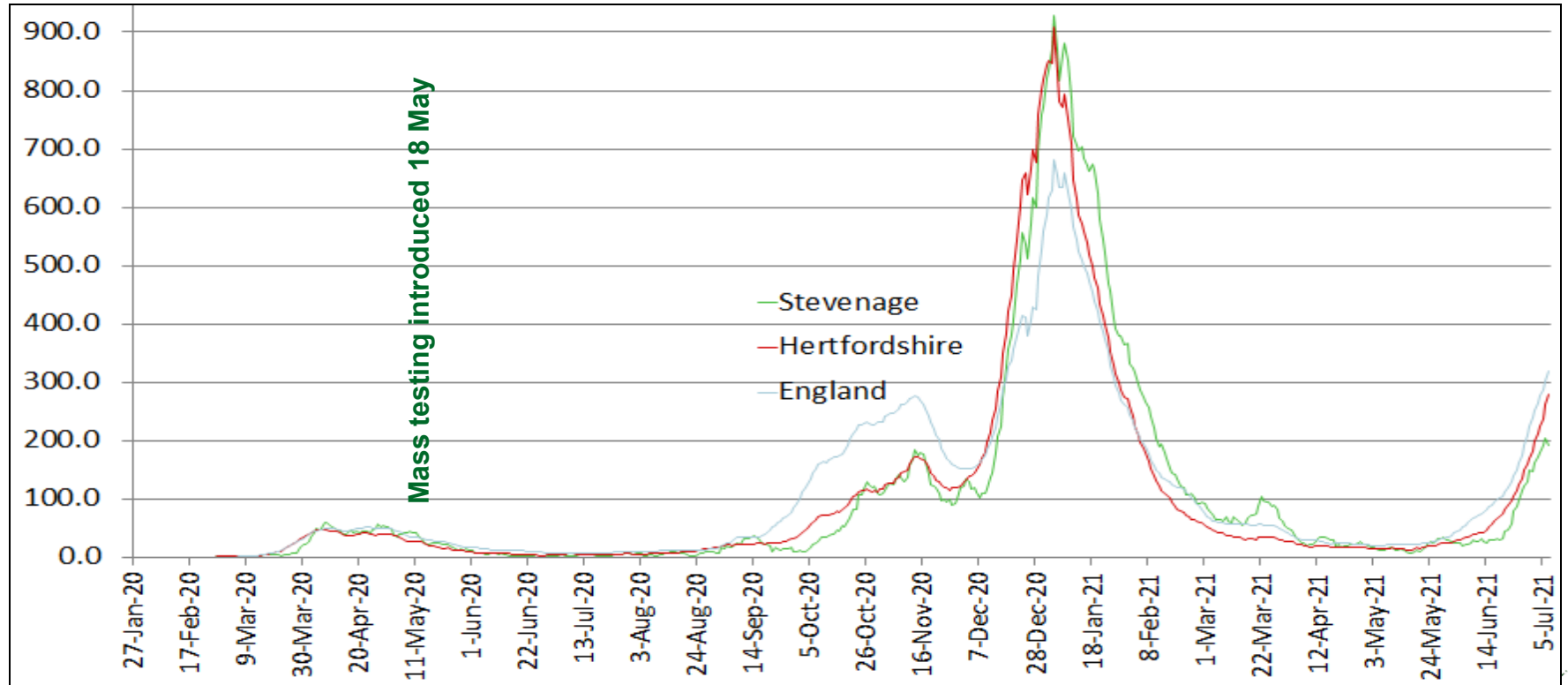


Covid-19 Update

Executive

Wednesday 14th July 2021

Confirmed Case Rate – Since Jan 2020

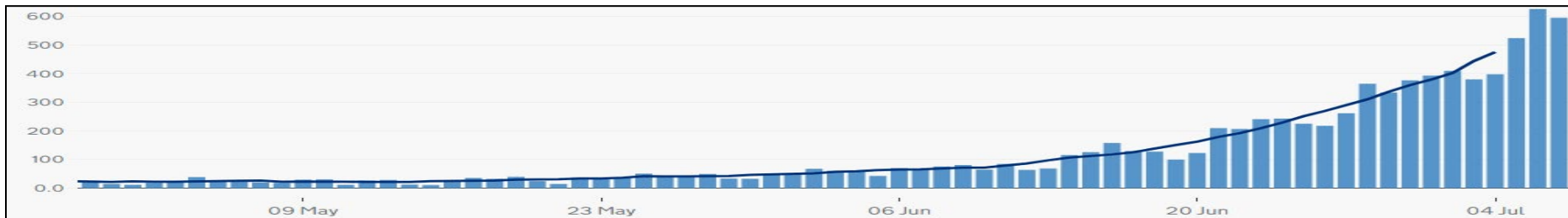


Local & National Epidemiology

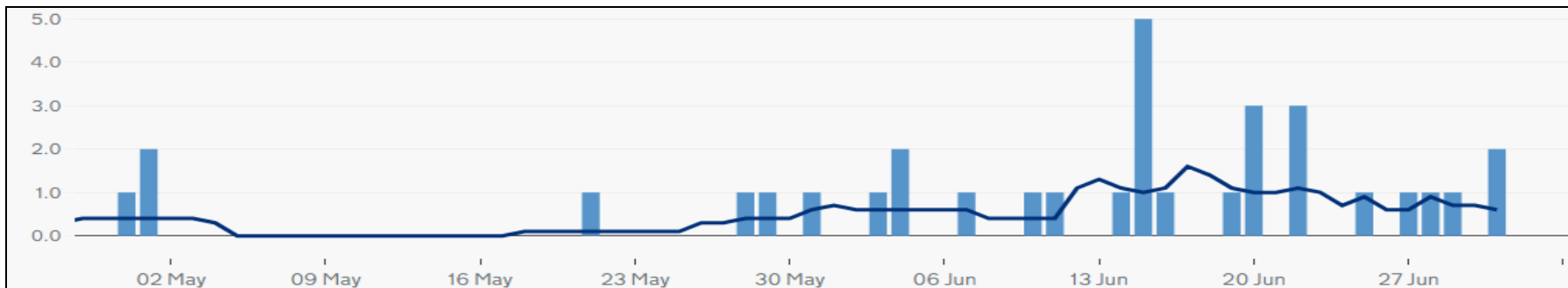
* provisional	St Albans	East Hertfordshire	Dacorum	Three River	Watford	Hertsmere	Broxbourne	Welwyn Hatfield	North Hertfordshire	Stevenage	Hertfordshire	London	Essex	Luton	Bedford	Central Bedfordshire	England
*week change	147	215	112	149	131	122	109	94	62	46	1,187	5,412	2,008	152	104	316	46,443
*03/06 - 09/07 Rate & Cases	354.3 526	354.6 531	334.7 518	329.0 307	300.3 290	278.3 292	274.5 267	251.9 310	237.3 317	214.0 188	298.1 3,546	262.5 23,526	308.2 4,590	284.9 607	245.8 426	339.2 979	335.2 188,692
week change	214	99	251	72	83	85	65	80	85	73	1,107	8,099	1,582	203	155	434	64,173
26/06 - 02/07 Rate & Cases	255.3 379	211.0 316	262.3 406	169.3 158	164.6 159	162.0 170	162.4 158	175.5 216	190.9 255	161.6 142	198.3 2,359	202.1 18,114	173.4 2,582	213.6 455	185.8 322	229.7 663	252.7 142,249
week change	109	126	99	28	1	28	63	70	118	47	696	3,358	540	33	-66	35	32,261
19/06 - 25/06 Rate & Cases	111.1 165	144.9 217	100.2 155	92.2 86	78.7 76	81.0 85	95.6 93	110.5 136	127.3 170	78.5 69	105.3 1,252	111.7 10,015	67.2 1,000	118.3 252	96.4 167	79.3 229	138.7 78,076
week change	5	5	-1	7	11	21	7	19	7	-2	72	454	78	-26	-24	0	4,766
12/06 - 18/06 Rate & Cases	37.7 56	60.8 91	36.2 56	62.1 58	77.7 75	54.3 57	30.8 30	53.6 66	38.9 52	25.0 22	46.7 556	74.3 6,657	30.9 460	102.8 219	134.5 233	67.2 194	81.4 45,815

Comparison of confirmed cases with hospital admissions May – July 2021

Confirmed cases - Hertfordshire



East and North Hertfordshire NHS Trust hospital admissions



Covid-19 related deaths in Hertfordshire

Week	Hertsmere	Three Rivers	Watford	St Albans	Broxbourne	North Hertfordshire	Dacorum	Welwyn Hatfield	Stevenage	East Hertfordshire	Total
	150	164	127	214	151	219	232	159	107	158	1,681
27/06 - 03/07	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
20/06 - 26/06	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
13/06 - 19/06	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
06/06 - 12/06	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
30/05 - 05/06	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
23/05 - 29/05	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15/05 - 22/05	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
08/05 - 14/05	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
01/05 - 07/05	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2
24/04 - 30/04	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17/04 - 23/04	0	0	1	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	5
10/04 - 16/04	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	3
03/04 - 09/04	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	5
27/03 - 02/04	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
20/03 - 26/03	0	0	0	2	1	2	1	1	0	1	8
13/03 - 19/03	0	3	0	2	2	1	0	0	0	2	10
06/03 - 12/03	1	0	0	2	1	4	2	2	4	3	19
27/02 - 05/03	1	1	2	5	4	7	6	3	2	5	36
20/02 - 26/02	8	3	3	3	1	4	8	3	7	4	44
13/02 - 19/02	10	8	7	9	4	13	11	8	4	4	78
06/02 - 12/02	3	8	6	13	6	18	3	11	7	3	90
30/01 - 05/02	16	10	12	21	6	27	22	15	14	20	163
23/01 - 29/01	16	20	18	24	14	32	17	29	13	18	201
16/01 - 22/01	11	27	16	24	23	35	33	30	17	21	237
09/01 - 15/01	18	21	15	22	21	28	33	19	9	21	207
02/01 - 08/01	26	21	17	22	19	20	31	17	7	14	194
26/12 - 01/01	7	11	9	15	16	6	22	5	6	5	102
19/12 - 25/12	8	7	6	18	10	7	10	6	3	14	89
12/12 - 18/12	3	4	3	3	2	2	7	2	4	4	34
05/12 - 11/12	1	5	2	5	3	2	3	0	4	1	26
28/11 - 04/12	2	2	2	6	6	3	5	0	2	6	34
21/11 - 27/11	3	5	1	6	2	2	1	5	1	6	32
14/11 - 20/11	3	7	3	7	1	1	4	1	1	3	31
07/11 - 13/11	4	1	2	3	6	1	1	0	0	0	18
31/10 - 07/11	3	0	2	0	2	1	2	0	1	1	12
Rate per 100,000	326.3	277.5	272.3	243.2	241.6	238.8	238.4	221.9	191.2	174.3	239.7
Total	343	259	263	361	235	319	369	273	168	261	2,851

Source:
<https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/healthandsocialcare/causesofdeath/datasets/deathregistrationsandoccurrencesbylocalauthorityandhealthboard>

Case rate by Stevenage Ward/MSOAs

	Roebuck	St Nicholas	Martins Wood	Woodfield + Old Town	Manor	Symonds Green	Chells	Shephall	Bedwell	Bandley Hill	Longmeadow	Pin Green + Old Town	Stevenage
* 2 case = 0-2 to support anonymity													
3 week 18/05 - 07/07 Average rate & Cases	197.4 13.7	183.2 14.0	157.7 10.0	151.9 18.7	130.1 8.0	121.7 7.3	122.3 8.3	120.2 7.7	113.1 9.0	104.9 7.0	102.3 6.0	79.6 7.0	132.8 116.7
01/07 - 07/07 Rate & Cases	231.1 16	314.1 24	205.0 13	195.3 24	146.4 9	132.8 8	176.1 12	219.5 14	213.7 17	149.9 10	187.6 11	125.0 11	192.4 169
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17/06 - 23/06 Rate & Cases	115.6 8	39.3 3	31.5 2	65.1 8	113.9 7	66.4 4	29.3 2	47.0 3	62.9 5	30.0 2	51.2 3	45.5 4	58.1 51

Vaccination rate by MSOA/Ward to 08 July

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/covid-19-vaccinations/>

% Vaccinated	Manor	Woodfield & OT	Bandley Hill	Long-meadow	Symonds Green	Chells	Roebuck	Martins Wood	Pin Green and OT	Shephall	St Nicholas	Bedwell	Stevenage
1st dose	68.2%	64.2%	63.7%	64.0%	63.8%	60.6%	60.7%	61.2%	61.7%	58.2%	60.2%	55.2%	61.4%
2nd dose	52.3%	51.2%	48.0%	47.3%	47.5%	45.4%	43.9%	46.2%	45.6%	42.2%	39.9%	37.1%	45.2%

1st dose adjusted for age profile – ordered by gap from Stevenage average

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1st dose adj	64.8%	63.0%	62.8%	62.5%	62.0%	61.7%	61.3%	60.7%	60.2%	60.1%	59.9%	57.4%	61.4%
1st adj diff	3.5%	1.7%	1.5%	1.1%	0.7%	0.4%	0.0%	-0.6%	-1.1%	-1.2%	-1.4%	-3.9%	0.0%

Step 4 of the Roadmap out of Lockdown - 19th July

- The end of the one metre plus rule on social distancing and no limits on the number of people you can meet
- No longer a legal requirement to wear face coverings in any setting though recommended in crowded places and when meeting someone you do not know
- The Government will no longer require people to work from home
- Legal requirements on how businesses operate will be removed and all businesses will be able to reopen with no limits on how can attend
- The cap on care home visitor numbers will be lifted
- There will be no COVID-19 certificates required as a condition of entry although the Government is recommending large event organisers to make use of certification in high risk settings



Test 1

The vaccine deployment programme continues successfully.



Test 2

Evidence shows vaccines are sufficiently effective in reducing hospitalisations and deaths in those vaccinated.



Test 3

Infection rates do not risk a surge in hospitalisations which would put unsustainable pressure on the NHS.



Test 4

Our assessment of the risks is not fundamentally changed by new Variants of Concern.

National Five Point Plan – Living with Covid -19 (Summer 2021)

1. **Reinforce the country's vaccine wall of defence** through booster jabs and driving take up.
2. **Enable the public to make informed decisions** through guidance, rather than laws
3. **Retain proportionate test, trace and isolate plans** in line with international comparators.
4. **Manage risks at the border and support a global response** to reduce the risk of variants emerging globally and entering the UK.
5. **Retain contingency measures** to respond to unexpected events, while accepting that further cases, hospitalisations and deaths will occur as the country learns to live with Covid-19.



The graphic features the HM Government logo and the NHS logo in the top left and right corners respectively. A central white box contains the title 'Moving to Step 4'. Below this, the text reads: 'At Step 4, we will move from legal restrictions on our day-to-day lives, and advise people on how to manage the risks in order to protect themselves and others.'

Testing



Place Logo Here

NHS
Test and Trace

Thank you
for helping.

Let's keep going.
Let's keep testing.

The graphic is a blue rectangular banner with a white dashed box in the top left corner containing the text 'Place Logo Here'. In the top right corner, the NHS logo is displayed above the text 'Test and Trace'. The main body of the banner features two large, overlapping arrow shapes pointing towards each other. The top arrow is dark blue and contains the text 'Thank you for helping.' in white. The bottom arrow is a lighter blue and contains the text 'Let's keep going. Let's keep testing.' in white.

- Symptomatic testing will continue to be available
- Regular asymptomatic testing will continue to help find cases and break the chains of transmission
- Until at least the end of September, self-isolation enforcement and support will continue as it is now
- Self-isolation for those who have COVID symptoms or test positive will continue, and the self-isolation regulations will be retained

Outbreak Management and Compliance

- Contact tracing case load has increased to January levels
- HCC call centre capacity substantially scaled-up
- Local 4 holding pattern in place with NHS T&T
- Familiar pattern of common postcodes including leisure settings, supermarkets and schools but mainly community transmission
- Existing restrictions on business will be largely withdrawn from 19/07/21
- Renewed emphasis on business support to meet Covid secure measures
- Ongoing reliance on pre-existing requirements under health and safety legislation
- Wider comms piece to effect behaviour change



PLAY YOUR PART

I take a test while I'm getting ready to meet my mates. It helps keep the people around me safe, and it's free, quick, and easy
Tom, Hertford

COVID-19 is still here

This summer, let's look after each other

Remember:

Hands Face Space Fresh air	Take a rapid test twice a week	Get vaccinated when you're called to
		

Community Response

- Grant scheme for local VCS organisations in Stevenage impacted by the pandemic is now live.
- A further £108k has been secured to assist with managing the ongoing impact of community transmission, increase vaccine take up and to help to build CVS to respond to emerging health inequalities.
- Plans for Gordon Craig to re-open after restrictions ease. Aqua Park at FVL is now open at weekends for online bookings until 19th July.
- Ongoing support to schools for remainder of term by Covid Marshals



Business Grants and Support

- **Coronavirus Business Retention Scheme** – extended until 30 Sept 2021
- **Self Employment Income Support Scheme 5th Grant** - Available late July – Grants of up to £7,500 open to those self-employed during 2019-2020 and 2020 -2021 tax years
- **66% Business Rates Relief Extension** - July 2021 to March 2022 for Retail, Hospitality and Leisure
- **Recovery Loan Scheme** - Government Scheme to enable businesses of any size to access loans/finance up to £10M. The Government will guarantee 80% of the finance to the lender. Scheme open until 31 December 2021
- **£78k Welcome Back Fund Bidding has been accepted** – this will enable public realm and high street improvements and support local events and allow for continued business support / mentoring from Retail Revival

Ongoing Local Support

Stevenage Borough Council's COVID-19 Business Support Programme - Businesses can visit <https://www.stevenageportal.co.uk/> to access free information, webinars, videos and resources, to help them become safer and more resilient to the impact of Covid-19.

Business Technology Centre (BTC) - Free business advice and support services on a wide range of subjects from finance to sales and marketing, delivered by Wenta's team of expert advisors. Service available via live chat, in-person, telephone and email. www.btcstevenage.co.uk

Hertfordshire Growth Hub

The Hertfordshire Growth Hub helps businesses access advice, guidance, resources, tailored content and events from a network of local, regional and national business support providers. www.hertsgrowthhub.com

Herts Funding

Fund	Type of Funding	Purpose	Maximum Amount / Grant Percentage
Get Growing 2	Revenue Grant	Established Herts SMEs to Respond, Adapt and Strengthen business following Covid19 Pandemic	£10,000 (45%)
HCC Community Innovation Fund – Crowdfund	Revenue grant	Support projects and groups working with adults to reduce isolation, loneliness, improve health and wellbeing, create Volunteering Opportunities	£5,000 (100%)
Business Expansion Grant Scheme	Capital Grant	Capital Equipment purchases - growth and improve productivity	£100,000 (50%)
Manufacturing Growth Programme	Revenue Grant	Hertfordshire Manufacturers (SMEs) to improve competitiveness and productivity	£25,000 (35%)
Low Carbon Workspaces	Capital	Projects which result in reduction in Greenhouse Gas Emissions	£5,000 (35%)
Eastern New Energy Programme	Capital Grant	projects which reduce energy use, improved energy efficiency and/or renewable energy generation	£60,000 (25%)
Hertfordshire Start-Up Programme (HSUP)	Revenue Grant	Support new start-ups	£3,000 (50%)

Business Continuity Areas of Focus

- Localised risk assessed safety controls will remain in place for services to ensure business continuity- these include the use of Covid secure protocols including PPE, split team working arrangements across teams and we will continue to ask staff to work from home where possible until September
- Covid-19 related service pressures continue across a range of services
- Customer demand remains high in the Customer Service Centre, Repairs, Homelessness and Tenancy. Customer demand increased 45% in March and has remained high
- Demand on Environmental Health Services remains exceptionally high, with track and trace cases increasing again
- Refuse and Recycling – national shortage of HGV drivers, targeted recruitment campaign in place alongside an internal development programme to offer loaders the opportunity to train for their HGV license

To recommence shortly in line with government guidance:

- Events
- Visitor Centre
- SLL Theatre
- Play Service
- Aqua park with additional safety resources
- Additional Housing related activities such as non-essential visits

Remains Closed Until September

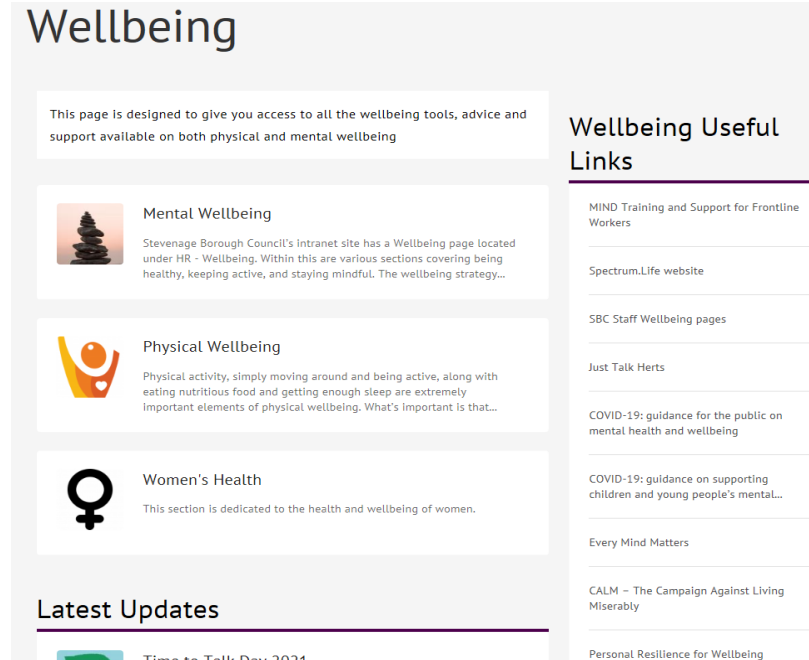
- Museum (Digital museum service to continue in interim)

Workforce Update – New Ways of Working

- Future is a hybrid model of remote and office based working
- All staff survey showed over 60% of the workforce would prefer to work 3 or more days per week remotely
- Office will be for customer service, collaboration and connection – recognise the value of this
- The offices will be repurposed over the summer and a new layout launched September 2021
- Training to be developed for managers on remote management skills.
- New ways to measure productivity will be introduced
- Protocols for remote and office based working arrangements will be needed
- It will be an iterative process

Workforce Update- Wellbeing and Resilience

- Mental health webinar from MIND and suite of virtual wellbeing training
- Weekly virtual quizzes and fitness classes
- Promoted outdoor one to one's/team meetings (subject to restrictions)
- Importance of managers knowing their people - toolbox for managers, no one size fits all
- New and improved Employee Assistance Programme available 24/7
- Dedicated Intranet page, employee blogs and chat support group



The screenshot shows a webpage titled "Wellbeing". At the top, a message states: "This page is designed to give you access to all the wellbeing tools, advice and support available on both physical and mental wellbeing". The page is organized into three main content blocks: "Mental Wellbeing", "Physical Wellbeing", and "Women's Health".

- Mental Wellbeing:** Includes an icon of stacked stones and text: "Stevenage Borough Council's Intranet site has a Wellbeing page located under HR - Wellbeing. Within this are various sections covering being healthy, keeping active, and staying mindful. The wellbeing strategy..."
- Physical Wellbeing:** Includes an icon of a person with arms raised and text: "Physical activity, simply moving around and being active, along with eating nutritious food and getting enough sleep are extremely important elements of physical wellbeing. What's important is that..."
- Women's Health:** Includes a female symbol icon and text: "This section is dedicated to the health and wellbeing of women."

On the right side, there is a section titled "Wellbeing Useful Links" with a list of resources:

- MIND Training and Support for Frontline Workers
- Spectrum.Life website
- SBC Staff Wellbeing pages
- Just Talk Herts
- COVID-19: guidance for the public on mental health and wellbeing
- COVID-19: guidance on supporting children and young people's mental...
- Every Mind Matters
- CALM - The Campaign Against Living Miserably
- Personal Resilience for Wellbeing

At the bottom, there is a "Latest Updates" section with a heading "Time to Talk Day 2024" and a small image of a person.

Communications update

- #StaySafeStevenage Campaign ongoing - digital/online/print
- #Rediscover Stevenage Campaign in development
- Over 18s vaccination messages and variant reassurance messages
- Digital screens/boards sharing Covid messages
- Shop Safe, Shop Local messages
- Frequently Asked Questions on the Council's website

NEW!
MODERNA VACCINATION CLINIC
NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED, JUST WALK IN!

Saturday 3 July, 10.00AM - 4.00pm
Robertson House, 6 Hills Way, Stevenage, SG1 2FQ

Open to everyone aged 18 or over.

First and second doses available. Doses must be at least 8 weeks apart for those over 40 and 11 weeks apart for under 40s.



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With our Shop Safe, Shop #Stevenage processes in place, there's no reason why you can't enjoy the town. Please do remember to adhere to signs (stay 2m apart; follow directional signs, etc).

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#shopsafeshopstevenage



9 ways to stay safe while enjoying Stevenage town centre
thecomet.net