

Local Outbreak Engagement Board

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Walsall Covid-19 Data

1. Purpose

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

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That members 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:

1. For the first time, seeing more than 1,000 positive cases over the last 7 days
2. High amongst young adults and older working age groups with increases in those aged 65 and over being most prominent at present
3. Widespread community transmission across the borough

Background:

- The 'Walsall Covid-19 dashboard' is a two sided dashboard refreshed weekly to provide timely data and can be sourced on the Walsall Council website with the Outbreak Management Plan.
- Its purpose is to offer a brief overview for the Walsall borough and includes:

Potential symptoms and confirmed cases:

- Trends of positive cases
- Figures on potential symptoms
- Numbers of cases for Walsall and neighbouring Local Authorities
- Rates per 100,000 population for Walsall and neighbouring Local Authorities

Mortality: distribution and incidence:

- A map of deaths by Middle Super Output Area at a point in time (MSOA – a Census defined geography with a similar number of people and households. There are 39 MSOAs in Walsall).
- Charts presenting deaths over time and where they are occurring – 'care home' or 'hospital'
- Peak mortality comparator across 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.
Walsall.healthprotection@nhs.net 01922 658065
- Comments and feedback are welcome from users of the dashboard, and further amendments/tweaks are made 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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