

## Local Outbreak Engagement Board

6<sup>th</sup> July 2021

### Walsall Covid-19 Data

#### 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:***

- *Both nationally and locally in Walsall, the numbers and rates of Covid-19 positive cases had increased again in recent weeks, and are perhaps beginning to stabilise again.*
- *The latest 7-day average of positive cases is 127 (as of 18<sup>th</sup> June 2021), with a rate of 44.5 per 100,000 of the population.*
- *Most positive Covid-19 cases are now occurring in younger people (in the 20-24 and 15-19 year age bands).*
- *Thankfully, the increasing numbers of cases has not translated into increased hospitalisation and deaths, as was seen earlier on in the pandemic.*
- *Hoever, during the course of the pandemic, there have been 852 deaths within 28 days of a positive Covid-19 test in Walsall.*

## **Background:**

- The 'Walsall Covid-19 dashboard' is a two sided dashboard refreshed weekly (usually on a Tuesday) to provide timely data and can be sourced on the WalsallCouncil 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
- Figures on potential symptoms
- Hospital admissions
- Rates per 100,000 population for Walsall and neighbouring Local Authorities

### *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 – 'care home' or 'hospital'
  - 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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