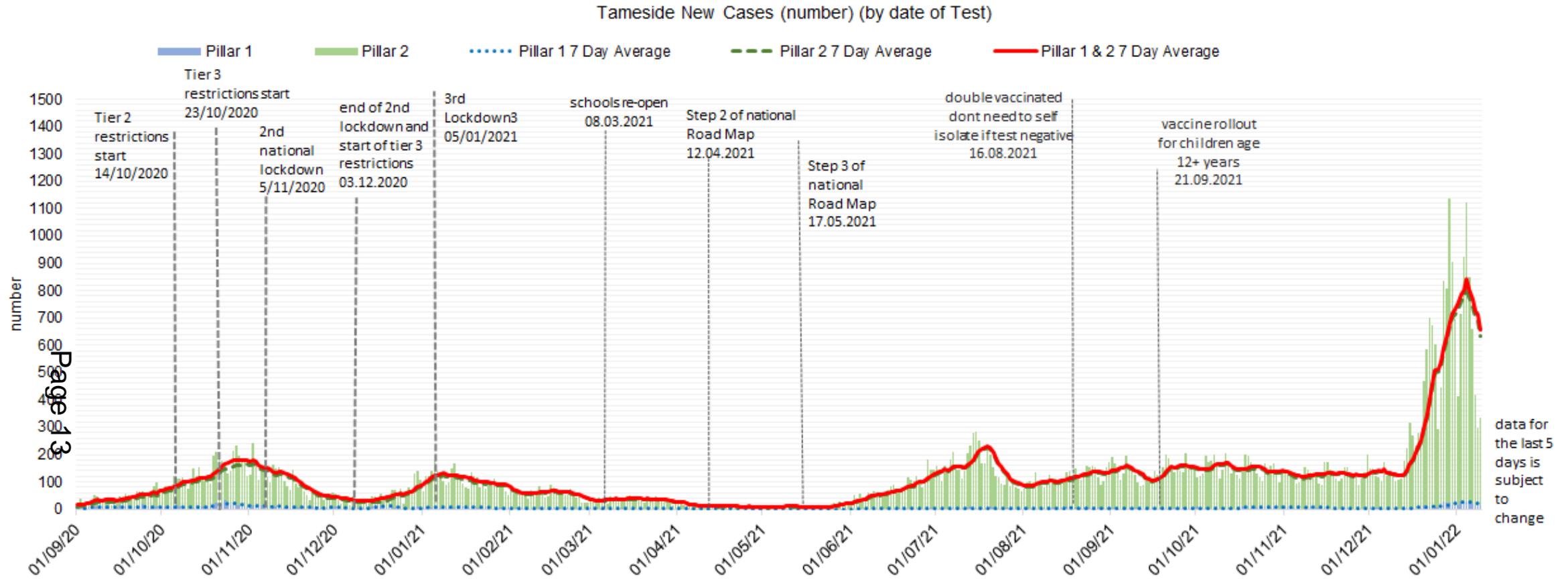
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COVID-19 – What is the current situation?



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)**

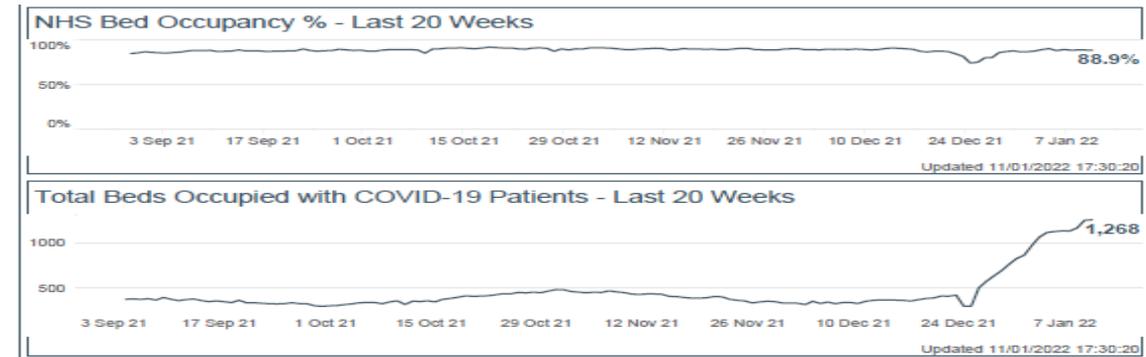
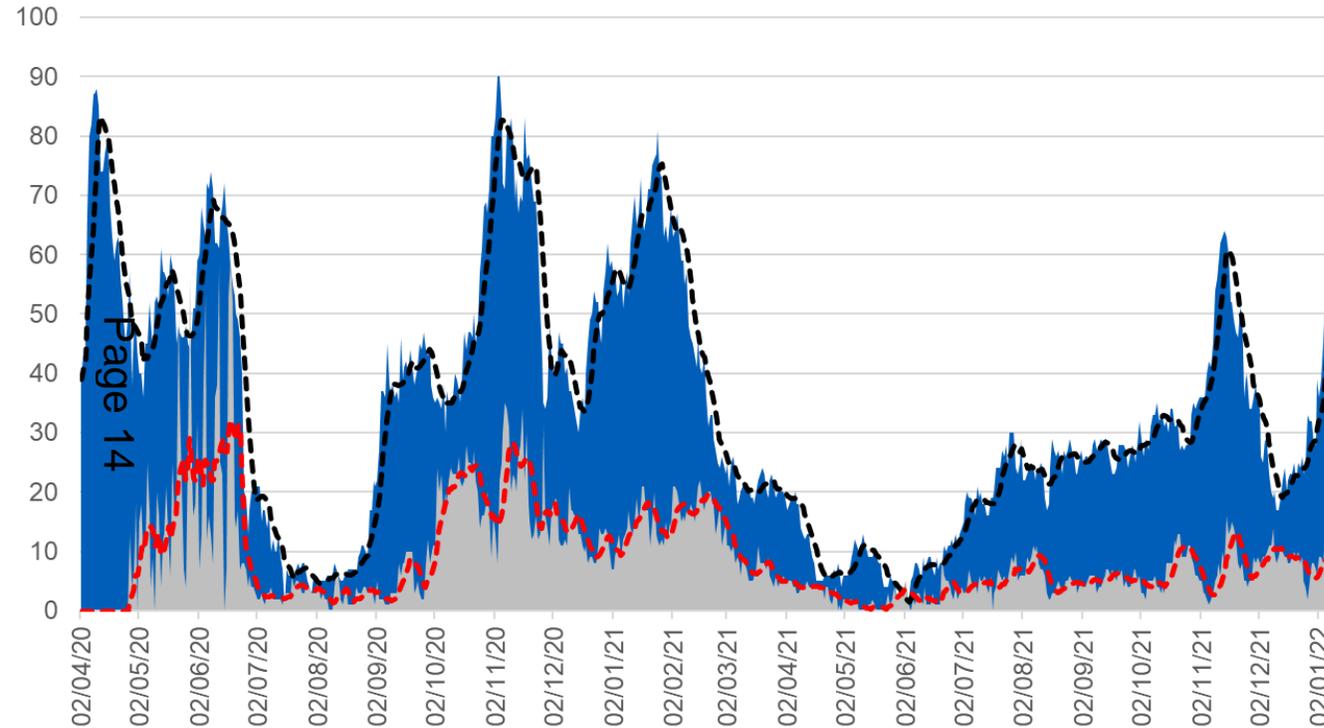
The rate has increased rapidly in recent weeks, however this is now declining again – data should be treated with caution due to changes in testing

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



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](http://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

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.

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

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

Hours

7 days per week

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

Hours

Monday to Friday

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

Hours

10th to 23rd January

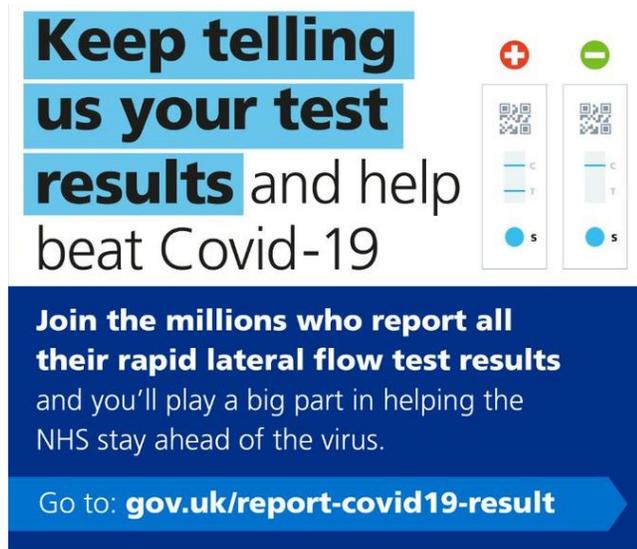
9am to 3pm

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

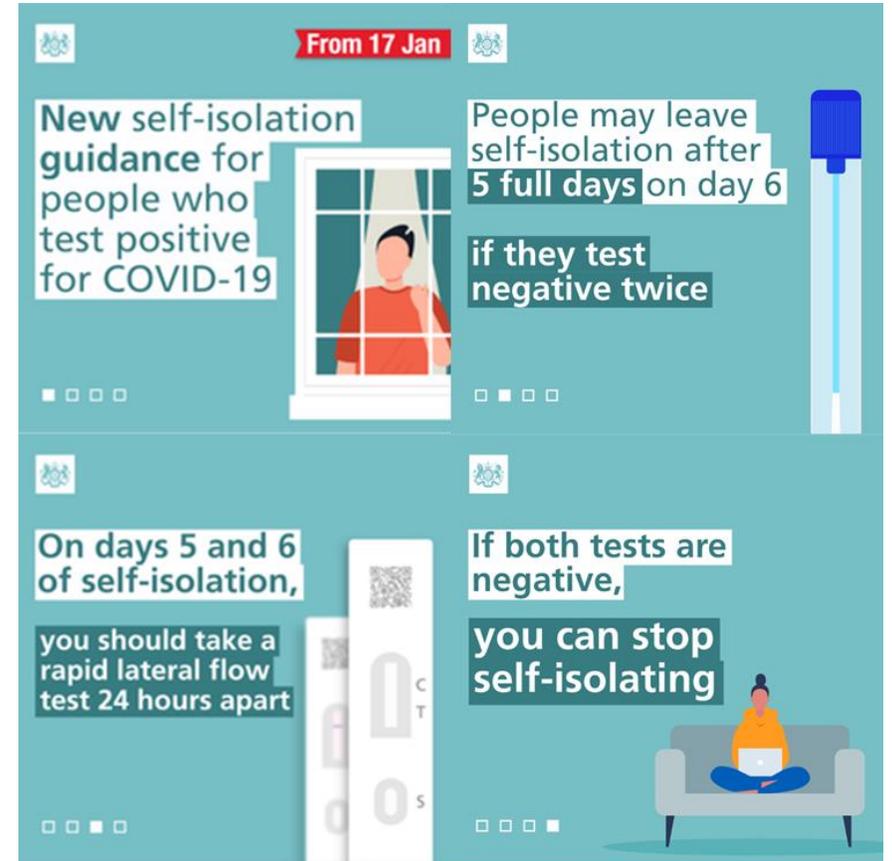


Keep telling us your test results and help beat Covid-19

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 graphic includes icons for a red plus sign, a green minus sign, and two lateral flow test strips. The first strip shows a blue line in the 'C' (control) window and a blue line in the 'T' (test) window, with a blue circle and 'S' below it. The second strip shows a blue line in the 'C' window and no line in the 'T' window, with a blue circle and 'S' below it.



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 infographic features two panels. The top panel shows a person in a red shirt looking out a window, with a blue vertical bar on the right. The bottom panel shows a person in a yellow shirt sitting on a grey sofa with a laptop. Both panels include QR codes and small icons.

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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