



Somerset Covid-19 Weekly Workstream Update

Friday 17th July 2020

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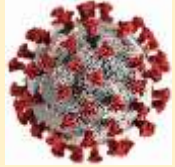


Introduction

Somerset County Council is working tirelessly with community organisations, charities, volunteers and its partners to support communities during the current Coronavirus pandemic. A number of multi-agency workstreams are in place to support this vital work. The following pages advise you of these workstreams, their key actions during the last week, what's planned going forward and what you can do to help. We plan to issue this workstream update every Friday. If you need more information, please check out www.somerset.gov.uk/coronavirus

Public Health

ACHIEVEMENTS



Key Actions achieved this week:

- Video created featuring Lord Lieutenant Annie Maw on guidance and support for people shielding. Can be viewed here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C05aosUJoRU&feature=youtu.be>
- Launch of Health MOTs - holistic telephone appointment for adults who have received a health check within last 5 years to assess physical and mental health and wellbeing.
- E-zine launched to celebrate schools who have supported Somerset Wellbeing Framework. Positive feedback received by schools who have engaged with support offered during COVID-19.
- Development of communications plan for schools to raise the awareness of the positive benefits of attending school, and the safety measures in place. Head teachers and DCS providing video messages.
- We ran outbreak scenarios with environmental health colleagues from the districts, producing very valuable learning to inform outbreak planning.
- Continues to promote Somerset Survivors for anyone experiencing domestic abuse: <https://somersexnewsroom.com/2020/07/16/campaign-is-busting-the-myths-about-domestic-abuse/>

Key Statistics for the week:

- 716 people tested at Taunton racecourse
- 378 people tested at mobile testing units (Street, Yeovilton, Minehead)
- 837 arranged home tests for covid19

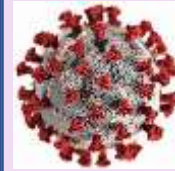


Happy, Healthy & Safe:

- 460 Mindline calls received this week
- 165 users of Healthy Somerset website this week



NEXT STEPS



Key Actions for the coming week:

- One of the outbreak scenarios will shortly be further developed for a multi-agency exercise.
- Delivery of the first virtual Q&A Session for businesses.
- Ongoing surveillance of data and intelligence to determine the public health actions required.



How to help:

- Help to promote the new guidance on shielding ensuring people understand and feel supported as they transition into this next phase.
- Help to promote social distancing and hand washing messages.
- Help to promote if you have symptoms to isolate and request a test through <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/ask-for-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/> or by dialling 119.



Reinforcing the measures:

Twitter - @SomersetDPH – 33.5k impressions from 1st – 15th July
Social Media reach this week (FB & Twitter): Healthy living advice and guidance: 9,170, Shielding advice and support: 5,659, IPC: 12,799, Domestic abuse: 7,368, child accident prevention: 2,519, Drugs & Alcohol support: 5,589, Sexual health service promotion: 2,394, Smoking cessation: 2,424, Bereavement support service: 3,061, Mental health support: 6,297, BBC Somerset radio slot: 4,504

Somerset Public Health COVID-19 Dashboard

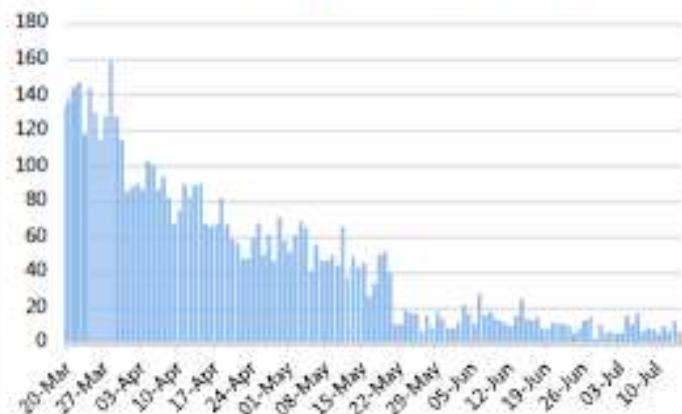
NHS 111 COVID Demand



Latest daily Somerset based calls to NHS 111 to assess COVID symptoms

14/07/2020

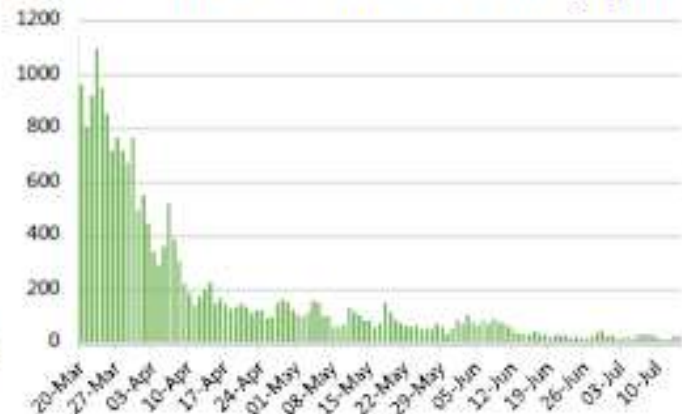
NHS 111 Calls to assess COVID Symptoms



Latest daily NHS 111 Online symptom assessments for COVID giving Somerset postcode

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NHS 111 Online Assessments for COVID Symptoms



Detected cases

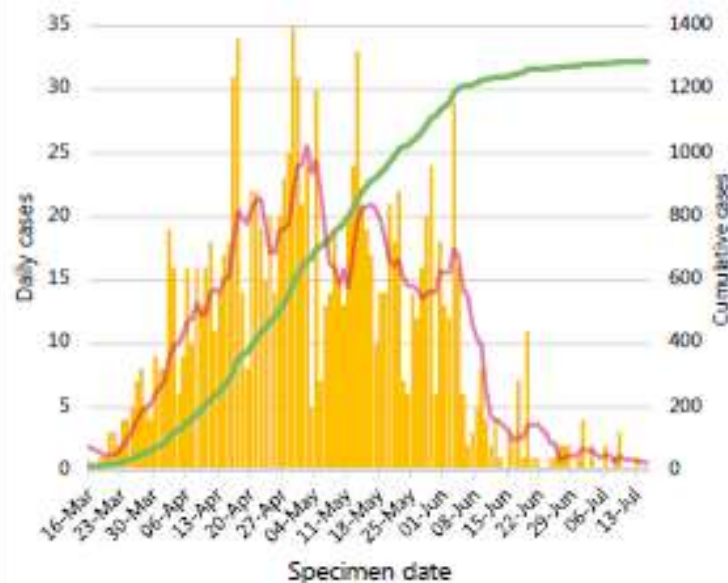


Total pillars 1 & 2 lab-confirmed COVID cases in Somerset

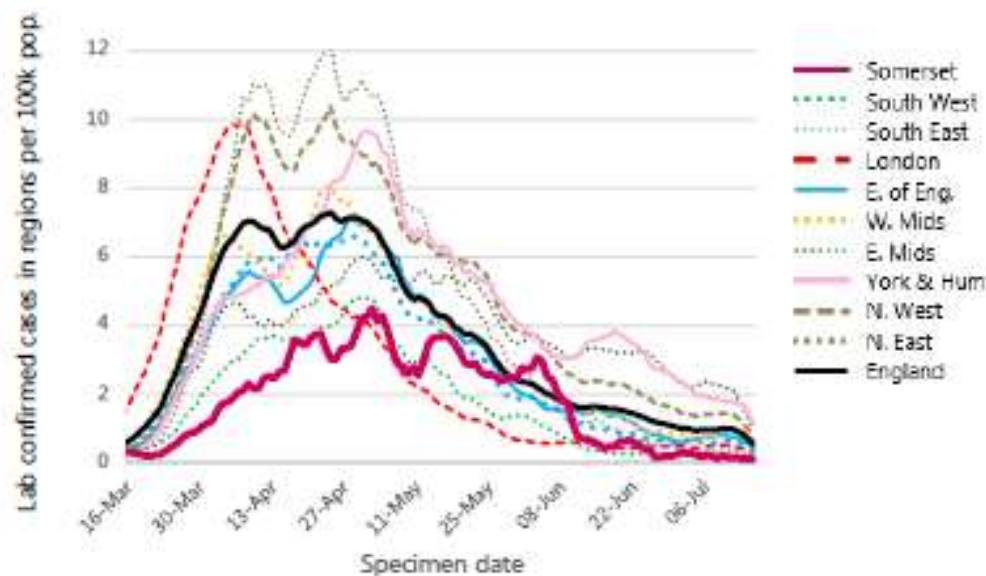
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7 day moving average
Cumulative cases

Somerset pillars 1&2 confirmed COVID cases daily



National comparison lab confirmed cases 7-day averages



As of 2nd June 2020, numbers of lab-confirmed positive cases now include those identified by testing in all settings (pillars 1 and 2).

Produced 15/07/2020 For data sources see final page. For more information contact publichealth@somerset.gov.uk



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Somerset Public Health COVID-19 Dashboard

Latest R number range for the South West

0.7-1.1

Last updated on Friday 10 Jul 2020

Produced by:

UK Government Scientific Advisory Group for Emergencies (SAGE)

What is R?

The reproduction number (R) is the average number of secondary infections produced by 1 infected person.

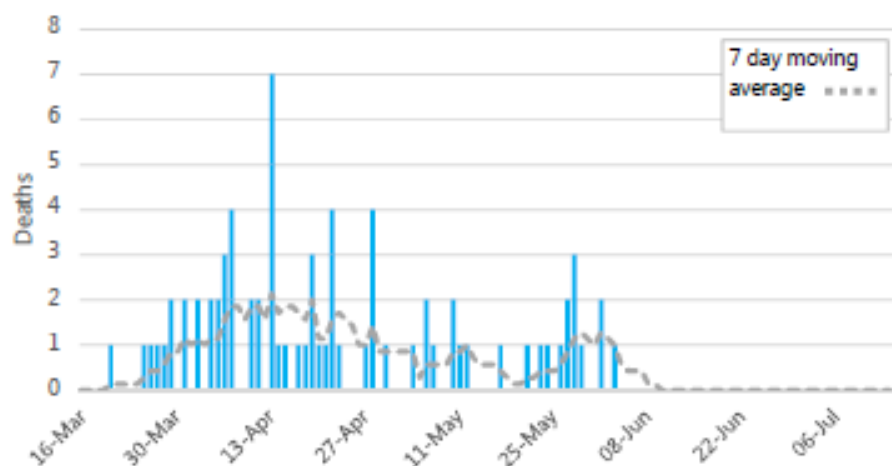
An R number of 1 means that on average every person who is infected will infect 1 other person, meaning the total number of new infections is stable.

Region

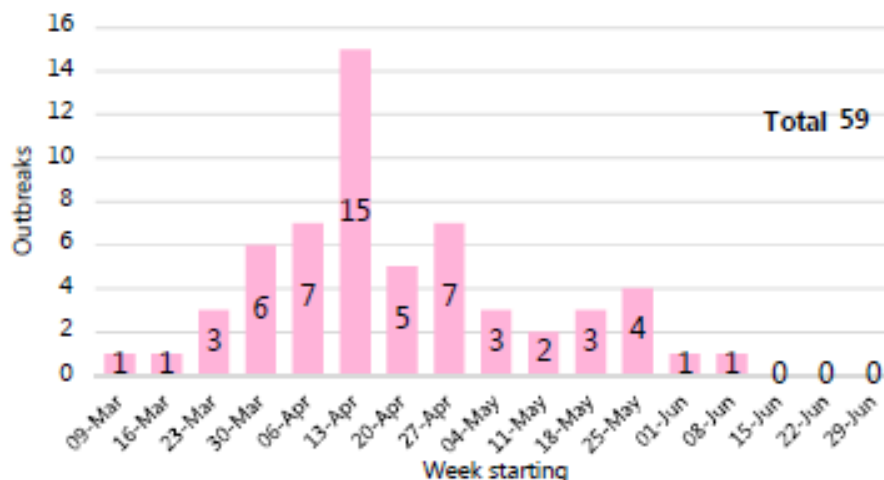
R

UK	0.7-0.9
England	0.8-1.0
East of England	0.7-1.0
London	0.7-1.0
Midlands	0.7-.09
NE and Yorks	0.7-1.0
North West	0.7-1.0
South East	0.8-1.0
South West	0.7-1.1

Daily COVID Deaths at Somerset Hospitals



COVID Outbreaks Somerset Care Homes New Weekly Reports (PHE)



Somerset Public Health COVID-19 Dashboard

COVID deaths week ending

03/07/2020

All COVID **0**

Hospital **0**

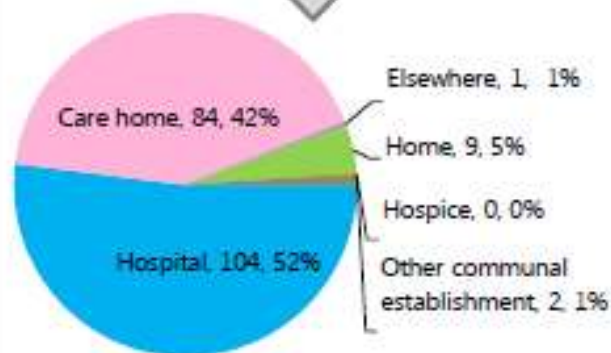
Care Home **0**

Other **0**

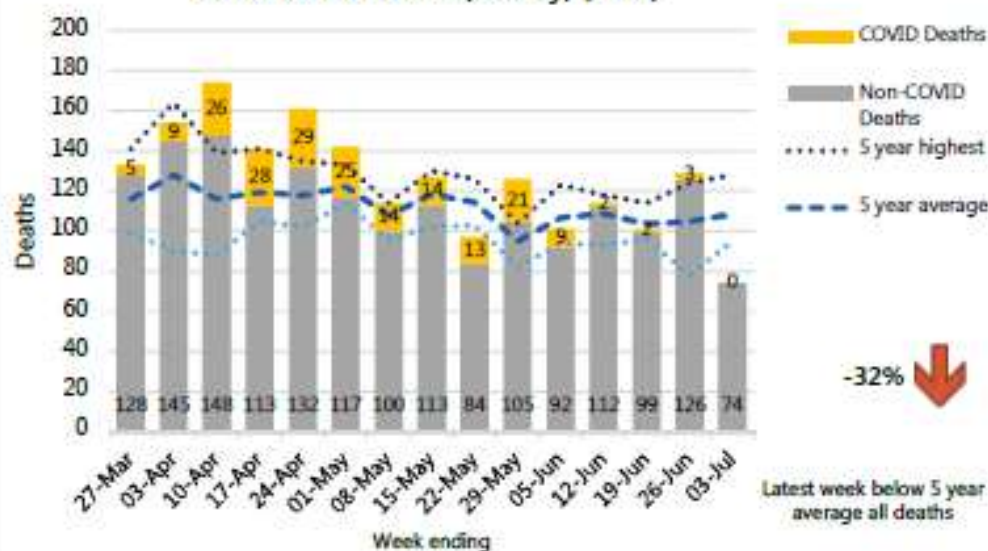
No COVID deaths this week. Total increase due to a late registration.

All COVID Deaths in Somerset by Place of Death (ONS)

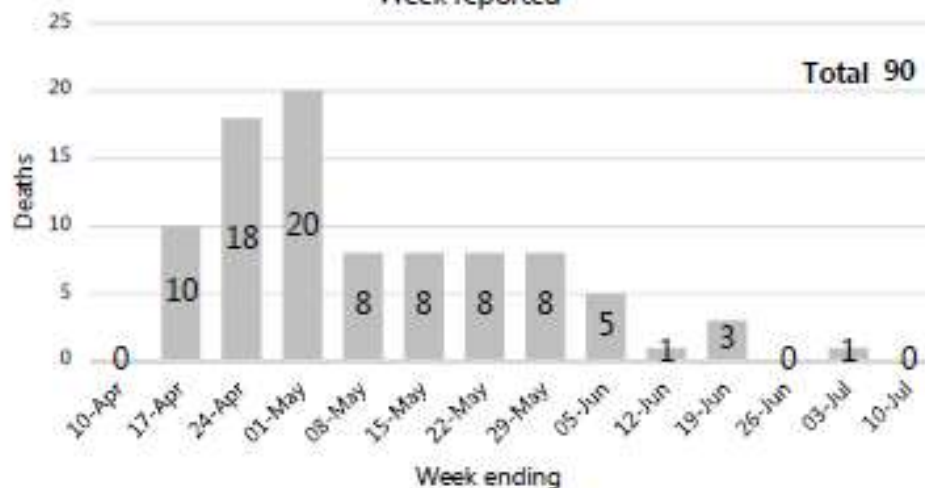
Total **200** 03/07/2020



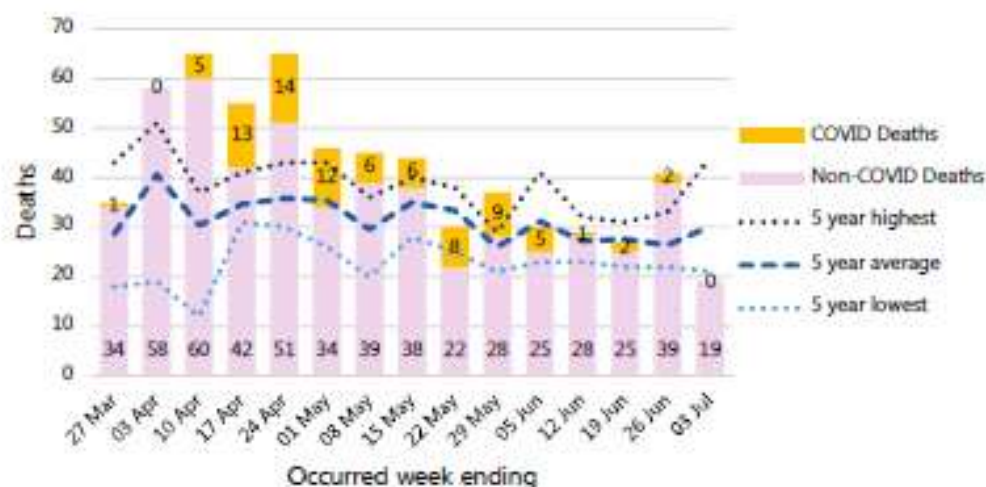
Somerset All Deaths (weekly) (ONS)



Somerset COVID Care Home Deaths (weekly) (CQC)



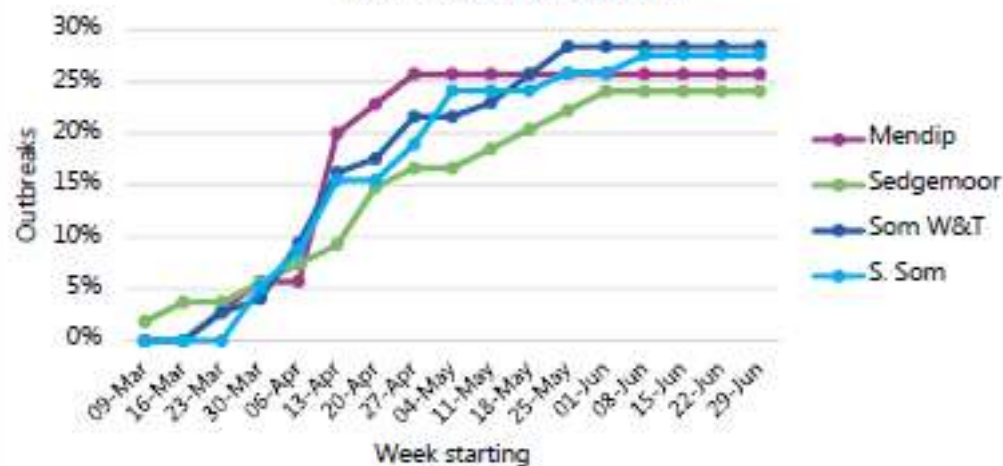
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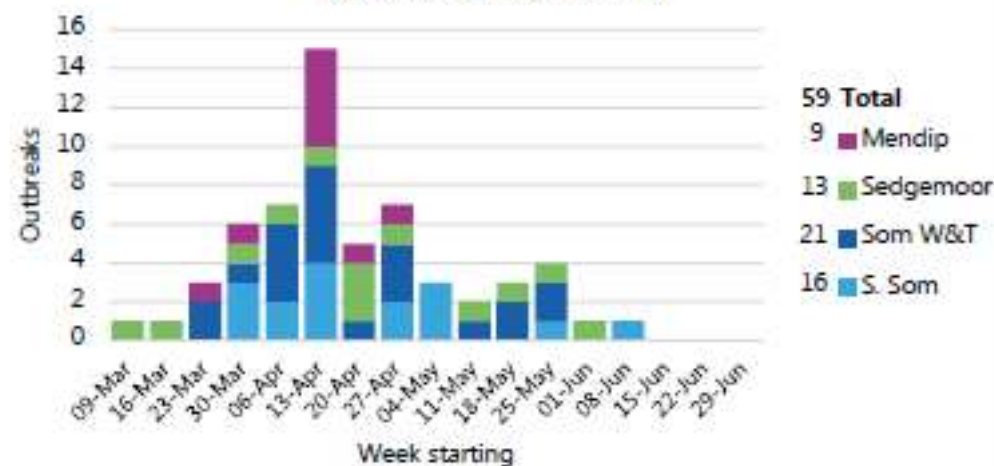
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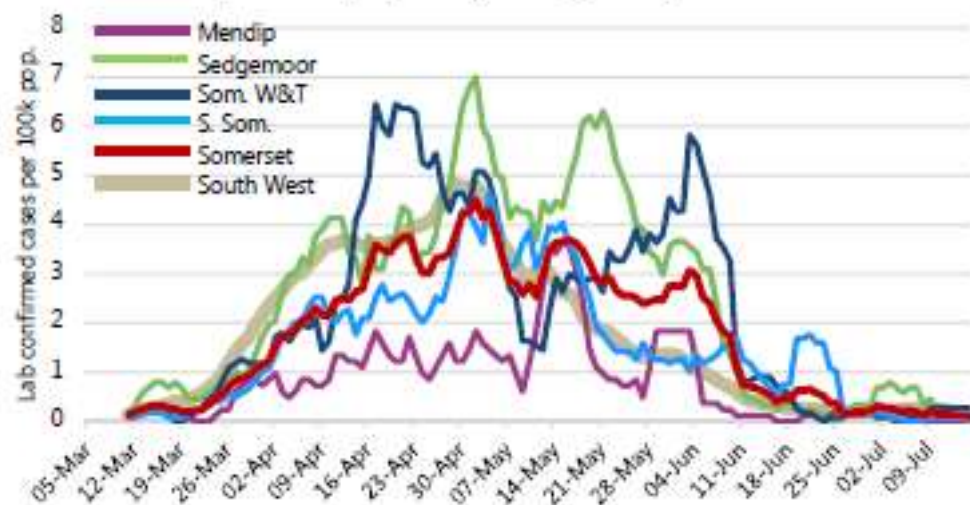
Percentage of care homes reporting COVID outbreaks
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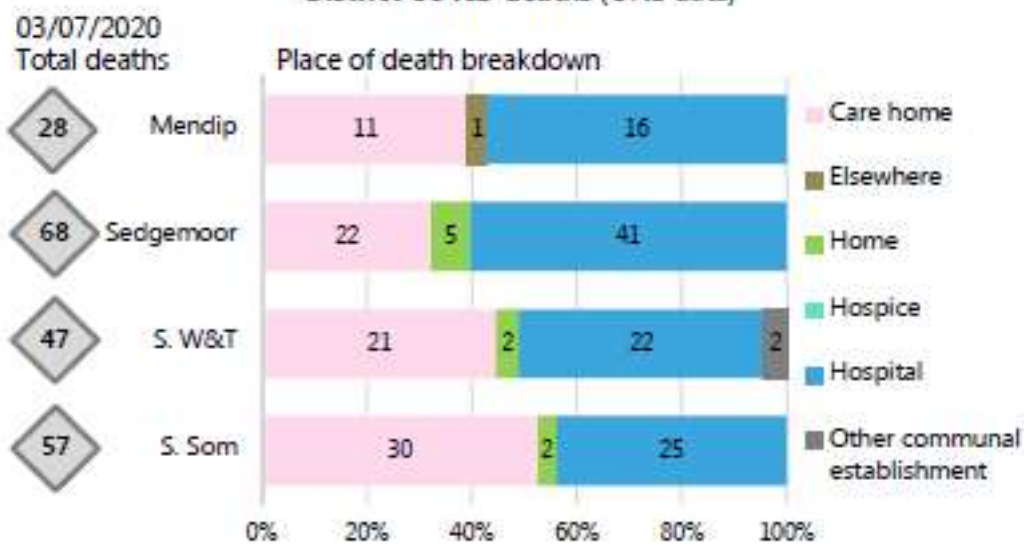
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New Weekly Reports (PHE)



Daily detected cases pillars 1&2 (Lab confirmed)
per 100k pop. 7 day rolling averages



District COVID deaths (ONS data)



Community & Resilience Cell

Key Points *(figures correct as of 15th July)*

- 7033 calls have now been made to the **Somerset Coronavirus Support Helpline**. Support for personal care, food, prescriptions, finances, waste and homelessness are still the main reasons for calling. Even though call volumes are declining the Cell has agreed to maintain existing opening hours: 7 days a week, 8 – 6pm including bank holidays to support: the new Local Outbreak Management Plan; CV restrictions being lifted; residents coming off shielded arrangements; and preparedness for any potential spikes in the Somerset CV numbers. Feedback from customers to the helpline remain very positive.
- The Somerset Coronavirus local appeal has now awarded a significant milestone of £500k and phase two grants are now available to help communities recover from the impact of the coronavirus outbreak.
- Money Advice videos have been produced and are hosted on Citizens Advice South Somerset's webpages <https://www.citizensadvice southsomerset.org.uk/advice/>
- The Brokerage sub-cell are developing a proposal regarding the use of Government funding to enable development of a model that will enable food sustainability over the Summer and Winter and establish long term effects.
- Mindline received 460 calls this week making a cumulative total of 5,843.
- The DEFRA Supermarket Priority slot process goes live from today. This will enable us to support people who need support with accessing food due to health / wellbeing and if we have a local outbreak.
- With help from members of the local community, Spark Somerset have produced a video which gives a snapshot of some of the amazing work that has taken place https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Elc0ddBotj0&feature=share&fbclid=IwAR0ZbVSwWUGPbWB5-SRpOdS2B-t59ugJ_jf-cWlQwZcYDI0dSDvehLWeVCs
- To get involved in your local community visit sparksomerset.org.uk/volunteer.

Actions going forward

- To consider impact on those who were shielding in light of Government stepping down this programme.
- Progressing programme of food and activities to families across Summer Holidays.
- To begin forming an exit strategy for the Community Distribution Hubs
- To develop a plan of key milestones as we work towards stabilisation and recovery

How to help / for information

Continued promotion/awareness of;

- Somerset Coronavirus Response & Recovery Fund 2nd phase of grant funding is now open and groups can apply for upto £10k via: www.somersetcf.org.uk/coronavirus. For information on how to donate to the appeal visit: <https://www.somersetcf.org.uk/appeal>.
- If you wish to help your local community, become a Corona helper! Register at <https://www.corona-helpers.co.uk/>
- The Somerset Coronavirus Support Helpline 0300 790 6275
- All Spark Somerset resources can be found at <https://www.sparksomerset.org.uk/covid-19>.
- Reminder that grants of up to £10,000 are available and to apply groups need to complete a short application form via: www.somersetcf.org.uk/coronavirus. For information on how to donate to the appeal visit: <https://www.somersetcf.org.uk/appeal>.
- For further information on Community Council for Somerset (CCS) please use link <https://ccslovesomerset.org/>
- [Mindline](#) – 24/7 emotional support helpline 01823 276 892
- [Bereavement Support Services](#)
- contact Marie Curie 0800 3047 412 Monday – Saturday 09.00-17.00.
- Somerset CAB Adviceline 03444 889623 10am – 4pm Monday – Friday
- <https://citizensadvice southsomerset.org.uk/>

Active Travel Cell

Key points & next steps (as of 16th July)

- No significant issues have been reported regarding our Tranche 1 schemes. Some minor amendments are being considered in areas and meetings are taking place to progress these
- District Leads have begun to get a steer from their Authorities on what Tranche 1 schemes they would like to see extended. Funding will have to be found and costs have been shared with each District. It's noted that costs will not include marshalling and that NSL staff will not be available for much longer.
- The cell have agreed our milestones for the Tranche 2 bid. We will aim to agree a final list of schemes to be submitted by no later than the 4th of July, with a view to obtain sign off by the 6th of August and to submit on the 7th of August deadline.
- Review meetings with each District Lead to discuss potential Tranche 2 schemes have been scheduled for the next few days.
- The cell has noted guidelines set out by the DFT with regards to the next tranche of funding;
- Schemes that are put forward must create an environment that is safer for **both** walking and cycling. Real ambition is expected that schemes should meaningfully alter the status quo or will not be funded.
- Temporary, low-cost schemes and permanent schemes with a short lead time will be supported so long as they meet the criteria. But it's noted that applications which focus on high quality, continuous infrastructure will be viewed favourably. They should also demonstrate that the impacts on bus and other public transport services have been considered.
- More detailed evidence will be required for Tranche 2, including setting the strategic case, details of individual schemes and confirming value for money.
- The letters received also note that the level of Tranche 2 funding will take into account how swiftly and effectively authorities were able to implement plans for Tranche 1.
- Members of the public urged to have their say on temporary walking and cycling routes:

<https://somersexpress.com/2020/07/14/somersexpress-public-health-advise-burnham-on-seas-businesses-at-chamber->

District	Town	Opportunity
Mendip	Frome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closure of Market Place, Palmer street (and therefore Catherine Hill and Stony Street) and King Street (and therefore Church Street and Eagle Lane). Implemented on 22nd June to coincide with Market Place closure. No issues to report.
Mendip	Glastonbury	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pedestrianise High Street, Magdalene Street and Benedict St except for access. Reviewing request from Town Council to amend scheme so it allows one-way traffic.
Mendip	Street	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pedestrianise High Street from Farm Road to Vestry Road (where market normally takes place) Implemented on Thursday 18th June. No issues to report.
Mendip	Wells	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduced Scheme now: - closure of Market Place and a small section of the lower high Street Wells City Council have indicated they would like to amend their closure to be day time only and they will manage this. Being reviewed.
Sedgemoor	Bridgwater	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eastover / East Quay / Salmon Parade . One-way traffic movement to provide widened footpaths and facilitate safer cycling Implemented Thursday 18th June – No issues to report.
Sedgemoor	Bridgwater	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pedestrianisation of Cornhill to High Street The Town Council have undertaken a survey of traders in the area who had feedback that the closure of High Street / Cornhill has impacted on their trade. A review meeting has been scheduled to consider proposals to remove scheme.
Sedgemoor	Burnham on Sea	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pedestrianisation of High Street Town Council have indicated they would like to partially lift parts of the High Street closure. A review meeting will be scheduled.
Somerset West & Taunton	Minehead	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removal of some parking bays on The Avenue and The Parade to enable widening of footways Implemented 15th June. No issues.
Somerset West & Taunton	Taunton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pedestrianisation of East Street Implemented 15th June. Very busy on first few days but has been quieter since. No issues to report.
South Somerset	Chard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pedestrianisation of Holyrood Street except for delivery vehicles Implemented 16th June. No issues to report. Generally supported by community but minority not supporting and making a lot of noise.
South Somerset	Yeovil	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pedestrianisation of High Street and Middle Street Implemented 16th June

Economic Response & Recovery

Key points

- *Business Intelligence** – Business intelligence group provides evidence to support response and recovery, gathered from district partners, business representative organisations, local and national surveys, national statistics and expert organisations and think tanks.
 - The latest Somerset Bulletin on the Economic Impact of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) is available online** at: www.somersetrends.org.uk/covid-19-bulletins - includes latest labour market data, data on uptake of furloughing and self-employment support schemes, and new intelligence on the visitor economy.
 - Feeding headline business issues (incl. challenges relating to Govt financial support) LEP weekly response to BEIS. Current issues include a set of issues relating to key employers in Wellington
 - Oxford Economics preparing economic projections/scenarios on COVID impact and recovery for Somerset and the wider region – SCC feedback on draft report given and awaiting final version.
 - Somerset business survey is being prepared on the economic impacts of COVID and sentiments/plans regarding recovery – invitations will be sent to businesses w/c 20th July, results and analyses due mid-August.
- * Small Business Grant Fund - As of the 12th of July, 10,958 grants have now been awarded, with circa 85.1% of eligible claims processed and 86.3% of total funding now distributed.** District colleagues report that this figure is unlikely to reach 100% however, primarily due to the rate of applications now slowing/some businesses simply not wanting to receive grant monies.
- The new discretionary grants scheme has been launched across the districts, with circa 1080 applications, although a significant number (circa 360) have been rejected due to ineligibility. Much of this funding from the discretionary grant pot has now been distributed across districts.
- * Local Solutions to Gaps In Local Support for Business**
- Working with partners to identify gaps in support and any vulnerabilities in local business support infrastructure – a phased programme of activity will be launched under the Business Rates Retention Scheme – a scheme for clusters/peer networks has just launched offering grants to establish/grow networks. Has been a good response so far with a mix of local and strategic applications; closing date is 31 July. A package of pre-start/start-up support has also been commissioned and will be rolled out as appropriate. Additional support will be phased over the coming months to supplement Growth Hub support and respond to local need.
 - Somerset's Skill Up Service supplying general and bespoke advice to employers on managing their apprentices and other training needs as their businesses diversify to reflect need.
- * Employment/Self Employment**
- Full Business Cases are being developed, under the Business Rates Retention scheme, to provide a holistic package of employment and skills support to both business and individuals. Signed grant funding award for NEETs £1.3m ESF programme to support young people who are, or at risk of becoming, NEET back into education or into employment.

actions going forward

- **Business Intelligence** – Prepare business survey for approval and distribution to business contacts by w/c 20th July. Review and disseminate findings from Oxford Economics modelling report.
- **Business rates retention pilot** – Somerset Growth Board have endorsed funding for a package of support for the visitor economy and employment & skills. Full Business Cases are now being developed for approval.
- **Comms** – Action marketing plan, working on a campaign about shopping locally and promoting the business webinar public and SLOMP messaging.

How to help

- Promote the business webinar on Wednesday 22nd July between 19:00 – 20:00 to businesses around Somerset. Their chance for Q&A with business leaders on any Covid 19 business subjects. The link for the meeting is [here](#)
- Promote the general business and accommodation flyers and poster which help business know what to do with a suspected or confirmed Covid 19 case can be found at <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/coronavirus/coronavirus-back-to-work-government-guidelines/>
- Please keep aware of any information regarding companies /sectors that could be at risk of redundancies and feed this back on a confidential basis to the Recovery and Economic

Economic Response & Recovery

BUSINESS GRANTS

10,884

NO. CLAIMS PROCESSED AND PAID



*Figures correct as of 17th July 2020

In response to the Coronavirus, Covid-19, the Government announced there would be support for small businesses, and businesses in the retail, hospitality and leisure sectors.



85%

% ELIGIBLE CLAIMS PROCESSED

12873

TOTAL NO. ELIGIBLE BUSINESSES COUNTY WIDE



£130,730,000

TOTAL VALUE PAID



10,958

TOTAL CLAIMS RECEIVED FROM BUSINESSES



Unemployment benefit Claimant Data Breakdown in Somerset Districts

Unemployment benefit Claimant Data Breakdown	March-20			Increase from March-20 to May-20	Total No. of Claimants as of May-20	No. of new claimants from March-20 to May-20
	Rate	April-20 Rate	May-20 Rate			
Mendip	2.3	4.5	5.6	+3.3	3755	2175
	2.8	4.7	5.6	+2.8	4020	2005
Sedgemoor						
South Somerset	1.9	3.8	4.7	+2.8	4495	2630
Somerset West & Taunton	2.2	4	4.9	+2.7	4315	2405
Somerset	2.3	4.2	5.1	+2.8	16,590	9220
South West	2.2	4.3	5.4	+3.2	184,250	108,560
United Kingdom	3.0	5.1	6.4	+3.4	2,675,250	1,406,630



Improving LIVES

SCC Recovery & Renewal Board

The Board will ensure fitness for purpose of council projects and programmes, and make sure SCC works in partnership to deliver recovery and renewal across the county

Work under way

- SCC's approach to recovery is now signed off.
- Draft Business Case for refreshed transformation programme expected late July
- Local Outbreak Management Plan and multi-agency links nearly complete, including process to ensure a smooth transition

Return
(what we need to go back to)

Retain
(what new practices will we keep)

Resist
(what will we avoid returning to)

Radical
(new things would we like to see going forward)

Somerset Multi-agency Recovery Coordination Group (MARCG)

The group will bring partners together to maximise **collaboration**, understand impact and deliver recovery activity whilst sustaining necessary response activity

Big stories this week

- **Local Resilience Forum** is reviewing its role in light of Local Outbreak Management Plans being launched, in order to add value, identify and share best practice, and how best to use LRF resources and knowledge. For example:
 - Acting as a conduit and strong voice with government and the other agencies
 - Looking at how to ensure greatest impact across the region of government funding initiatives
 - Disseminating good practice from other areas
- The Somerset Multi-agency Recovery Coordination Group is working with the LRF on an **LRF level impact assessment**
- South West partners have produced flyers and posters to **help business and customers know what to do when a suspected or confirmed case** of COVID-19 is reported.
- Horizon-scanning work has begun, and will help partners understand where opportunities and challenges may lie ahead, and what to do about them:
 - Where there are impacts we must tackle
 - Where we can change things for the better but need to act
 - Creative solutions to new or long-standing problems.
 - Ensuring lessons learnt and the "4 R's" are fully understood and inform partner's thinking and plans

Coming up / next steps

- Position Statement and high level action plan to be signed off next week
- Scenario planning and workshops to inform a multi-agency recovery strategy
- Coordinating the transition from response into outbreak management and strong recovery

Somerset Waste Partnership



- Recycling centres are now, to all intents and purposes, back to business as usual and accepting all materials (except for reuse – which we are still working on). Usage is roughly 75% of what we would expect at this time of year and queues and waiting times have been manageable. 'Shop style' social distancing is working well, and visitors are still limited to a maximum of two per car and should wear gloves when outside their vehicle.
- Whilst all kerbside services are running and many data/systems issues have still been addressed, the garden waste service is still underperforming. A recovery plan is in place to improve this and all kerbside services and SWP are closely monitoring Suez against this. This week over 9,000 garden waste service subscribers have been written to directly, providing them with a new collection day, or confirm the existing collection day. The success of this should ease pressures across collections and see improvements across the board, including in Customer Services.
- Next week
 - The garden waste service rerouting will start next Monday (6 July).
 - Further additional resources to assist in the clearing the backlog of customer enquiries.
 - Planning for the restart of Recycle More continues, acknowledging the challenges currently being faced and the need to have a stable, high-performing service before committing to such a large-scale service change.

Updated 2 July

Transport and Logistics Cell

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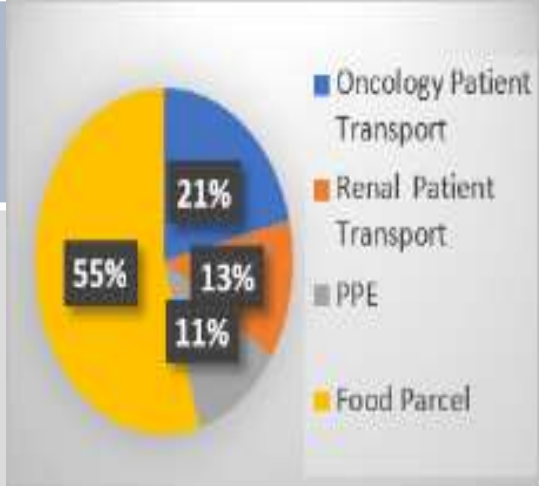
Key Points

Top Priorities/ Activities:

Recovery work progressing well. Tools to support Demand Management have been developed for all elements. These are being implemented (where appropriate).

Corporate fleet capacity increasing due to schools finishing on Friday 17 July.

Renal Patient transport	Oncology Patient transport	Food parcels-school meals	PPE deliveries
180	293	751	156



Logistic Requests:

No requests received during the week.

Resources:



Health and Social Care

(SCC contribution to H&SC Tactical Cells)

Key points

Outcome of the **reduced summer childcare provision** appears to be a major concern but staff have adapted and found solutions.

PPE is being moved to a chargeable model on 20 July 2020; work on the platform was completed and the new procedure will be communicated to providers from Tuesday (14th)

The Clipper system is now up and running, however the amount of free PPE is limited and the system is limited to smaller providers. It is noted that 161 providers have registered for the free PPE but will still need to purchase PPE from SCC too to ensure they have adequate stocks.

Testing: Pillar 1 and 2 is working relatively well, but there are still issues with couriers not collecting swabs - all incidents have been escalated.

Anti-body testing: This has commenced at Glastonbury Rugby Club and other venues are being established. Antibody testing is currently being rolled out for all health and social care staff across Somerset, in the first instance health staff are being prioritised with roll out to social care staff, including providers later this month. here are a number of testing locations that are available including; Frome, Glastonbury and Yeovil. We are continuing to source additional venues across the county. To request an appointment, or for any queries, please email: somccg.antibodytestingsomerset@nhs.net
A member of the team will contact you to agree a suitable time for your appointment. You will also be sent a booking form that must be completed and returned before the appointment can go ahead.

Head of Intermediate care post: this has now been circulated. This post is to run the intermediate care system, will cross over other partners and ourselves, Interviews will take place 17th August

A briefing for **Members on Micro Providers** will be shared and will and to include links to the Facebook live events

Good News:

We are now getting more people **home from Hospital** than we are extending their stay.

Communities: teams are moving into second phase of supporting people with food delivery. The good news is that this is in **partnership with Children's Services** and will support the programme for activities over the summer period.

Actions going forward

Communications

- 'Big Lunch' launch across community/neighbourhoods.
- Promotion of micro-providers: videos being launched
- Press release celebrating new integrated health and care temporary staffing team access arrangements for care providers to support workforce as required.

How to help

- Directing providers in your local area to our provider webpage for useful info and responses to FAQs etc; <https://ssab.safeguardingsomerset.org.uk/covid19/>
- Talking Cafes - Live sessions are held every day at 11am. You can also watch the video offline and ask questions

For more information..

Link to video of our Community/Village agents;

<http://youtube.com/watch?v=zrh0hIMbn5E...>

Vulnerable Children

Key Points

- Increase in young people's anti-social behaviour and related issues has been noted across partners and is being explored
- Potential increase in complexity of need, particularly in mental health, is being explored further.
- Work continues with schools and social care to encourage attendance of vulnerable children, including with Independent Non Maintained schools
- Risk assessment process in place to support learners with EHC Plan to return to school
- Laptops for vulnerable learners currently being rolled out to schools – orders now being placed for disadvantaged Year 10s
- Slight rise in Children Looked After numbers compared to June 2019. No clear pattern emerging. Audits & data analysis continue in order to identify any emerging themes
- Work progressing with partners to review options for supporting vulnerable families with activities and food over the summer holiday period
- Work progressing with partners to explore possible childcare options for school age children for the summer holiday period – awaiting updated guidance on use of venues
- Safeguarding concerns around families living in isolation under increasing pressure and amid expected rise in domestic abuse and substance misuse incidents
- Impact of Covid-19 on placement costs being monitored
- Impact of delays to Birth Registration process being monitored
- Vulnerable young people are benefitting from a County Council technology recycling scheme: <https://somersexnewsroom.com/2020/07/10/student-laptops-for-old-tech/>
- Continue to ensure food is delivered to the most vulnerable families in the County throughout the summer: <https://somersexnewsroom.com/2020/07/09/team-effort-to-support-vulnerable-families-in-summer-holidays/>

Successes

- Additional foster care enquiries & assessments generated through adapted processes
- LA link officers established for schools and EY settings to provide single points of contact
- Successful alternative solutions provided for supporting vulnerable families for respite (Outdoor Education Centres)
- Improved monitoring and reporting of attendance across all schools
- Embedding of Multi-Agency Linked Professional safeguarding approach
- Delivery of an average of 1,000 Free School Meal boxes / week to schools
- Establishment of multi-agency universal and targeted support offer for vulnerable teenagers over the summer holiday period, supported by weekly multi-agency panel
- Summer holiday Free School Meal vouchers – issues for rurally isolated families resolved – vouchers for local shops to be made available, or Village Agents to support

Key Risks

- Increased safeguarding risks to vulnerable children during lockdown and expected rise in referrals as lockdown ends
- Increase in anti-social behaviour and complex needs is beginning to emerge
- Limited placement capacity for teenagers & general placement opportunities as CLA numbers rise
- Lack of available childcare for working families over the summer holiday period

Actions Going Forward

- Service needs to be established in relation to a partial return to office bases, including virtual team building for new teams
- Review of transformation programme business cases and activity in context of Covid impact
- Explore options to reduce the impact of digital poverty on remote learning
- On-going review of Local Outbreak Management Plan
- Research and discussions to develop understanding and response to emerging need

Schools – Extending Provision

Key Points

- All schools with primary aged children and all secondary schools are offering extended provision. Data shows gradual increase in key groups since 01 June
- Government Covid catch-up plan announced for next academic year, comprising grant (for all schools) and national tutoring programme (for disadvantaged pupils)
- Vulnerable children, key worker children, and those with an EHCP will continue to be prioritised for allocation of school places
- School capacity is increasingly capped by numbers of key worker children and available teaching space
- Resource issues for schools in managing blended virtual and face to face curriculum offer alongside increased school attendance – staffing implications for September
<https://somersexnewsroom.com/2020/07/16/team-future-proofs-online-learning-for-somersex-pupils/>
- Support available to help schools manage high levels of anxiety for learners, parents and staff in relation to phased return to school
- School transport – planning for September including matching bubbles/social distancing/staggered opening times. Temporary increase in budget requested for 3 months from September.
- New guidance for Schools re September has been released
- Guidance and risk assessments have been updated and shared via SSE website and bulletin
- Scenario planning taking place with Public Health and school representation
- Various comms planned from now and throughout school holidays re the positives of returning to school and summer provisions
- Childcare provision throughout the summer comms issued
<https://somersexnewsroom.com/2020/07/16/childcare-provision-available-for-all-ages/>

Successes

- All Somerset schools are now offering extended provision, numbers continuing to rise
- Early years attendance numbers continue to rise
- School leadership appreciative of SCC support during Covid 19 period and on implementing extended provision
- Outdoor curriculum offer developed with partners / agencies with 250 staff trained
- Emergency PPE provided and on-going ordering process established

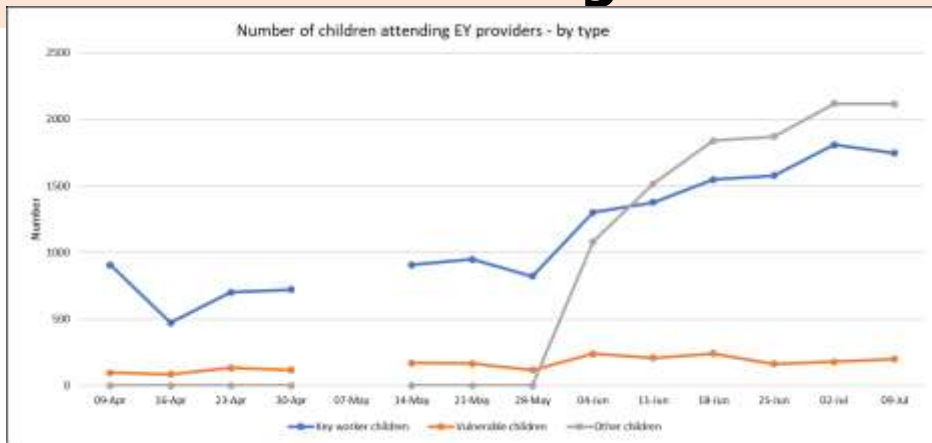
Key Risks

- Managing parental expectations around extended provision
- Staff & family confidence to return to school
- School capacity to meet demand
- School transport demand and capacity
- Anticipated increased attainment gap for disadvantaged students
- Anticipated rise in anxiety levels for some staff & children returning to school
- Concerns raised over impact on transition arrangements for September

Actions Going Forward

- Reviewing options for holiday childcare provision with partners
- Establish impact on school delegated budgets
- The successful link worker arrangement will be continued until October.
- Planning towards extended provision & possible blended offer for September
- Working group to explore opportunities / guidance for catch up grants / National Tutoring Programme
- Comms including press releases planned around free school meals, summer holiday options, partnership work, school transport and the positives of going back to school

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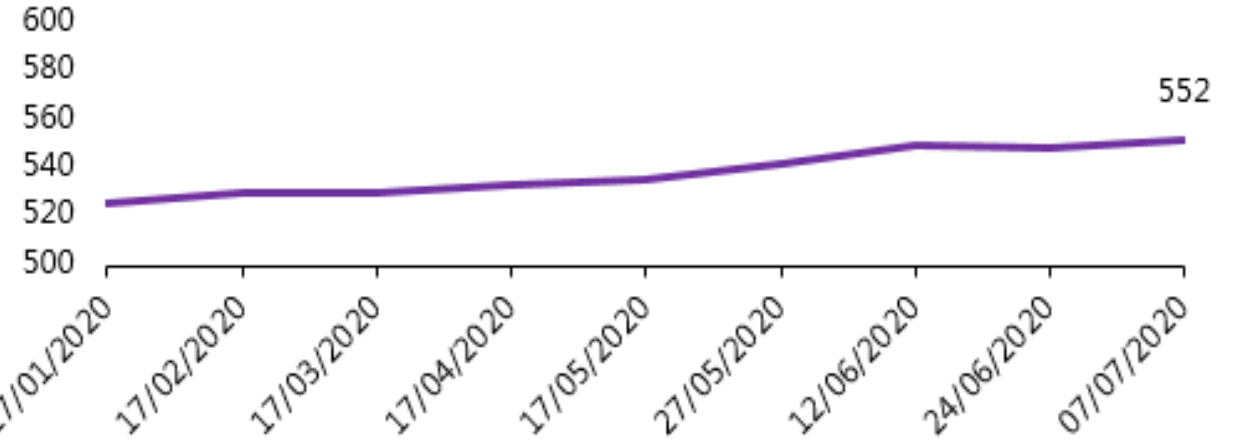


Time series of core year groups attending and proportion all pupils attending

Date	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 6	Year 10	Year 12
1 June	207	817	693	860	0	0
2 June	306	1,329	1,210	1,252	0	0
3 June	294	1,309	1,206	1,226	0	0
4 June	332	1,449	1,378	1,495	0	0
5 June	191	1,057	960	991	0	0
8 June	401	1,884	1,926	1,774	0	0
9 June	425	1,986	2,012	1,838	0	0
10 June	349	1,608	1,602	1,587	0	0
11 June	420	1,885	1,982	1,892	0	0
12 June	256	1,335	1,467	1,394	0	0
15 June	516	2,316	2,131	2,475	497	44
16 June	538	2,378	2,257	2,543	598	38
17 June	445	1,994	1,960	2,209	374	62
18 June	497	2,185	2,236	2,505	523	143
19 June	342	1,634	1,691	1,850	406	43
22 June	558	2,513	2,338	2,683	706	41
23 June	535	2,606	2,484	2,749	747	28
24 June	479	2,138	1,990	2,212	593	36
25 June	574	2,429	2,403	2,553	470	25
26 June	372	1,665	1,648	1,855	470	31
29 June	537	2,557	2,364	2,611	648	59
30 June	618	2,746	2,600	2,817	732	35
1 July	572	2,233	2,160	2,381	598	41
2 July	604	2,519	2,393	2,556	578	81
3 July	407	1,882	1,869	2,054	609	74
6 July	594	2,658	2,384	2,733	707	81
7 July	661	2,771	2,575	2,736	825	38
8 July	496	2,142	2,090	2,121	606	42
9 July	587	2,484	2,484	2,475	543	88
10 July	430	1,764	1,763	1,809	495	43
13 July	606	2,596	2,432	2,649	586	29

Vulnerable Children

Children Looked After



Children's Social Care

