

# Covid-19 Update

Executive Committee

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2021

# National Updates

- 4.2 million confirmed cases of Covid-19 and nearly 124,419 deaths in the UK
- The R number is now 0.7 to 0.9 in the UK and 0.6 - 0.8 East of England
- Deaths from Covid-19 fell by 41% last week
- Hospital admissions saw their fastest ever fall last week with the average number of cases per day being the lowest since last September
- The first steps of the roadmap out of national lockdown began on Monday
- The Chancellor has set out a range of measures to help support individuals facing financial hardship, including Universal Credit top up and one off £500 payments for Working Tax Credit claimants

# National Vaccination Update

## Provisional figures by region as at 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Region of Residence	1st Dose 08/03/21	Population 18+	Region of Residence	2nd Dose 08/03/21	Population 18+
England Total	<b>19,199,233</b>	44,263,393	England Total	<b>821,121</b>	44,263,393
	43.4%			1.9%	
South West	<b>2,191,479</b>	4,517,219	South West	<b>98,952</b>	4,517,219
	48.5%			2.2%	
East of England	<b>2,259,709</b>	4,889,615	East of England	<b>99,375</b>	4,889,615
	46.2%			2.0%	
North East and Yorkshire	<b>2,962,017</b>	6,470,910	North East and Yorkshire	<b>123,649</b>	6,470,910
	45.8%			1.9%	
Midlands	<b>3,751,071</b>	8,467,513	Midlands	<b>146,919</b>	8,467,513
	44.3%			1.7%	
North West	<b>2,519,025</b>	5,777,736	North West	<b>100,889</b>	5,777,736
	43.6%			1.7%	
South East	<b>3,100,014</b>	7,210,838	South East	<b>137,568</b>	7,210,838
	43.0%			1.9%	
London	<b>2,318,517</b>	6,929,562	London	<b>112,963</b>	6,929,562
	33.5%			1.6%	

# Local Vaccination Update

## 4<sup>th</sup> March Vaccinations by Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) Area

CCG of Residence	1st dose		2nd dose		Cumulative Total Doses to Date
	Under 65	65+	Under 65	65+	
NHS East and North Hertfordshire CCG	61,800	93,659	2,052	8,584	166,095
NHS Herts Valleys CCG	74,663	96,614	1,439	3,776	176,492
NHS West Essex CCG	34,085	54,109	1,007	4,272	93,473

Vaccinations across Herts and West Essex STP (as at 5 <sup>th</sup> March)	80 and over	75-79 years old	70-74 years old	65-69 years old
% of first doses given	94%	100% *	96.4%	89.7%

\* The actual number of people in this age group who have been vaccinated exceeds the latest official estimate of the population from the ONS

# Covid-19 Herts and Stevenage Data

Cases & Case Rate (27/02/21 – 05/03/21)	Weekly Cases	Cases / 100,000	Total Cases
Stevenage	58	66.0	5,713
Hertfordshire	526	44.2	74,704

Deaths (20/02/21 – 26/02/21)	Weekly Deaths	Total Deaths	Total Deaths / 100,000
Stevenage	5	155	176.8
Hertfordshire	38	2,638	226.8

Hospitals (East & North Herts Health Trust)	12 February	19 February	26 February	1 March	5 March
Number in hospital with Covid-19	113	115	83	77	52
Number in critical care with Covid-19	12	17	15	11	9

# Stevenage Confirmed Cases (MSOAs)

	St Nicholas	Bedwell	Woodfield + Old Town	Roebuck	Symonds Green	Martins Wood	Bandley Hill	Pin Green + Old Town	Shephall	Chells	Manor	Longmeadow	Stevenage
14/01 - 03/03 (6 weeks) Average Rate & Total Cases	294.4	243.0	238.7	221.5	215.8	207.7	197.4	195.1	198.6	168.7	149.1	130.8	201.4
	135	116	176	92	78	79	79	103	76	69	55	46	969
25/02 - 03/03 Rate & Cases	222.5	75.4	48.8	0.0	49.8	47.3	89.9	147.8	78.4	88.0	0.0	51.2	63.6
	17	6	6	0	3	3	6	13	5	6	0	3	51
18/02 - 24/02 Rate & Cases	222.5	176.0	48.8	101.1	0.0	173.5	75.0	159.1	94.1	102.7	81.3	85.3	99.7
	17	14	6	7	0	11	5	14	6	7	5	5	80
11/02 - 17/02 Rate & Cases	143.9	201.1	146.5	216.7	132.8	236.6	104.9	147.8	188.1	73.4	0.0	85.3	142.1
	11	16	18	15	8	15	7	13	12	5	0	5	114
04/02 - 10/02 Rate & Cases	222.5	176.0	301.1	187.8	332.0	220.8	179.9	170.5	282.2	308.1	81.3	119.4	219.4
	17	14	37	13	20	14	12	15	18	21	5	7	176
28/01 - 03/02 Rate & Cases	366.4	440.0	463.9	274.4	348.5	268.1	329.8	238.7	172.5	220.1	357.9	187.6	313.0
	28	35	57	19	21	17	22	21	11	15	22	11	251
21/01 - 27/01 Rate & Cases	588.9	389.7	423.2	548.9	431.5	299.7	404.7	306.9	376.3	220.1	374.2	255.8	370.3
	45	31	52	38	26	19	27	27	24	15	23	15	297

# Young People – Case Rates

- Cases throughout Hertfordshire continue to fall. However, Stevenage continues to have one of the highest infection rates in the county.
- Case rates in the 5-9 and 10-14 age groups are still noticeably higher than the Hertfordshire average although they continue to come down.
- Cases are beginning to return to the levels that they were at in early October, when cases first began to rise and the second wave of infections began.
- The re-opening of schools will likely have a significant impact on cases over the next few weeks, which will need to be taken into account when analysing the statistics.

		Comparison Period								Closure Period								
		Case Rate 30/09/20	Change	Case Rate 31/10/20	Change	Case Rate 30/11/20	Change	Case Rate 31/12/20	Change	Case Rate 11/01/20	Change	Case Rate 25/01/21	Change	Case Rate 10/02/21	Change	Case Rate 24/02/21	Change	Case Rate 03/03/21
Stevenage	0-5	0.0	34.4	34.4	68.7	103.1	326.3	429.4	-137.4	292.0	-154.6	137.4	-51.5	85.9	-34.4	51.5	-17.1	34.4
	5-9	0.0	16.3	16.3	48.9	65.2	309.6	374.8	-195.5	179.3	-81.5	97.8	0.0	97.8	0.0	97.8	-48.9	48.9
	10-14	0.0	149.4	149.4	0.5	149.9	391.5	541.4	-224.0	317.4	-149.4	168.0	74.7	242.7	-149.3	93.4	-37.4	56.0
Hertfordshire	0-5	16.3	14.9	31.2	25.8	57.0	307.9	364.9	-138.3	226.6	-40.7	185.9	-118.0	67.9	-15.0	52.9	-16.3	36.6
	5-9	3.7	28.5	32.2	27.2	59.4	300.5	359.9	-164.5	195.4	-74.2	121.2	-71.7	49.5	-13.6	35.9	-3.7	32.2
	10-14	19.6	50.9	70.5	112.3	182.8	292.4	475.2	-159.3	315.9	-167.1	148.8	-75.7	73.1	-33.9	39.2	-11.8	27.4

# Hertfordshire Local Resilience Update

- Hertfordshire Outbreak Management Plan is being updated in line with the Government's Covid Response Plan
- Approximately 26,000 additional people have now joined the 41,000 already shielding in the County and all have been advised of the support being offered by Herts Help.
- Hertfordshire will receive an additional £866,869 under the Covid Winter Support scheme. Anticipated to cover the free schools meals offer over the Easter Holidays.
- BAME outreach work is going well and work is now underway to support Ramadan, Passover and Easter
- To support the return to school, some local testing sites in Hertfordshire will now supply home testing kits for collection during their afternoon opening hours.
- Communities 1<sup>st</sup> and partners have continued to recruit volunteers to provide support for vaccination centres and school Covid testing.



# Stevenage Updates

## Outbreak Management

- Preparations being finalised for the self-isolation action day later this month
- Business re-opening support initiatives in preparation
- Common exposure settings remain retail; renewed focus on primary care and schools

## Community

- The council has been successful in securing £170k from the National Leisure Recovery Fund
- Community Associations being supported to plan for re-opening and recovery

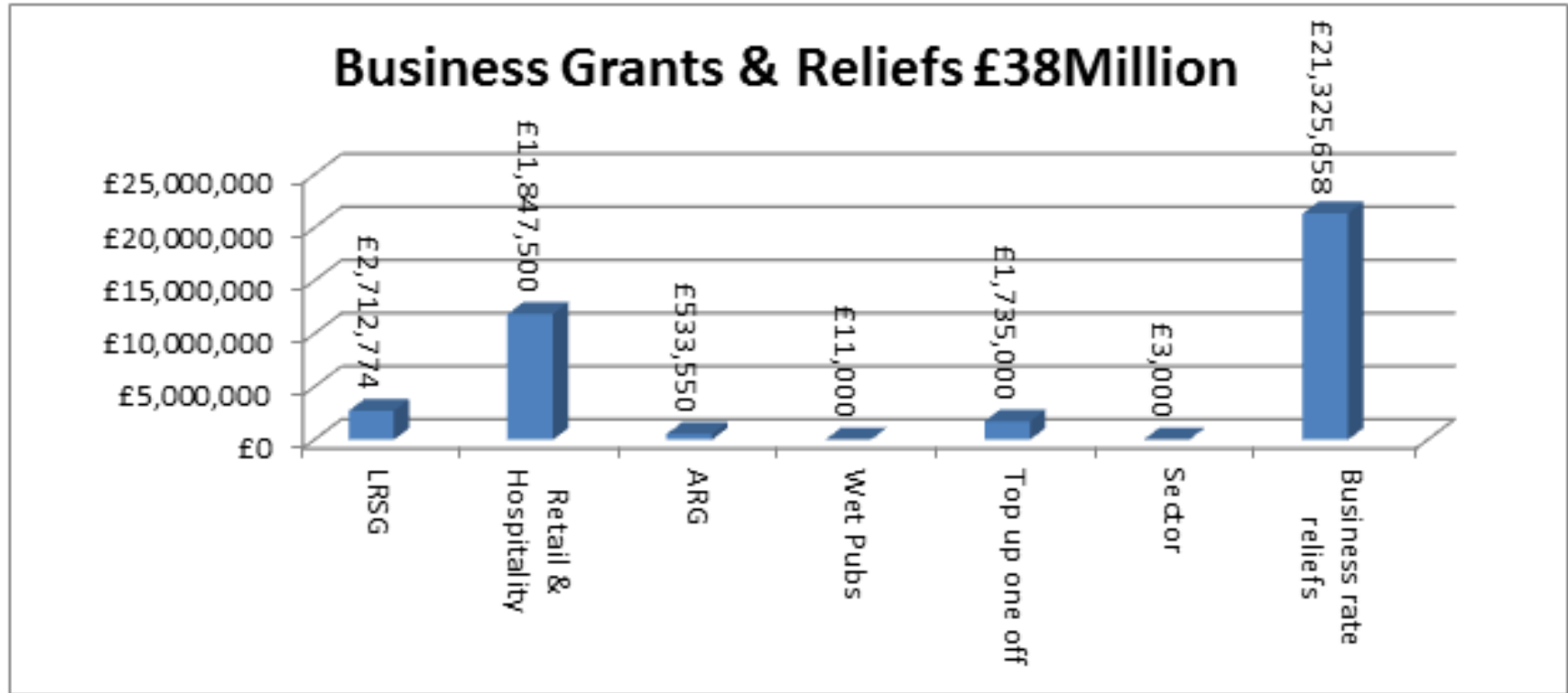
## Communications

- Liaising with Director of Public Health about a Stevenage BAME webinar
- Reassurance messages about the vaccine
- Business grants promotion - online/offline
- Digital boards to go live on 18<sup>th</sup> March

# Budget Update – Business Support Summary

- Extension of the existing 100% business rates relief for Retail, Hospitality and Leisure for the three months from April to June 2021.
- A new 66% relief for the same premises from July 2021 to March 2022, capped at £2Million per business for properties which had to be closed on 5 January 2021 and £105K per business for other eligible properties (including nurseries).
- Restart Grants of up to £6K per premises for non-essential retail businesses and £18K per premises for hospitality, accommodation, leisure, personal care and gym businesses.
- The Government is providing local authorities in England with an additional £425Million of discretionary business grant funding.
- The Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (aka Furlough) and support for self-employed people are to be extended to the end of September 2021.

# Business Grants



# Resident Payments

