

# COVID-19 – Public Health Update

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# Bradford's Local Outbreak Management Plan

- On 26 February 2021, the Department of Health and Social Care requested that Local Outbreak Management Plans – formerly known as Local Outbreak Control Plans - be updated
  - Changed landscape of the pandemic
  - Consolidate the best practice that has emerged
- The objectives of these updates are primarily **to identify what further support Local Authorities need** from the national and regional teams and **to provide assurance and justification of the need for on-going financial support** from the COVID Outbreak Management Fund (COMF) and self-isolation funding from NHS Test and Trace. These new demands are subject to change based upon the upcoming publication of the National CONTAIN Framework.
- Beyond these changes, the latest edition of the Local Outbreak Management Plan included the following updates:
  - **The Spring 2021 Roadmap**
  - **The COVID-19 Vaccine Programme**
  - **Broader Local Usage of LFTs and Support to Self Isolate**
  - **Key-setting Outbreak Action Cards (replacing JWAs)**

# Summary of the Roadmap

## **Step 1 (8<sup>th</sup> March)**

- Schools open, Outdoor After-schools sports allowed, 2 people can sit together outdoors, Care homes allowed 1 regular visitor

## **Step 1 (29<sup>th</sup> March)**

- 6 people/2 households allowed to meet outdoors, Outdoor sports facilities open, organised sports allowed, Travel outside local area allowed

## **Step 2 (12<sup>th</sup> April)**

- None essential retail and personal care open, Outdoor Hospitality open, Indoor Leisure open (Gym, swimming pools, etc), Self contained holiday accommodation open

## **Step 3 (17<sup>th</sup> May)**

- Most social contact rules lifted outdoors, 6 people/2 households can meet indoors, Indoor Hospitality and Hotels open

## **Step 4 (21<sup>st</sup> June)**

- All legal limits on social contact removed

# Changes to key Statistics

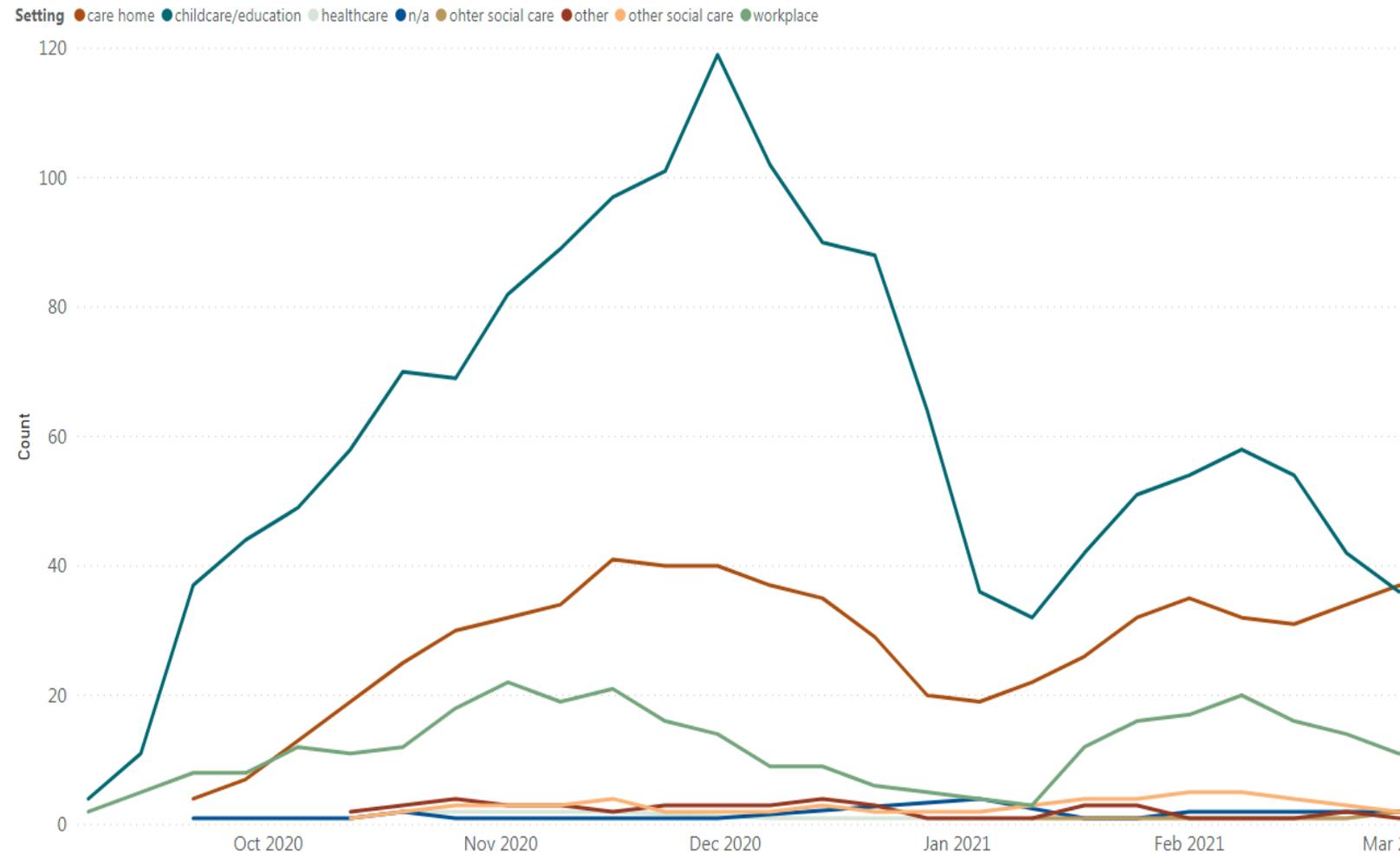
## March 10-16 compared to March 03-09

Conditions for lockdown easing	Available data for Bradford District		Change for Bradford		Change for YH		Change for England	
	Prior 7-days	Most recent 7-days						
Vaccinations: 1st dose cumulative % of total population*	38%	43%	↑	12.9%	-	-	↑	-
Hospital admissions: Patients newly admitted to hospital**	84	75	↓	-10.7%	↓	-22%	↓	-22%
Deaths: Weekly ONS deaths**	14	18	↑	28.6%	↓	-25%	↓	-28%
Infection rates: all ages	145.4	136.5	←	-6.1%	←	7%	←	-3%
Infection rates: over 60+ yrs	79.1	58.0	↓	-26.7%	↓	-25%	↓	-19%
Infection rates: positivity (%)	5.9	5.0	↓	-15.3%	←	-2%	←	-8%
Infection rates: tests	364.8	399.2	←	9.4%	←	5%	←	2%

# COVID-19 Outbreak Management

Continue to manage a high number of COVID-19 outbreaks

- Education – increase in LFD testing and return to face-to-face teaching led to recent increase in situations
- Care Homes – smaller number of cases and milder disease, yet still large number of situations
- Workplaces – anticipate increase in situations as roadmap is rolled out



# Local Contact Tracing

## Contact Tracing:

- Phased Introduction – Aug 2020. One of 1<sup>st</sup> LAs to start
- National team try for 24hrs to contact cases
- If no success, hand over to local team\* to phone cases
- Completion rate increase 72% to > 90%
- Now 7 days/week & Home visits (repeated if no-one in)

## Self Isolation:

- Offer Individual support to help Self Isolate
- Work closely with Hub team
- Feedback from calls/visits go to improve service

## Next steps

- Reach out to Contacts as well as Cases
- Take on all cases – without national team
- Explore options to increase self-isolation

\* Team comprised of current Customer Service Staff & recent UoB Health graduates

# Testing - symptomatic

- We have 3 testing sites in the district for symptomatic people.
- Tests are done are PCR – gold standard test for COVID-19
- Open from 8am daily- centenary square (walk in), university and Victoria Hall
- Sites continue to be well used and critical to the Covid response.
- As numbers have reduced they are now being used in late afternoons from 3 pm for Community Collect – rapid tests collection for asymptomatic people

# Testing –asymptomatic

Strategy developed to aid the alignment of the numerous changes in the asymptomatic testing offer. Three strategic aims

- 1) To develop and deliver a strong **universal** offer of asymptomatic testing LFT provision capable of making rapid testing an accessible and regularly recurrent activity for the majority of the District's population.
- 2) To reduce testing inequalities by enhancing **targeted** offers for testing of asymptomatic residents
- 3) To **enhance the efficacy of employee asymptomatic testing** in existing locations where LFTs are already being provided through national schemes and in particular high sensitivity settings (such as care homes to).

# Testing Challenges

- Testing apathy and surge testing needs potentially
- Vaccination/ testing narrative
- Sensitivity of rapid tests and communicating risks
- National shifts and pace of these to provide a coordinated local response alongside it

# Bradford District and Craven COVID-19 Vaccination Programme

- **Working in line with nationally set JCVI guidance contained in The Green Book.**
- **Robust efforts made to vaccinate everyone in cohorts 1 – 4, before moving on to Cohorts 5 - 9.**
- **Progress to date**
  - 218,187 people have had their first dose (43% of the population).
  - >90% coverage for the over 80 years old; >80% over 70yrs, 73% coverage for Clinically Extremely Vulnerable.
- **Guiding principles:**
  - Flexible place-based approach
  - Mitigate inequalities (“leave no one behind”)
  - No vaccine wastage (“make every vaccine count”)
- **Equalities Vaccination Uptake Plan**
  - Being implemented and overseen by Equalities sub-group. Builds on local Equalities Health Impact Assessment.
  - Focus on increasing vaccine acceptance across all age groups, socio-economic, ethnic and disadvantaged populations
  - Addressing key misinformation and misunderstanding (e.g. fertility concerns, safety)
- **Flexible delivery**
  - Workarounds to ensure unpaid carers can get vaccines ahead of booking-system glitches being resolved.
  - Robust joined up systems to ensure people with learning disabilities and their carers can receive vaccines, together where appropriate, in suitable environment (e.g. quieter clinics via Airedale Hospital)
- **Data and intelligence-led.**
- Collaboration between Health, Local Authority (Public Health) and Academic colleagues (BIHR/CSAG) is continuing to ensure we have access to the most accurate and comprehensive information on our population and their experience of the vaccination programme.