

14 December 2020

Agenda Item: 4

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH

COVID-19 SITUATIONAL UPDATE

Purpose of the Report

1. To provide a situational update on COVID-19 cases in Nottinghamshire

Information

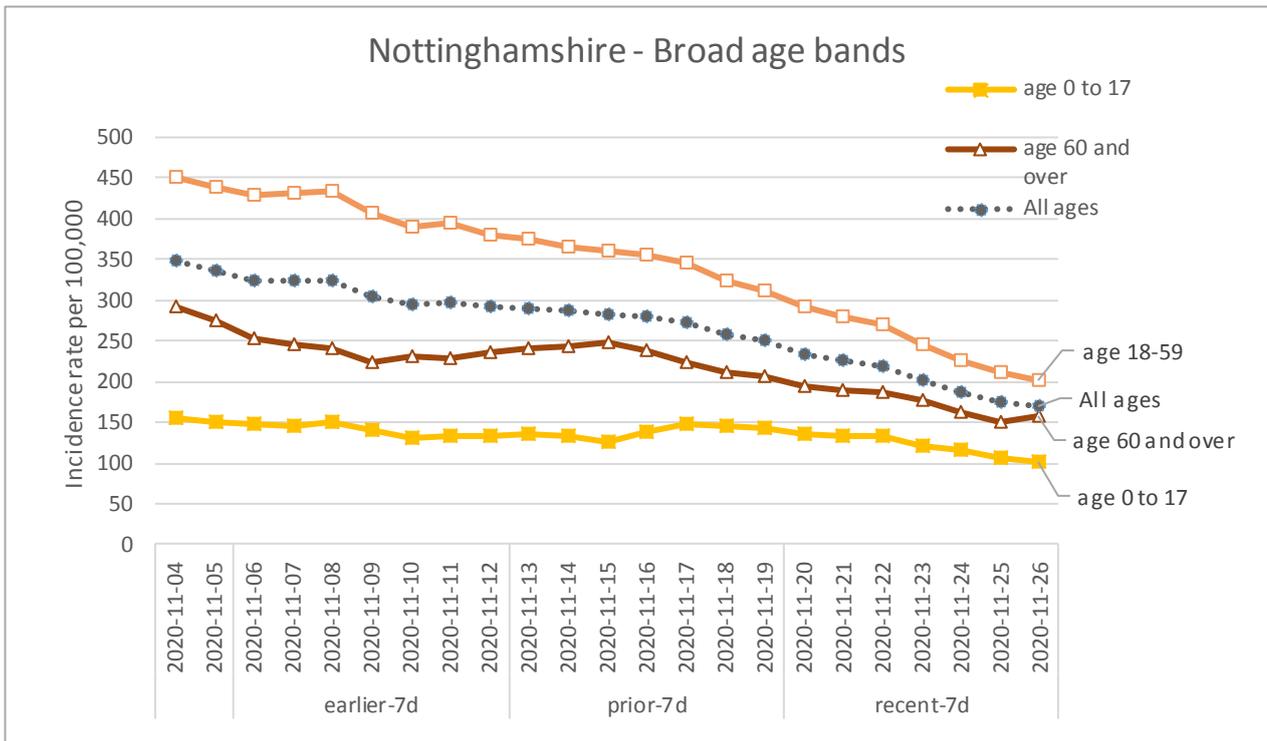
Situation update

2. The data below is correct as of 1 December and describes a situation which continues to be dynamic. Therefore at the Committee meeting, members will be offered a presentation containing tables updated with the very latest information.
3. The national COVID-19 alert is currently set at Level 4 which means that transmission of COVID-19 is high or rising exponentially. The situation in Nottinghamshire reflects this national context.
4. Nottinghamshire County saw increasing incidence of COVID-19 from the second half of September and through much of October. This resulted in increasingly severe pressures in our local health and care system. To avert a more serious crisis in the local health and care system, the authority recommended the introduction of stricter outbreak control measures across Nottinghamshire.
5. During November the rate of cases for people of any age and people aged over 60 reduced. Table 1 sets out the rates as they stand at 26th November 2020.

Table 1. Weekly rate of confirmed COVID-19 cases across Nottinghamshire, by district, as at 26th November 2020.

Upper Tier Local Authority	Lower Tier Local Authority	Percentage individuals test positive (weekly)		Case rate per 100,000 population (weekly)		Confirmed cases (highest recent 7 days)
Nottingham	Nottingham	7.5	decrease	169.4	Lower	564
	Ashfield	5.9	decrease	198.6	Lower	254
Nottinghamshire	Bassetlaw	7.5	decrease	210.3	Lower	247
	Broxtowe	5.8	decrease	149.1	Lower	170
	Gedling	7.1	decrease	161.2	Lower	190
	Mansfield	5.0	decrease	161.9	Lower	177
	Newark and Sherwood	8.1	decrease	196.0	Lower	240
	Rushcliffe	5.4	decrease	106.6	Lower	127

Figure 1: Rolling 7 day incidence across Nottinghamshire by age group. Each point represents the total number of cases over a 7 day window for a particular age group per 100,000 population



6. The local health and care system has remained under severe pressure during November.

Other Options Considered

7. None.

Reason for Recommendation

8. The Nottinghamshire County COVID-19 Outbreak Control Engagement Board provides oversight of local outbreak control arrangements. Statutory and Policy Implications

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9. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, data protection and information governance finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (public health services), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and adults at risk, service users, smarter working, sustainability and the environment and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

Financial Implications

10. There are no financial implications contained within this report.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1) That the Committee considers the contents of this report and the presentation delivered at the meeting and identifies any possible measures to recommend to the Nottinghamshire County COVID-19 Engagement Board.

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Constitutional Comments (AK 01/12/2020)

11. The report falls within the remit of COVID-19 Resilience, Recovery and Renewal Committee by virtue of its terms of reference.

Financial Comments (DG 16/11/20)

12. There are no direct financial implications arising from this report

Background Papers and Published Documents

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

[Local Authority Test & Trace Grant Resource Plan](#)

Adult Social Care & Public Health Committee (14 September 2020)

[Implementation of the Health Protection \(Coronavirus Restrictions \(England\) \(No 3\) Regulations 2020](#)

Adult Social Care & Public Health Committee (14 September 2020)

[COVID-19 local outbreak control: learning and next steps](#)

Health & Wellbeing Board (2 September 2020)

[COVID-19 contain framework: a guide for local decision-makers](#)

Department of Health & Social Care (28 August 2020)

[COVID-19 local outbreak control plan](#)

Health & Wellbeing Board (24 July 2020)

[Nottinghamshire County COVID-19 Weekly Surveillance Reports](#)

Nottinghamshire County Council (July – October 2020)

[Nottinghamshire County Local Outbreak Control Plan](#)

Nottinghamshire County Council (June 2020)

Press releases:

- [Nottinghamshire Councils urge people to follow stricter guidelines on COVID-19](#) (7 October 2020)
- [Protect yourself, your community and the NHS by getting the flu vaccine](#) (30 September 2020)
- [Closure notice issued to Pub in Kimberley, Nottinghamshire](#) (25 September 2020)
- [Notts residents urged to download NHS Covid-19 app from Thursday](#) (22 September 2020)
- [County Council funding praised for helping Notts communities through COVID-19](#) (21 September 2020)
- [Businesses and venues urged to create QR posters for 'Test and Trace'](#) (18 September 2020)
- [Workplace testing deployed at Summit Park construction site](#) (8 September 2020)
- [Helping Nottinghamshire get back to school and back on the move](#) (7 September 2020)
- [Lowest COVID-19 rate in Newark and Sherwood for over a month](#) (2 September 2020)
- [Newark and Sherwood to remain on government watchlist](#) (28 August 2020)
- [Nottinghamshire aims for children to go back to school with confidence](#) (24 August 2020)
- [Director of Public Health issues reminder that everyone has part to play in stopping the spread of Coronavirus](#) (20 August 2020)
- [Bakkavor employees undergo COVID-19 testing](#) (17 August 2020)
- [People urged not to visit care homes in Newark](#) (14 August 2020)
- [Newark Residents Urged to Follow Strict COVID Advice Following Government](#)

[Announcement](#) (13 August 2020)

- [Events cancelled at Newark Showground](#) (12 August 2020)
- [Statement from the Director of Public Health for Nottinghamshire regarding the current COVID-19 outbreak in Newark](#) (12 August 2020)
- [Routine mobile COVID-19 testing in Retford](#) (11 August 2020)

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

- All