

## 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 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:***

***In Walsall, new milestones are being reached in terms of increased positive case numbers, rates and deaths.***

- 1. The latest number of seven-day positive cases exceeds 2,100, with a rate of 826 per 100,000 population – almost double the week before. Comparing Walsall with our Black Country neighbours Walsall ranks 3<sup>rd</sup> highest behind Wolverhampton (1020.3) and Sandwell (937.4), with Dudley's rate currently lowest at 740.7***
- 2. Deaths within 28 days of a Covid-19 test have exceeded 500 within Walsall***
- 3. Widespread community transmission continues across the borough as a whole with the impact of the Christmas household mixing evident.***

##### 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, and further amendments/tweaks will be 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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