

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, 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:

The national lockdown and government measures, are presently seeing a reduction in the numbers / rate of positive cases with Walsall ranking 28th highest when compared to other Lower Tier Local Authorities (LTLAs).

- 1. The latest number of seven-day positive cases are 522 (13th to 19th February) with a rate of 203 per 100,000 population – a reduction of 33% compared to the previous week. The positivity rate in Walsall has reduced considerably to 6.9% (lower than Birmingham & the Black Country (8.7%) but remaining higher than England at 5.8%).***
- 2. Deaths within 28 days of a Covid-19 test have exceeded 760 within Walsall.***
- 3. Evidence suggests there continues to be community transmission across the borough as a whole.***

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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