

Local Outbreak Engagement Board

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Walsall Covid-19 Dashboard

1. Purpose

The 'Walsall Covid-19 dashboard' provides a weekly update of data in relation to potential symptoms, confirmed cases, hospital admissions and deaths. Where applicable, it compares Walsall with Local Authorities across the region for benchmark purposes.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That member's note the latest data presented in the dashboard and the highlights listed below.
- 2.2. That members use, promote and direct other users to the dashboard accordingly.

3. Report detail

Latest summary highlights:

- 3.1 *Since the easing of Government restrictions and a change in guidance, Walsall has seen an increase in the number / rate of positive cases with Walsall ranking 90th highest when compared to other 309 Lower Tier Local Authorities (LTLAs).*
- 3.2 *The latest number of seven-day positive cases are 991 (as of 28th August) with a rate of 345.6 per 100,000 population – an increase of 7.6% compared to the previous week. Young adults aged 15 to 19, 20-24 and 25 to 29 years are most prominent.*
- 3.3 *In addition, the positivity rate in Walsall has increased, currently at 11.2% (higher than West Midlands (10.0%) and England at 8.3%).*
- 3.4 *Deaths within 28 days of a Covid-19 test have exceeded 870 within Walsall. Evidence suggests there continues to be community transmission across the borough as a whole.*
- 3.5 *However, the vaccination efforts continue, with those aged 60+ having received both doses and reached the 90% threshold. Efforts continue to improve the uptake within the younger age groups.*

Background:

- The 'Walsall Covid-19 dashboard' is a two sided dashboard refreshed weekly (usually on a Tuesday morning) to provide timely data and can be sourced on the Walsall Council website [HERE](#) and clicking on the dashboard link.
- Its purpose is to offer a brief overview for the Walsall borough and includes:

Potential symptoms and confirmed cases:

- Trends of daily positive cases & confirmed case numbers
- Positive cases by age group
- Hospital admissions
- Rates per 100,000 population for Walsall and neighbouring Local Authorities
- Vaccination uptake by age group

Mortality: distribution and incidence:

- A chart illustrating excess deaths compared to the average for the last five years
- Charts presenting registered deaths over time and where they are occurring – hospital, home, elsewhere or care home
- Peak mortality heat chart comparing Walsall with the rest of the region.
- There are also contact details highlighted for the Health Protection Team who, along with other Public Health staff and some provider staff, cover the on-call phone line / email from 8am until 8pm, 7 days per week.
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- Comments and feedback are welcome from users of the dashboard, to ensure the intended audience get the most from it.

4. Conclusion

Continue to utilise the 'Walsall Covid-19 dashboard' on a regular basis to help gauge the latest situation, and feedback suggestions for possible future improvements.

Background papers

The following data sources have been used to collate the dashboard:

[PHE Coronavirus Tracker](#)

[NHS Digital](#)

[ONS Weekly Registered Deaths](#)

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