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# **Merton Council**

## **Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Panel**

**10 February 2021**

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# Children and Young Person's Scrutiny Panel – 10<sup>th</sup> February 2021

## Situational Awareness Report: COVID-19 in Merton

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4<sup>th</sup> February 2021

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## London overview

- Estimated cases rate positivity (1<sup>st</sup> Feb) in London is **2,460 per 100,000** (ONS)
- The current estimated London R value is between **0.6 and 0.9**.

## Cases (28<sup>th</sup> January – 3<sup>rd</sup> February):

- 7 day case rate (all ages) **289.3 cases per 100,000** (down from 429.5 previous week).
- There were **621** new COVID cases in Merton.
- UK COVID variant: estimated to be responsible for **96%** of cases in Merton for the period 11<sup>th</sup> Jan - 24<sup>th</sup> Jan.

## Deaths:

- There **43** new registered Merton COVID deaths for the week ending 22<sup>nd</sup> January. In total Merton has seen 376 deaths due to COVID.

## Testing (26<sup>th</sup> January – 1<sup>st</sup> February / pillar 2 PCR tests only – this excludes Lateral Flow tests):

- 7 day testing rate **267.8 daily tests per 100,000**.
- 7 day test positivity increased to **14.5%**.

# Positive cases per 100,000 across London boroughs

4<sup>th</sup> February 2021

For reporting period 21.1.2021 – 27.01.2021

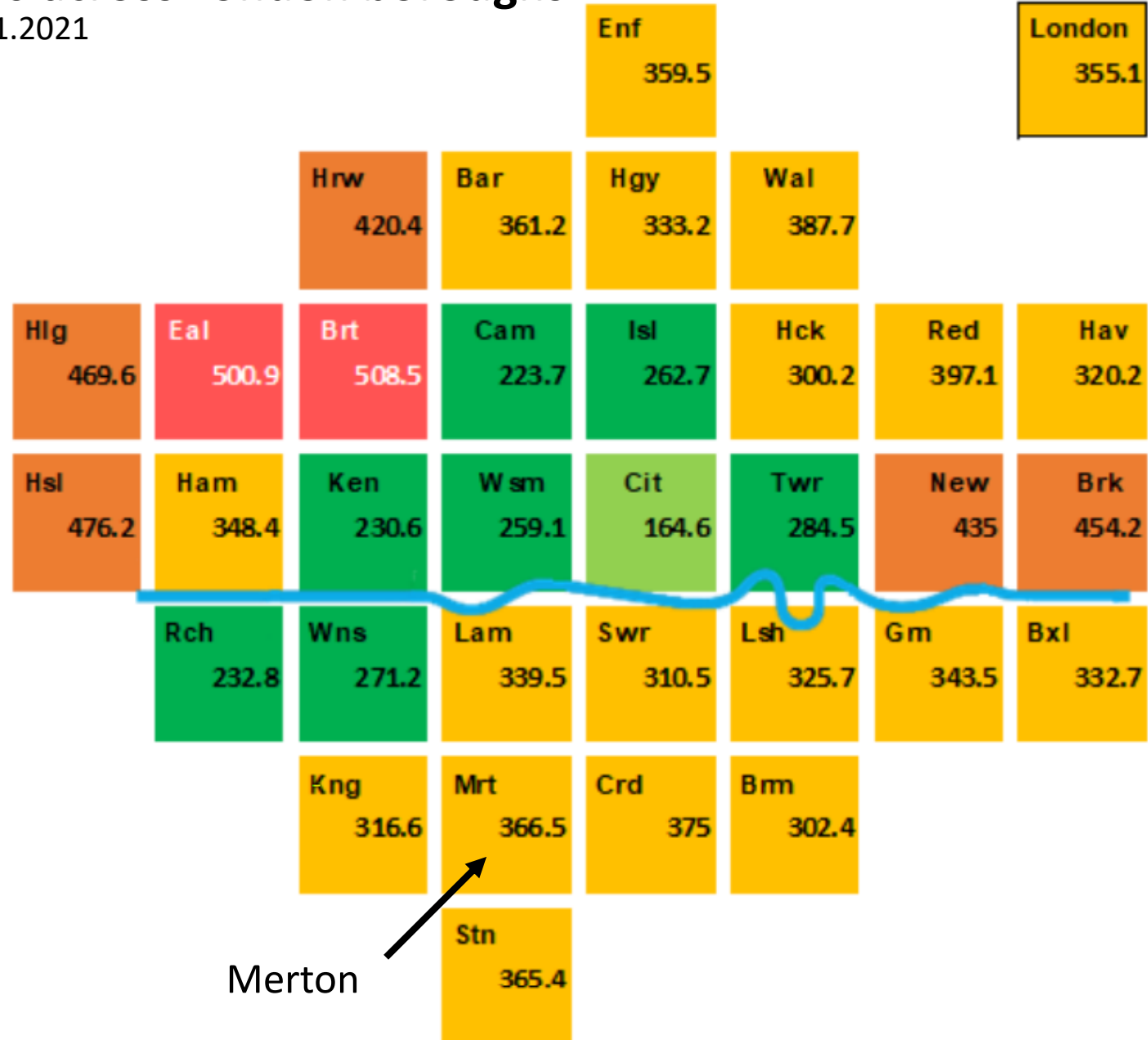
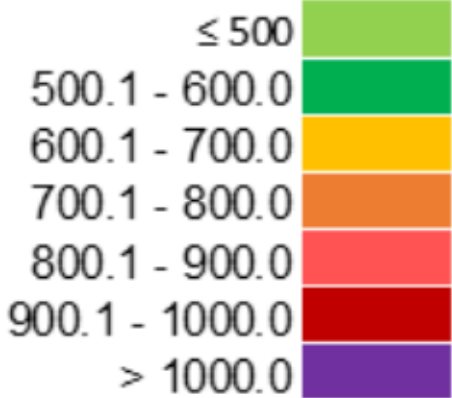
Source: PHE/CTOG slides

Positive tests per 100,000 population  
(Pillar 1 + 2, PCR only)

Colour of box illustrates weekly cases per 100,000 for that week

## Key: 7-day rate per 100,000

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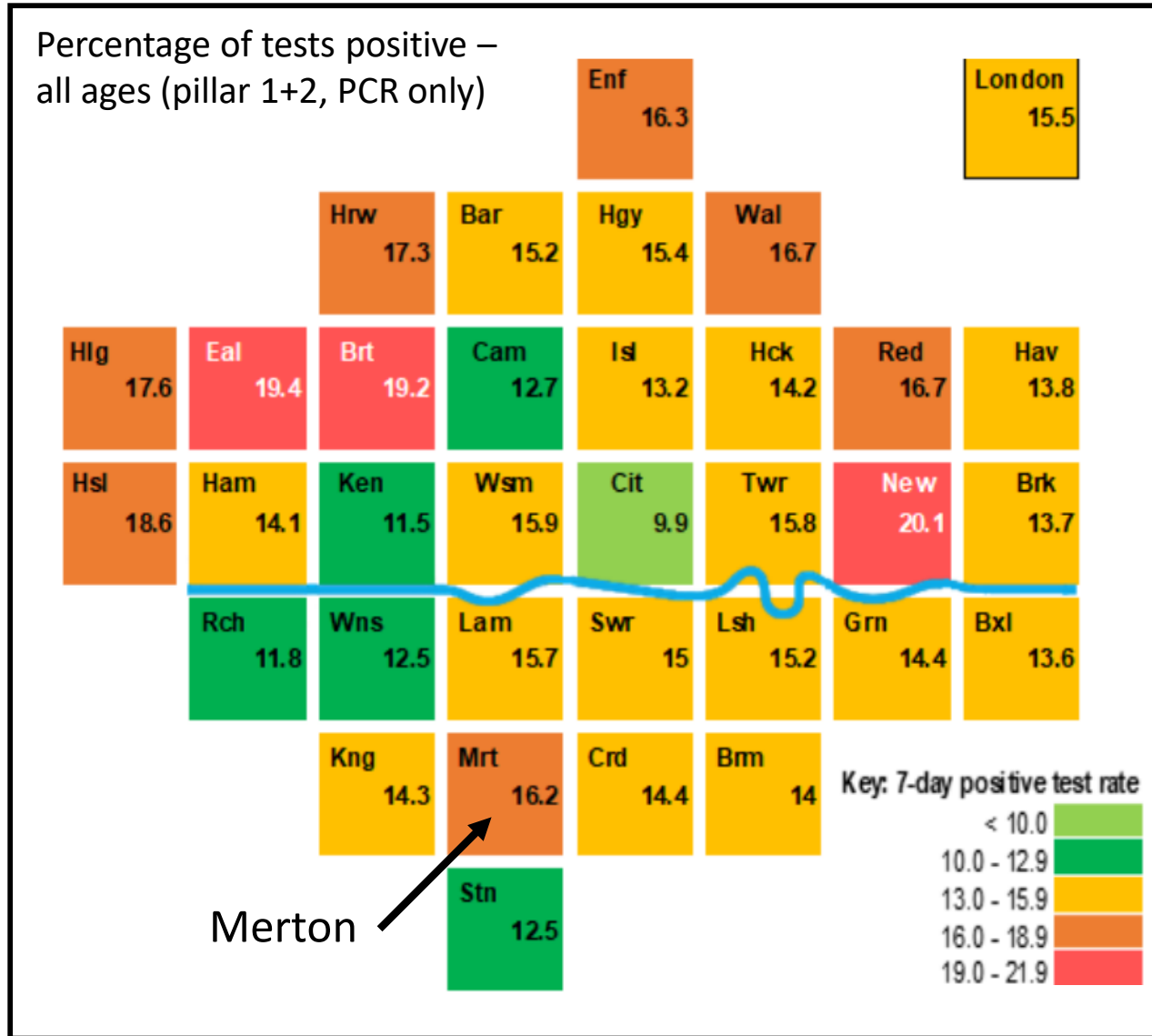
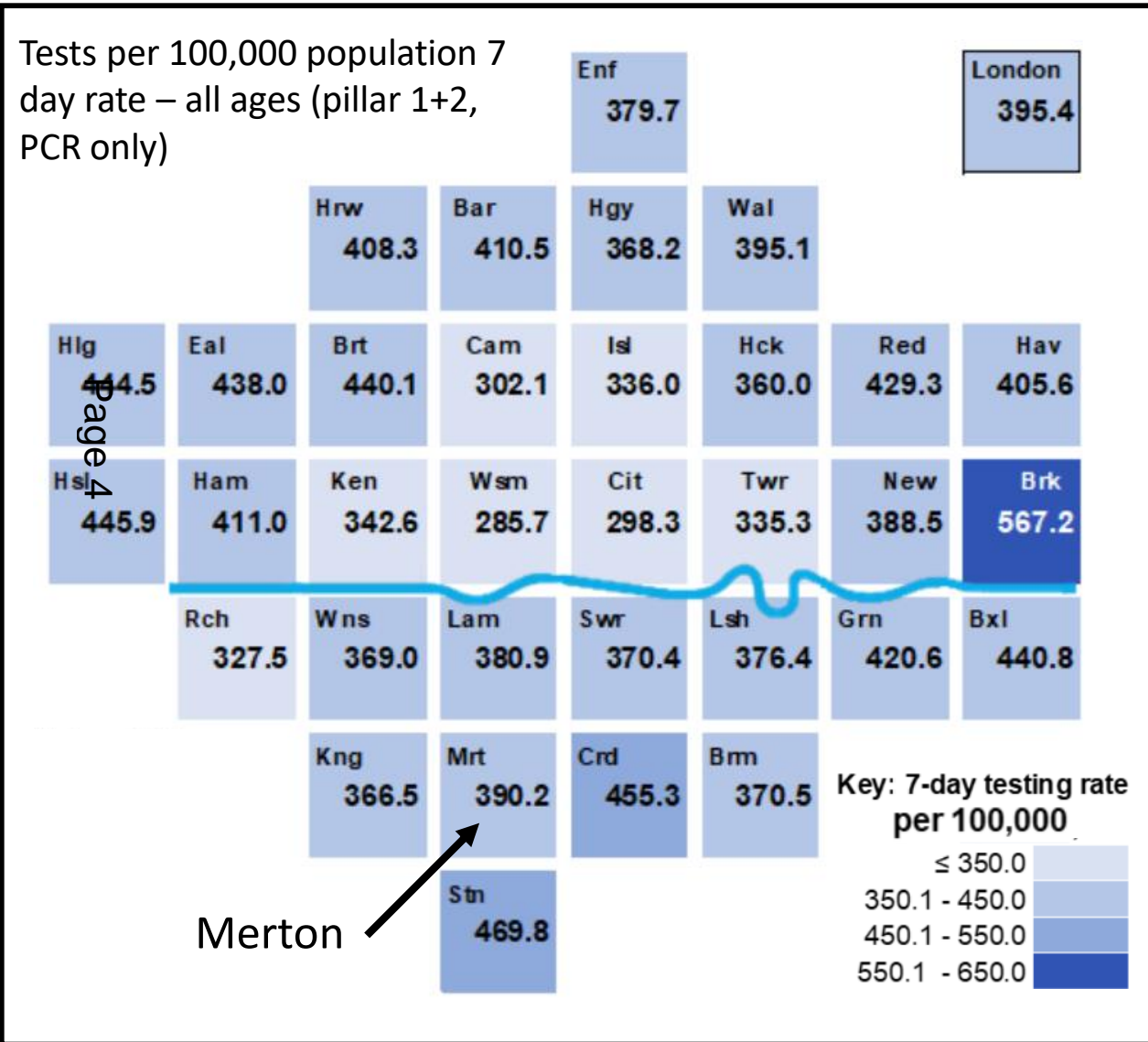
# Individuals tested per 100,000 and test positivity across London boroughs

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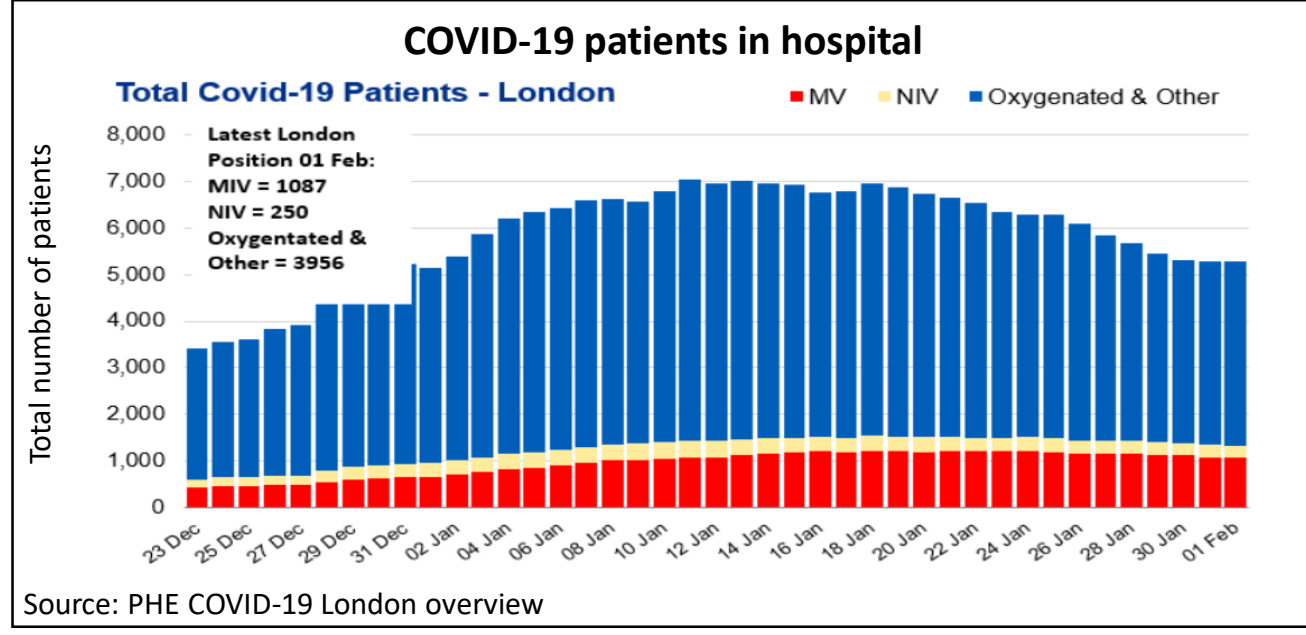
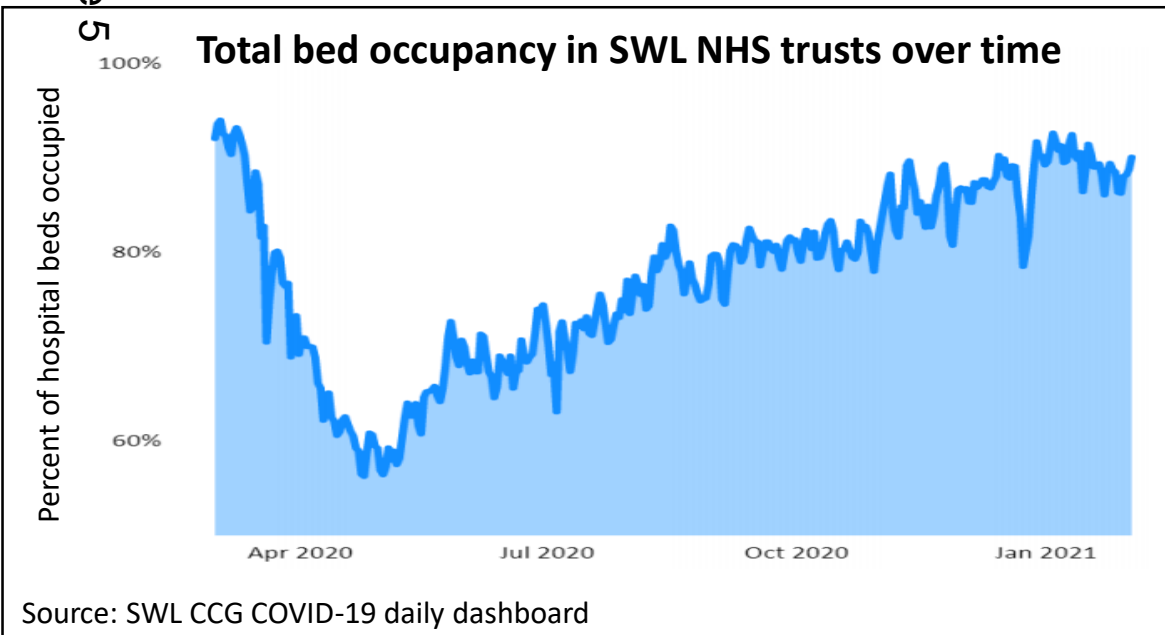
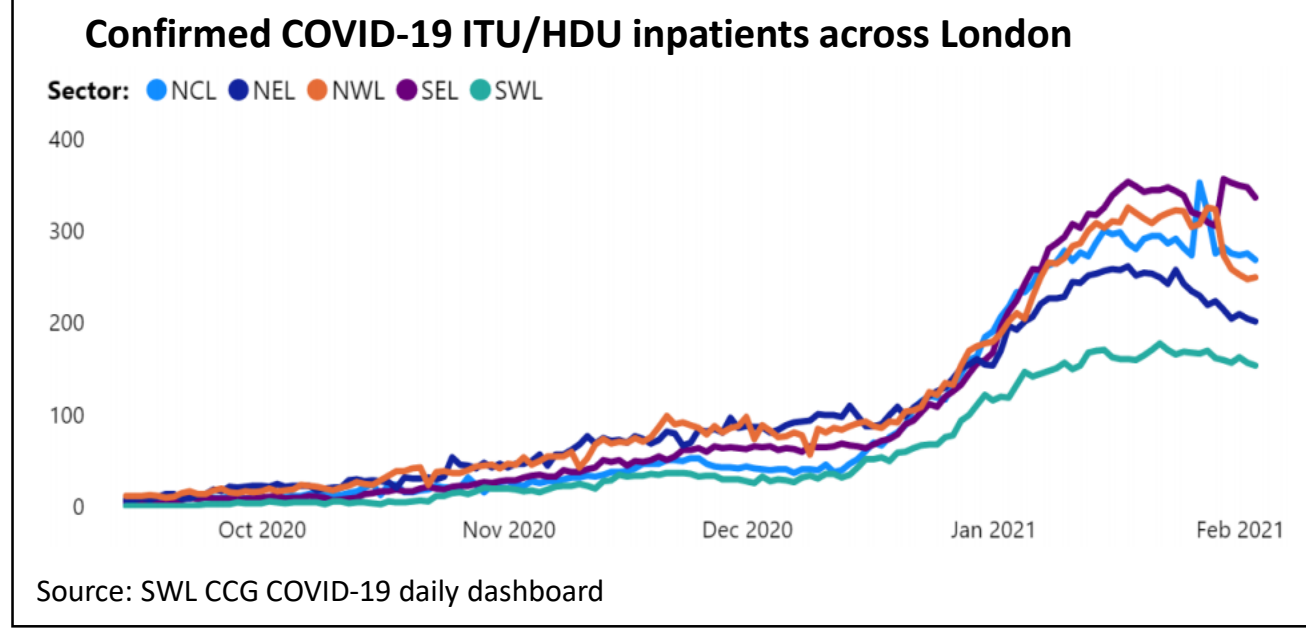
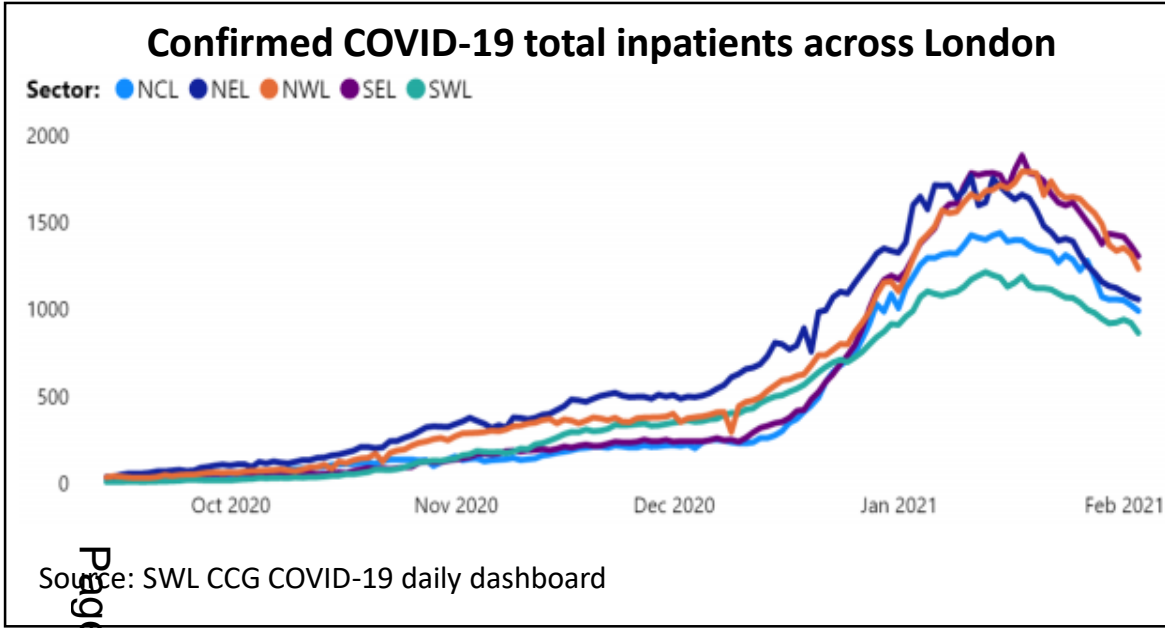
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# COVID-19 and NHS-related indicators for London (all figures are numbers unless stated)



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# Local analysis: COVID-19 cases and testing

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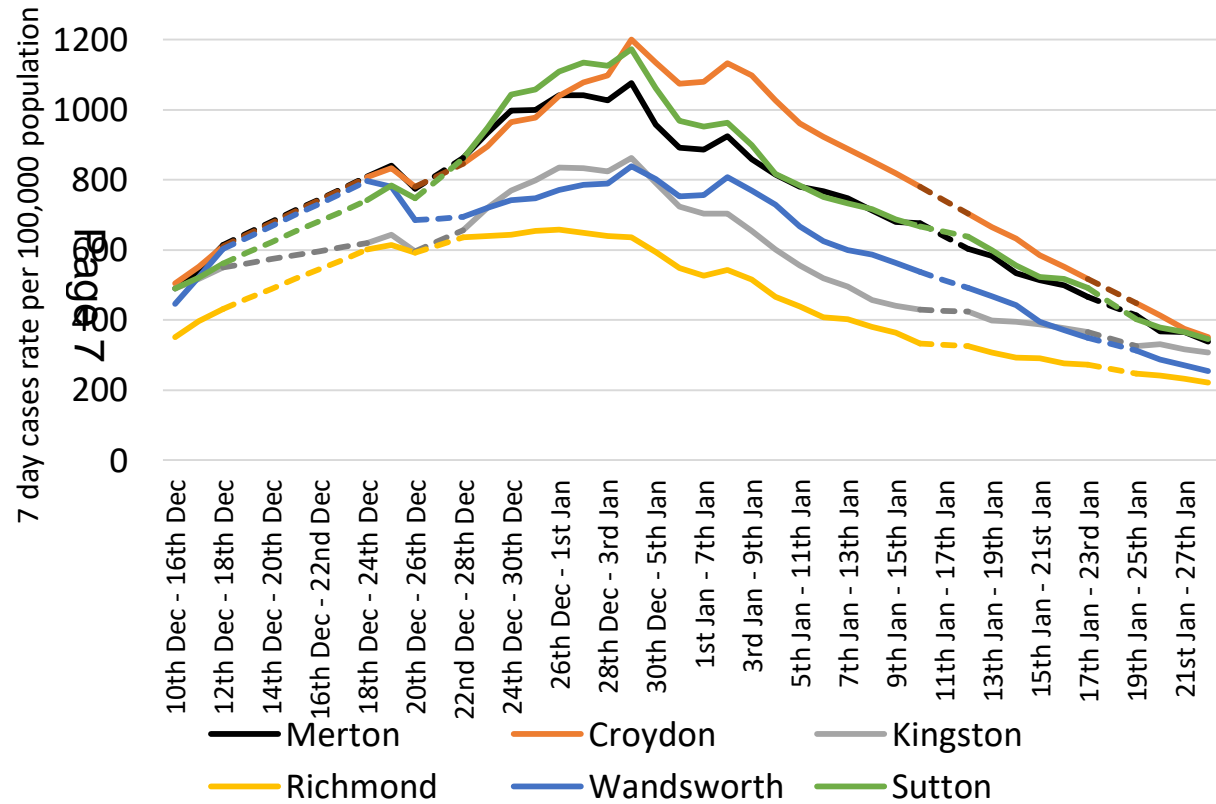


# Positive COVID-19 cases per 100,000 and age breakdown of cases among South West London boroughs

4<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Rolling 7-day rate of confirmed positive cases per 100,000 population in Merton compared to other South West London boroughs (Pillar 1 & 2, PCR + LFDs)

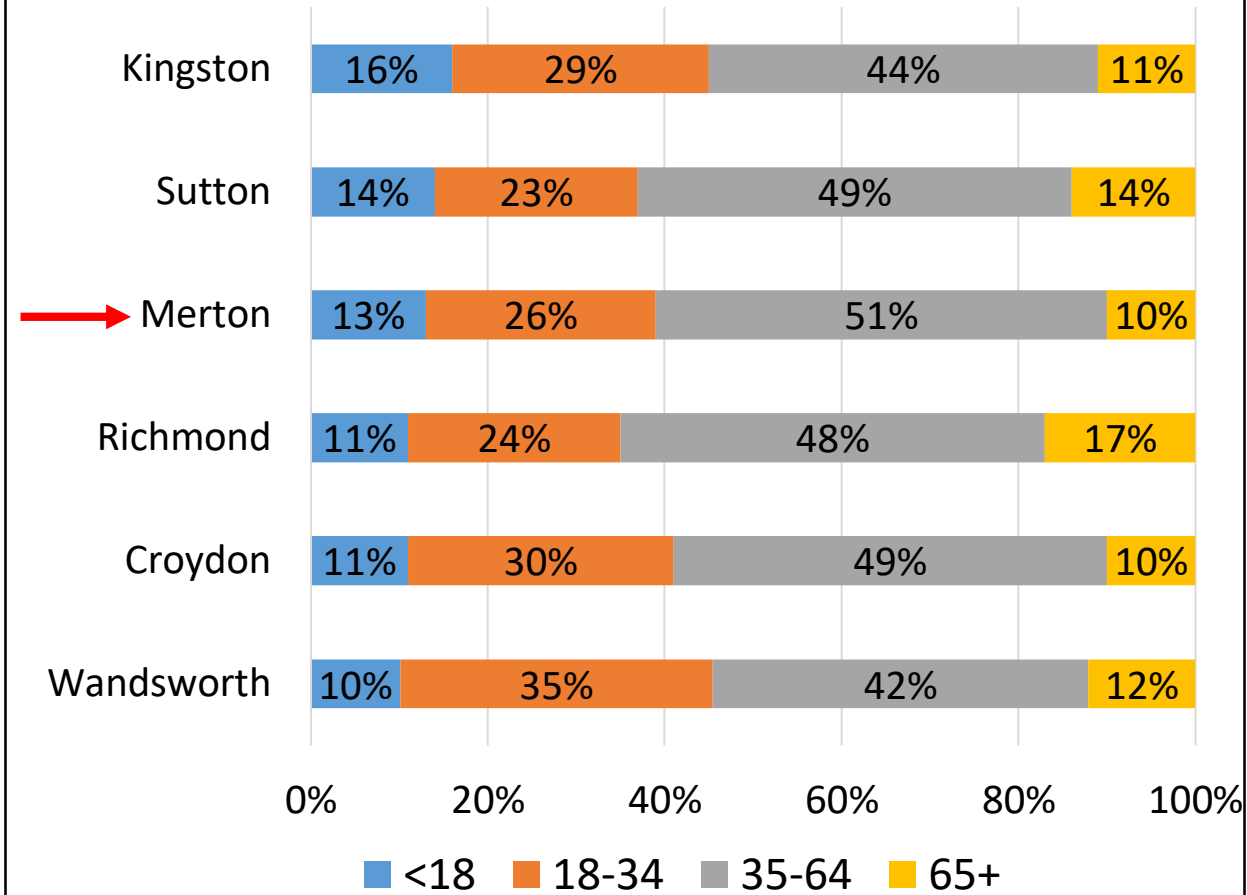
**Key message:** Merton has the third highest rate of cases among SWL boroughs



Please note there were reporting gaps in December and January. Dotted lines refers to periods when data was not available.

Source: PHE Daily Surveillance Report

Age breakdown of Pillar 1 + 2, PCR+LFD cases among SWL boroughs (17<sup>th</sup> Jan – 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan)



Source: PHE LA reports

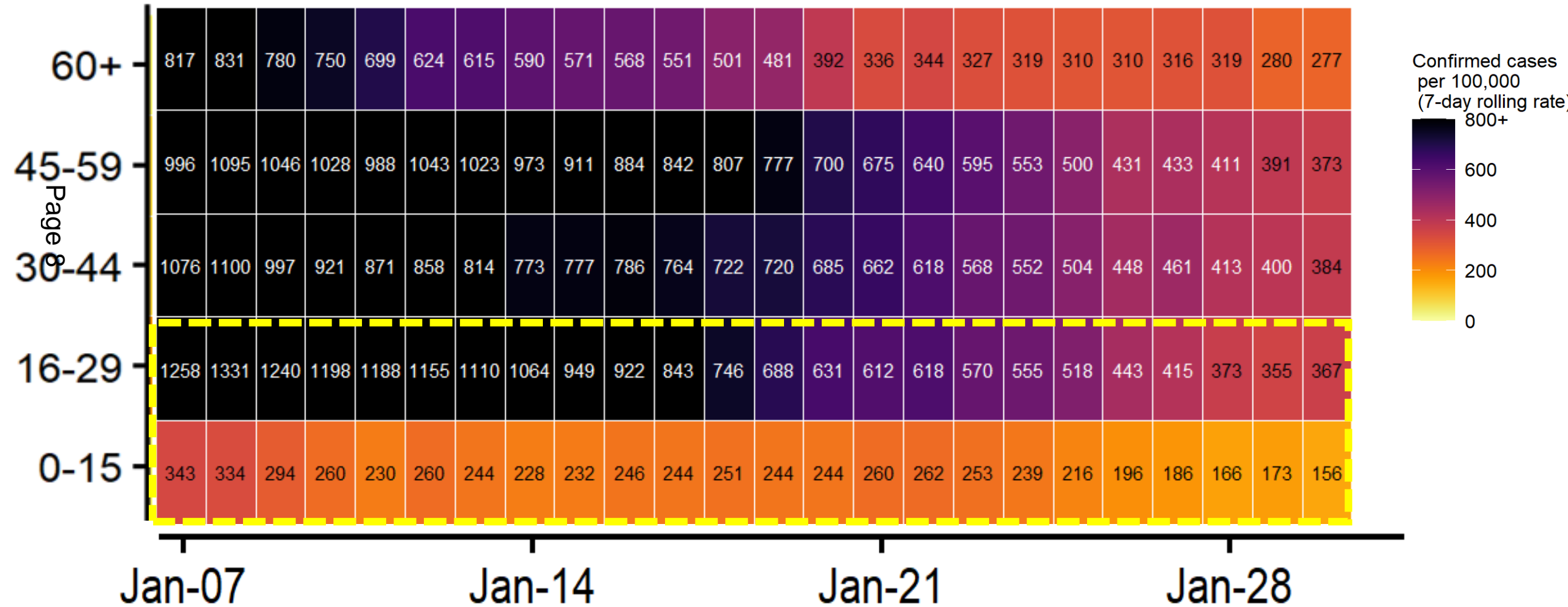
# COVID-19 cases rates in Merton by age group heat map over time

## 7-day rolling total case rates per 100,000 (Pillar 2 PCR only)

4<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Source: PHE/PHEC Daily Report

Reporting frequency: Daily



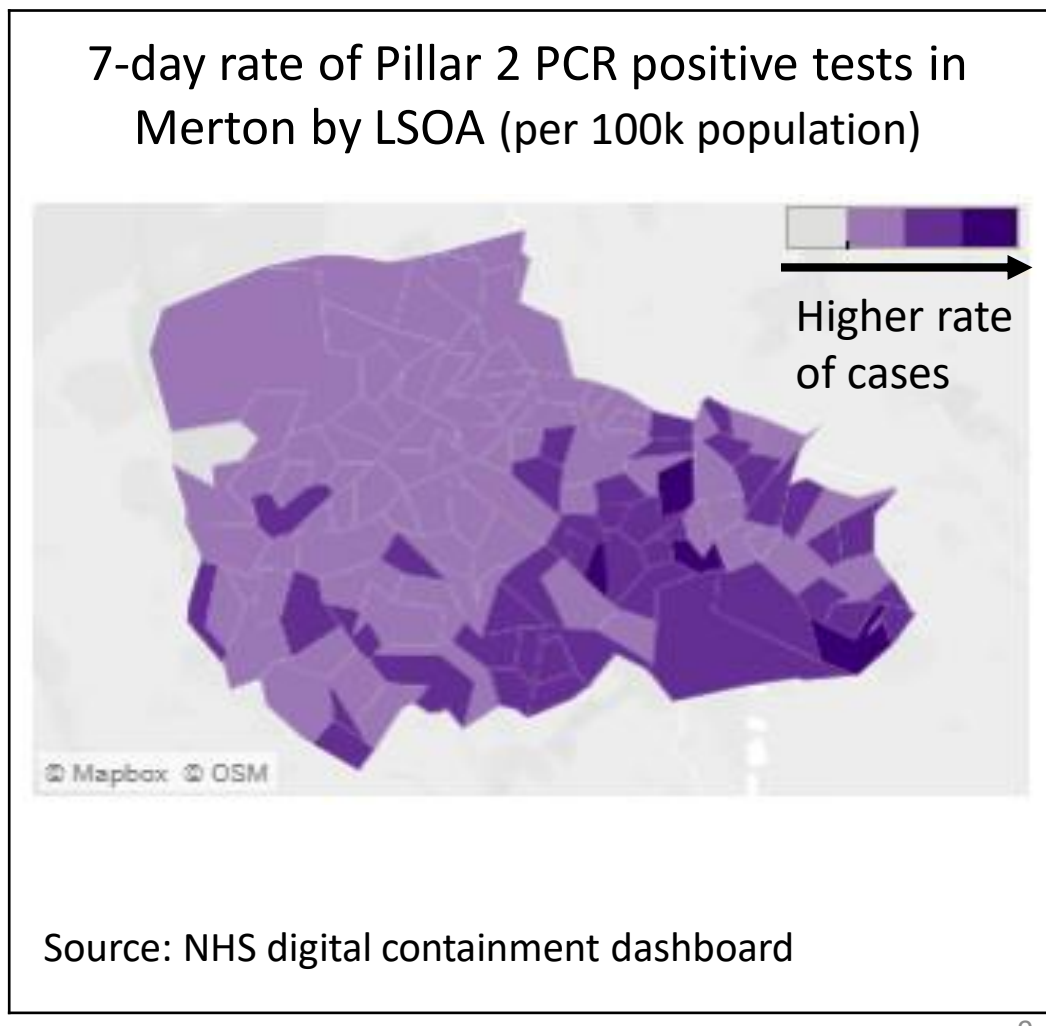
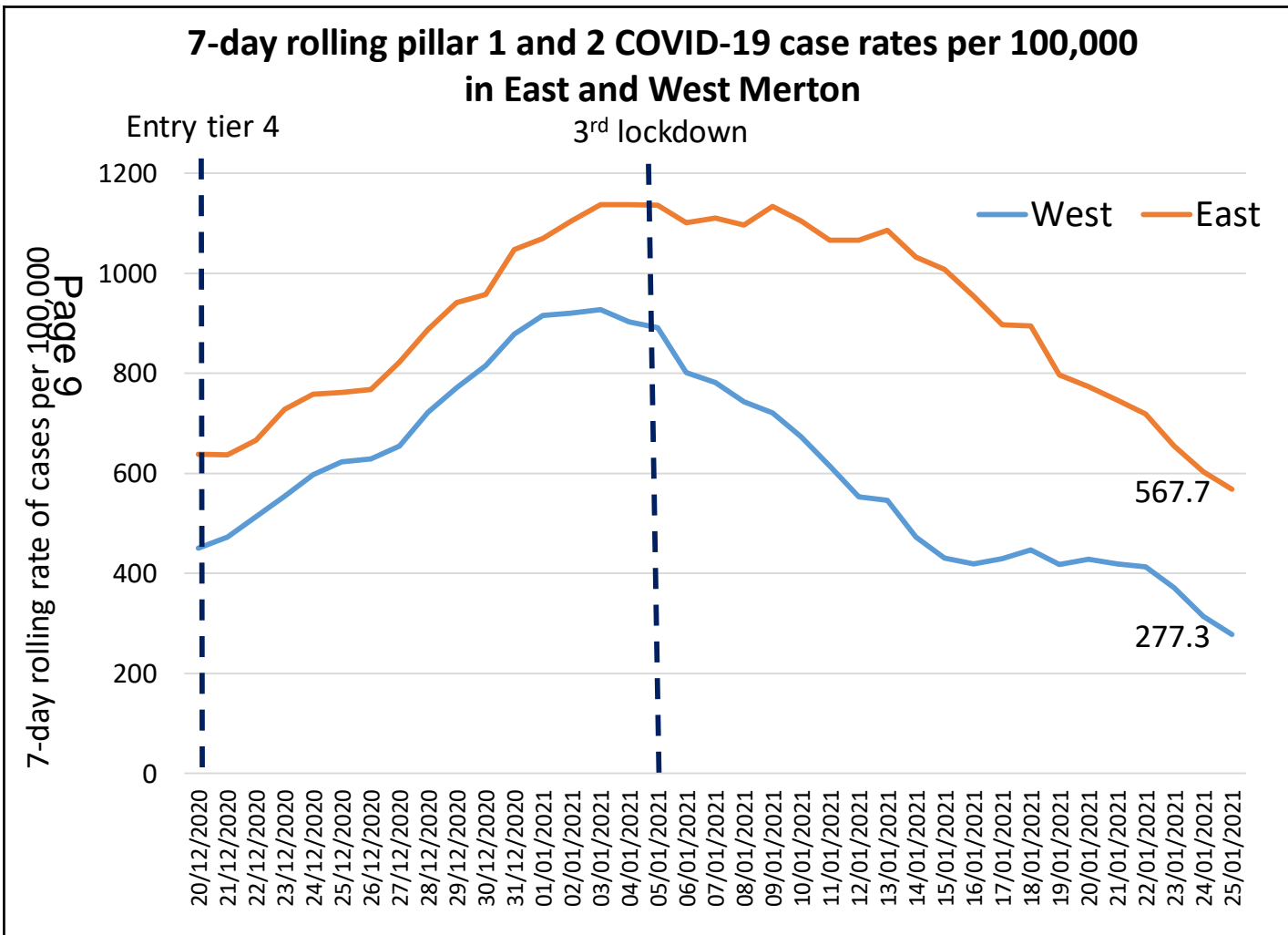
Source: PHE/Merton LA report

# Rate of Pillar 2 PCR confirmed COVID-19 cases in East and West Merton

Source: LSAT daily line list

**Key Message:**

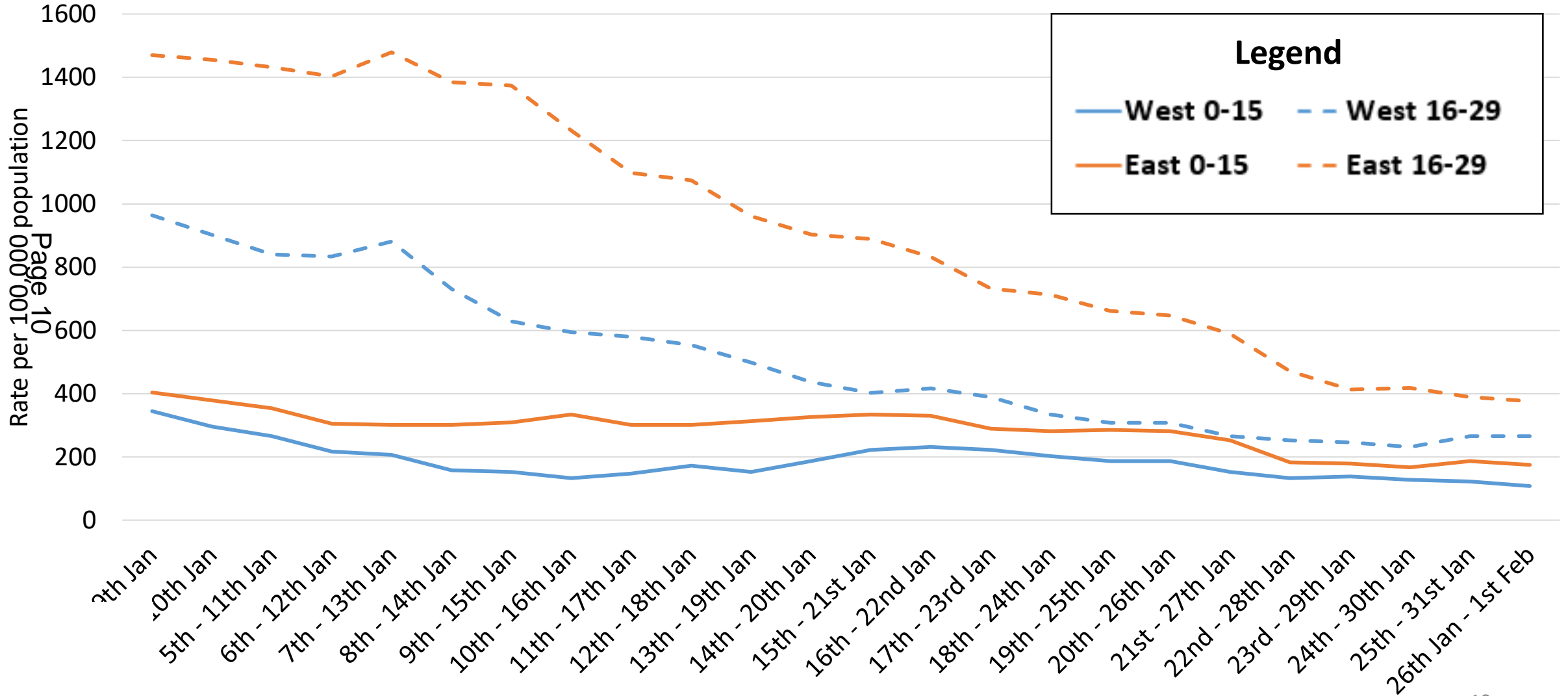
- East Merton has higher rates of cases than West Merton.



# COVID-19 rate of cases per 100,000 7-day rolling rate among younger age groups in East and West Merton (Pillar 1+2, PCR+LFDs)

Source: PHE/PHEC Daily Report

Reporting frequency: Daily

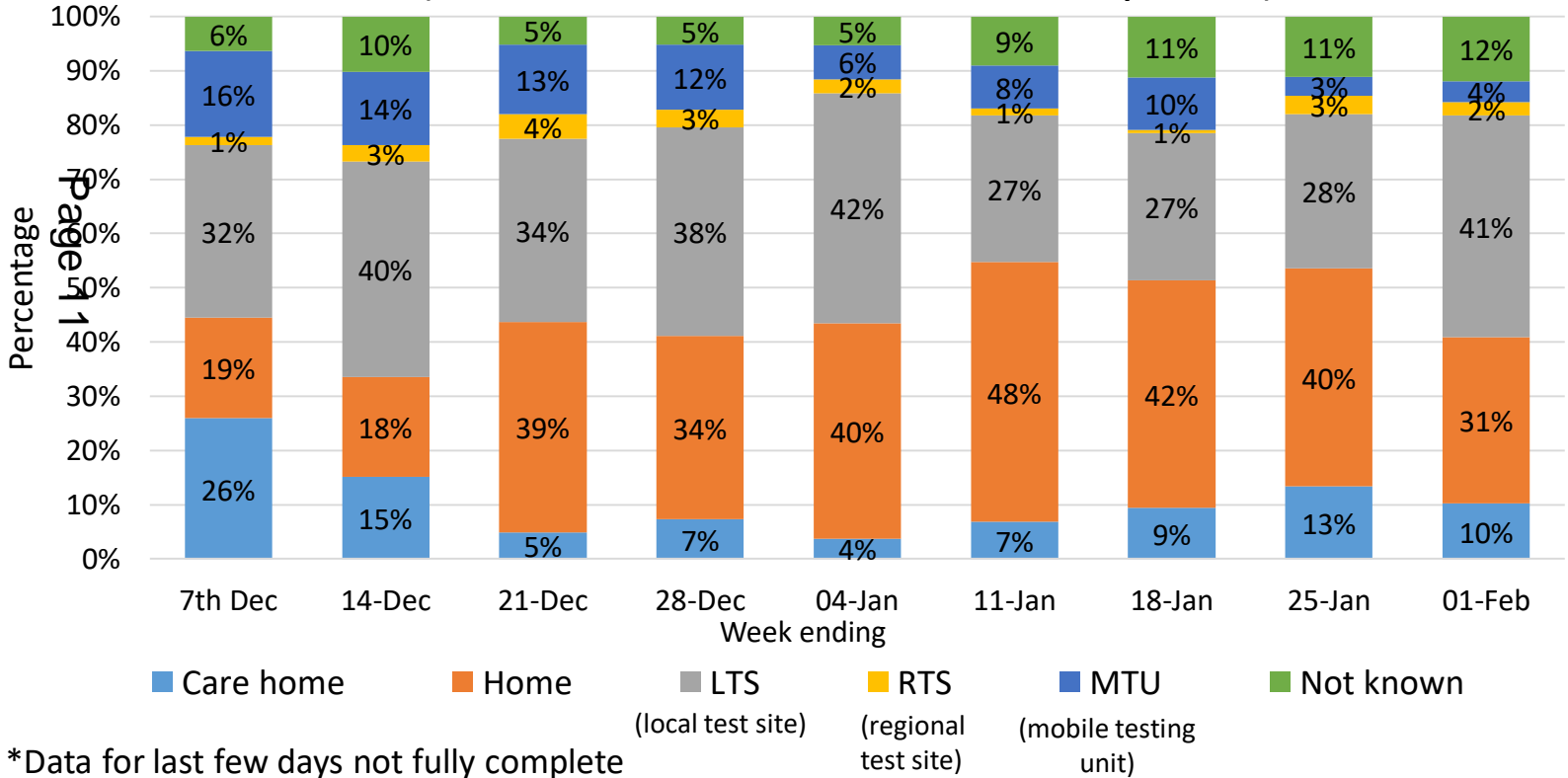


# Covid-19 PCR Tests from Pillar 2 by Merton Residents overview

**Key Messages:**

- Local testing sites (LTS) ranged from 27% to 42% of Merton resident (1<sup>st</sup> Dec 2020 – 1<sup>st</sup> Feb 2021).
- MTU's account for 3-16% of Merton resident tests and 9.5% over the 9 week time period.

**PCR tests among Merton residents by test setting**  
(1<sup>st</sup> December 2020 – 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021)

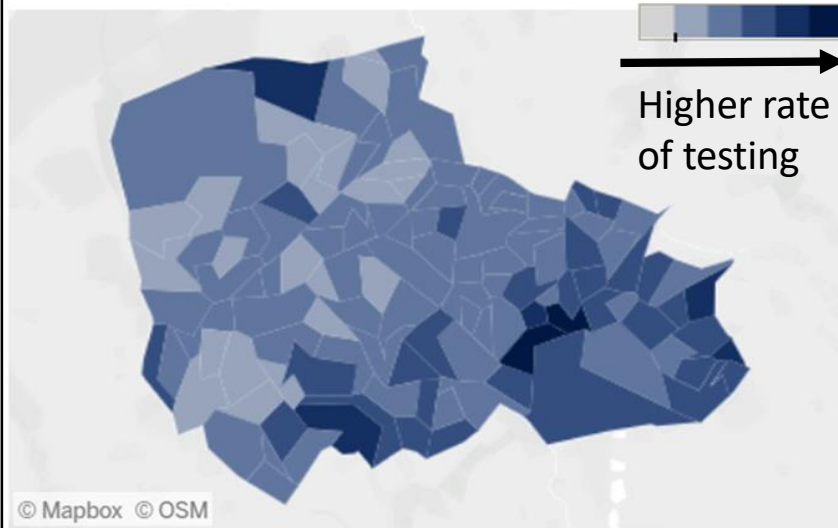


\*Data for last few days not fully complete

Note: Only includes pillar 2 and PCR tests and is for tests and not persons, so multiple tests will likely exist

Source: PHE Power BI tool

**7-day rate of total Pillar 2 PCR tests in Merton by LSOA (per 100k population)**  
(26<sup>th</sup> Jan – 1<sup>st</sup> Feb)



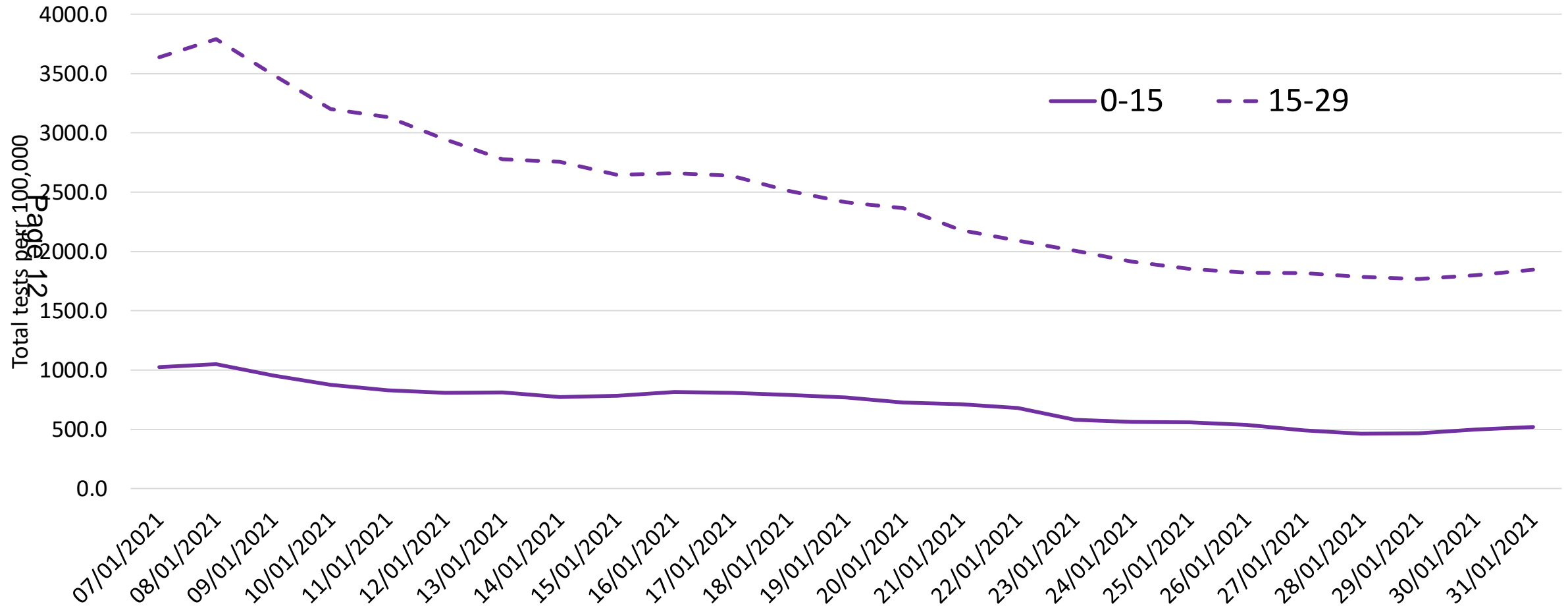
Source: NHS digital containment dashboard

# Pillar 2 PCR 7-day rolling test rate per 100,000 among Merton residents

## 0-15s and 15-29s

4<sup>th</sup> February 2021

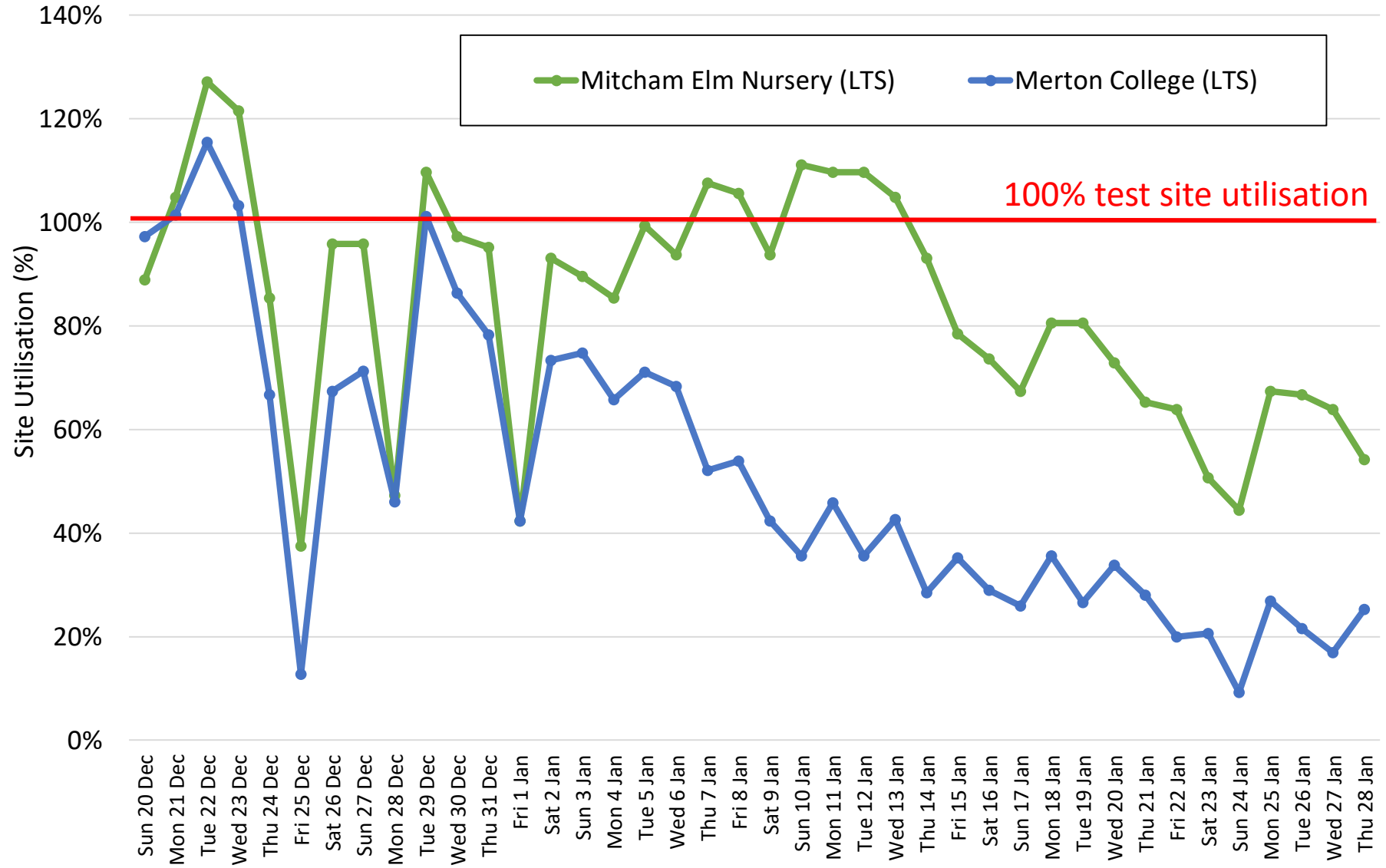
Source: PHE PowerBI



# Covid-19 PCR LTS Utilisation (20<sup>th</sup> Dec 2020 – 28<sup>th</sup> Jan 2021)

## Key Messages:

- Local site capacity:  
Mitcham Elm: 144;  
Merton College: 432;  
(Source: RSP Merton).
- Utility at both LTS declined since early (Merton College) to mid (Mitcham Elm) January and are well within capacity.
- Average for January:
  - Mitcham Elm (81%)
  - Merton College (39%)



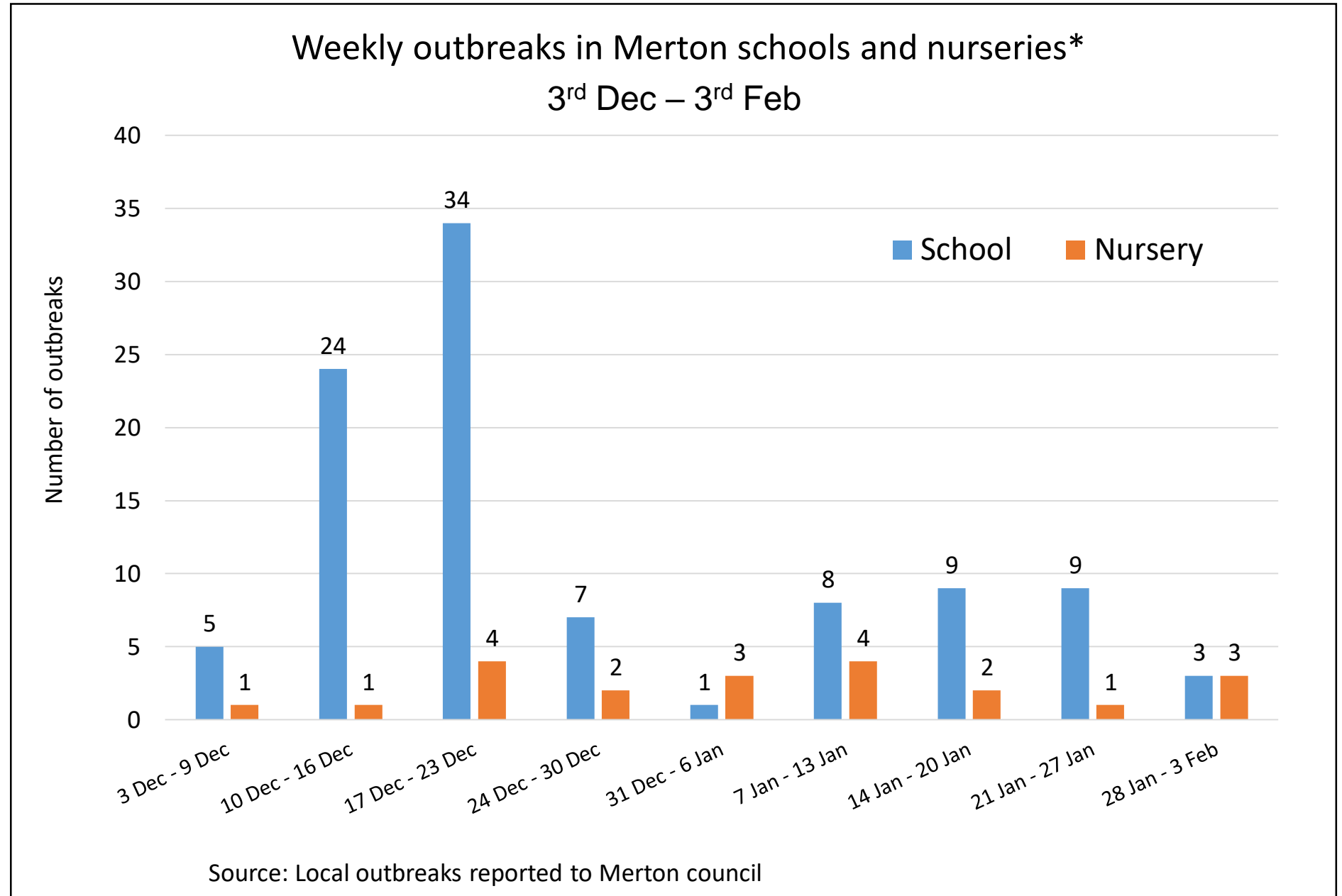
Sources: Tests: Regional Dashboard (DHSC) / Capacity: RSP - LB Merton

## Key messages

- There have been fewer outbreaks in Merton schools in January compared to December due to Christmas holidays and new lockdown.

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\*Outbreak defined as setting with two or more confirmed cases.





# Merton schools update

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# Schools overview and attendance in Merton

## Key messages

### Update

- Since 4<sup>th</sup> January all primary and secondary schools in Merton are only open to vulnerable children and the children of key workers.
- Special schools have been asked to remain open to all pupils.
- Following clarification by the Government in the second week of term, primary schools have also opened their Nursery classes to all children.
- Schools continue to look to their risk assessments to ensure that measures are in line with government guidance to mitigate risk.
- Schools in the Pollards Hill ward continue to operate as per the rest of Merton in line with national lockdown guidance, with one-off enhanced testing taking place.
- The Prime Minister has announced that schools will not open fully before 8<sup>th</sup> March. Schools will be given at least two weeks notice of the confirmed date.

### Attendance figures

- Attendance in primary schools has been increasing steadily in many schools over January.
- **15/44** primary schools now reporting over 80 pupils attending on a daily basis.
- Face to face attendance in secondary schools continues to hover at around **65%**.

# Testing overview in Merton schools

## Key messages

### Secondary schools

- In line with national guidance, Merton secondary schools used LFDs to test all students who are attending face to face on their return after the Christmas holidays.
- They are testing staff twice weekly.
- Testing in secondary schools is taking place on site.

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### Primary schools

- Merton primary schools are testing staff on a weekly basis using home LFD kits.
- In addition, going beyond the national guidance, a number of schools are continuing to test students attending face to face on a weekly basis.

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# CSF – Departmental Update

Presented to

Children and Young People's Scrutiny Panel

February 2021

# Schools/Early Years Update

- **Nurseries/Early Years:** Under national guidance, nurseries and early years settings remain open for all children. A small number of Merton nurseries have had to close due to Covid-related staff sickness and isolation. We are actively engaging with the PVI sector with regards to regular staff testing.
- **Merton schools:** remain open to vulnerable children and the children of key workers in all year groups, and nursery classes are open to all children. Weekly meetings with primary, secondary and special school headteachers continue, with heads reporting that both remote and onsite learning is embedding well but staff are feeling tired. All schools will close for February half-term.
- **Mass asymptomatic testing using Lateral Flow Devices in schools** – Secondary and special schools are testing staff on site weekly. Secondary schools tested all pupils on site on return and some schools are continuing to test pupils on site weekly. Primary school staff are testing twice weekly at home. Enhanced testing has taken place in the four schools in the Pollards Hill area.
- **Digital Devices and remote learning:** All schools have now ordered their first allocation of Digital Devices from the DfE; a further allocation has just been announced for specific schools. Some schools are reporting that this will be adequate for their pupils' needs, others are reporting that they need more. Across Merton schools are reporting that approx. 1,100 additional devices are needed. The council has a clear picture of where those gaps are and is directing offers of devices towards schools that need it most. The council also agreed £20,000 to go towards devices for schools where levels of disadvantage are higher. These devices are now being purchased for distribution.
- **School Attendance:** no longer compulsory, but for vulnerable children is 'expected' and will be encouraged. Attendance is much higher than previous lockdown. We have run a Covid Children missing Education Process again and reviewed the educational engagement of all children on school age with a social worker in Merton across 3 panels. Attendance is higher than previous lockdown of children with social workers and more have access to digital devices. Social workers are discussing with families where it would be beneficial for children to be in school and they are not.
- **Free School Meals:** for benefits related FSM children not attending, schools are providing a £15 per week supermarket voucher. We used the government winter grant to pay £40 per child over the Christmas period (including pre-school children) and will be paying £20 per child to cover the February half term.
- **School admissions:** Children put on roll even if they need to start remotely. Secondary offer day as normal on 1 March 2020

# Special educational provision

- **SEND:** Special Schools remain open for all children. We are working closely with our maintained special schools and health partners to ensure that pupils can attend safely during national lockdown. The Government has not made temporary changes to special educational needs and disability legislation (Section 42 of the Children and Families Act) during the current Tier 5 restrictions. This means that the LA and the CCG is required to deliver the provision outlined within a pupils Education Health and Care Plans and comply with the statutory timescales for phased transfers, new EHC Needs Assessments, and Annual Reviews.

The numbers of children with an EHCP in school continues to be monitored and is higher in this lockdown than previous lock-downs.

- **Home to school transport:** Service running as per government Covid guidance for lower number of SEND children attending provision
- **Service Update:** The department continues to receive referrals for EHCS. Levels of referrals have remained in line with average monthly referral rate pre-pandemic. Sensory team continues to provide clinical and face-to-face services as do the Educational Psychology Service, Virtual Behaviour Services and all other services provided in schools and settings. Our respite centre has been open and continues to provide services for some of our children with complex needs.

# Service Updates & Feedback from Children & Young People

- **Youth Work:** Under National Youth Association Guidelines all youth centres and the Adventure playground must be closed. The APG is providing play space for individual families with no space to play by referral from Social Workers. Youth Centres are offering on line, detached and individual calls to young people
- **Early Years Direct Provision/Family Wellbeing:** Services continue to be delivered remotely and face-to-face to families and children presenting with a wide range of needs.
- **BAU services** are continuing to carry out key functions such as responding to statutory returns, weekly Covid-returns to the DfE as well as business support functions.
- **Feedback from children and young people:** Throughout the lock-down our services have been collecting feedback from children and young people. This feedback has not been systematically analysed but here is a flavour of what they have said.

Children and young people have told us the following:

- They have found this lockdown harder
- They are concerned about falling behind
- They have found on-line lessons all day exhausting and many express concerns about their Mental health
- 'Off The Record' Mental health support have seen a significant rise in self referrals for mental health support.



# Children's Social Care & Youth Inclusion Update

## Children and Young People:

- All CSC & YI services continue to be delivered
- Individual risk assessments have been completed for all children with a social worker, personal advisor or youth justice practitioner
- Essential safeguarding, crime prevention and support visits are taking place face-to-face
- Where risk to children and young people is lower, interventions are taking place using virtual technology
- Personal Advisors are having more frequent
- School attendance of vulnerable children with a social worker is being promoted and is overseen by a regular CSC and Education Panel
- DfE supplied devices and routers have been and continue to be provided to vulnerable children to support remote learning and contact with the professional network supporting the family
- Family and professional network meetings are being held using virtual technology
- Care experienced young adults are receiving additional allowances to support them to meet the increased costs of food, internet access and heating
- Our local Police colleagues have been briefed about social workers and practitioners meeting with children in the community, parks and other open spaces as part of efforts to practice social distancing
- We are continuing to work with CCG and health colleagues to ensure Health Visiting support for babies and young children
- Domestic abuse reports in Merton have remained steady and consistent with the previous year

# Children's Social Care & Youth Inclusion Update (cont/d)

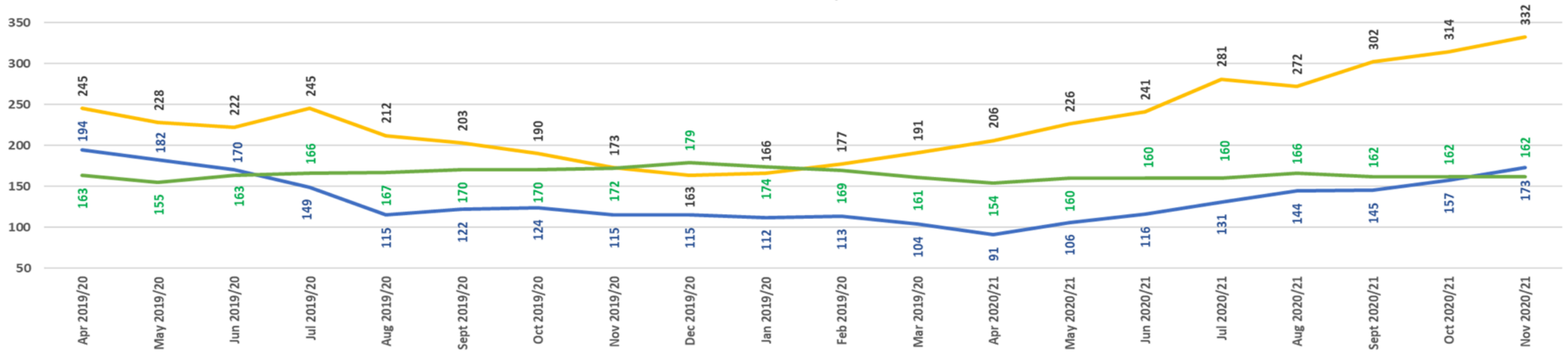
## Demand (as at November 2020):

- There has been an increase in the number of children in the Children's Social Care system by 211 in comparison to the previous year
- The total number of new children being referred into the service since April 2020 has remained consistent with the previous year.
- The number of children in care has remained consistent.
- The increased total number of children within the system arises for the following reasons:
  - of the children entering the system, more have presented with needs and risks which require child protection enquiries (32%), child in need plans (22%) and child protection plans (52%)
  - there has been change in the total throughput of children with plans with more plans being started and a lower ratio being ended

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Children's Services

Children with a CIN Plan    Children Subject to a CPP    Children in Care



# Children's Social Care & Youth Inclusion Update (cont/d)

## Workforce – Capacity and Welfare

- All frontline social care staff and foster carers are eligible for and have been receiving the vaccine and regular testing
- All social workers and practitioners undertaking face-to-face essential visits are provided with full PPE
- The Covid-19 Secure Practice Guidance remains in operation to support staff with safe and risk assessed interventions
- A spike in Covid-19 staff absences witnessed in January has begun to subside. We have seen higher numbers of staff who are experiencing personal bereavements as a direct result of Covid-19.
- Social workers in the First Response and Safeguarding and Care Planning Service continue to hold a high number of children (20-25 children). Coupled with staff absences and bereavements, this is leading to staff fatigue and tiredness.
- Staff from non-frontline facing social work functions in QAPD Service have been temporarily re-deployed to support essential visits and assessments. Consequently, some aspects of the core business of QAPD, has been suspended.
- We have secured temporary resources to recruit additional operational management and social work capacity and are in the process of recruitment. The additional management capacity is in place, as a result of pan-London pressures on available social workers this aspect of the recruitment is slower.
- The senior leadership team continue to monitor staff wellbeing. Managers are providing regular team and individual check-ins, the Employee Assistance Programme is being promoted and the Assistant Director holds a virtual 'Keeping in Touch' session every fortnight.
- Practice Week 1-7 February focussed on 'Celebration & Well-Being' with whole directorate Virtual Staff Conferences; Supervision workshops, Sparkling Practice Sessions and staff check-ins

# Children's Social Care & Youth Inclusion Update (cont/d)

## Recovery & Transformation

- The project to expand the Shared Lives programme to offer supported accommodation to 16 and 17 year olds and care experienced young adults is being finalised
- Recruitment of independent consultants for the Residential Placements and Clinical Systemic Social Care Interventions reviews are in motion
- Partnership work to co-produce a replacement of the Merton Wellbeing Model – 'Effective Support for Children & Families in Merton' is complete and scheduled for public consultation alongside the Early Help Strategy
- Review of the CSC & YI staffing establishment and budget has been completed and the CSC & YI Re-organisation is scheduled to commence formal staff consultation in March 2021
- The improvement project to repair the CSC electronic recording system, Mosaic, has started and is being overseen by a Mosaic Change Board
- The annual review of the Self-Assessment, in preparation for the Annual Engagement Meeting with Ofsted, is in motion
- The Youth Justice Service is working under the Covid-19 Recovery Plan submitted to the Youth Justice Board and overseen by the Youth Crime Prevention Executive Board.
- There is ongoing collaboration with the West London Family Court to progress the backlog of care proceedings and secure permanency for children
- The service continues to provide online virtual training to maintain a skilled and supported workforce and ensure continued professional development for social workers to maintain their registration.
- The Learning & Improvement Quality Assurance Cycle has been amended to account for the impact of the temporary re-deployment of QAPD staff

## Committee: Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Panel

**Date: 10<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

Wards: All

### **Subject: Performance Monitoring Performance**

Lead officer: Hannah Doody, Director of Children, Schools and Families

Lead member: Councillor Eleanor Stringer, Joint Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Children and Education.

Contact officer: Karl Mittelstadt, Head of Performance, Policy and Partnerships

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#### **Recommendations:**

A. Members of the panel to discuss and comment on the contents of the report

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#### **1 PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

1.1. This report summarises the performance information for 2020/21, up to 31 December 2020, as set out in the accompanying document, the Children & Young People Overview and Scrutiny Panel Performance Index 2020/21.

#### **2 DETAILS**

##### ***Exception Report***

2.1. The following indicators are marked as amber or red.

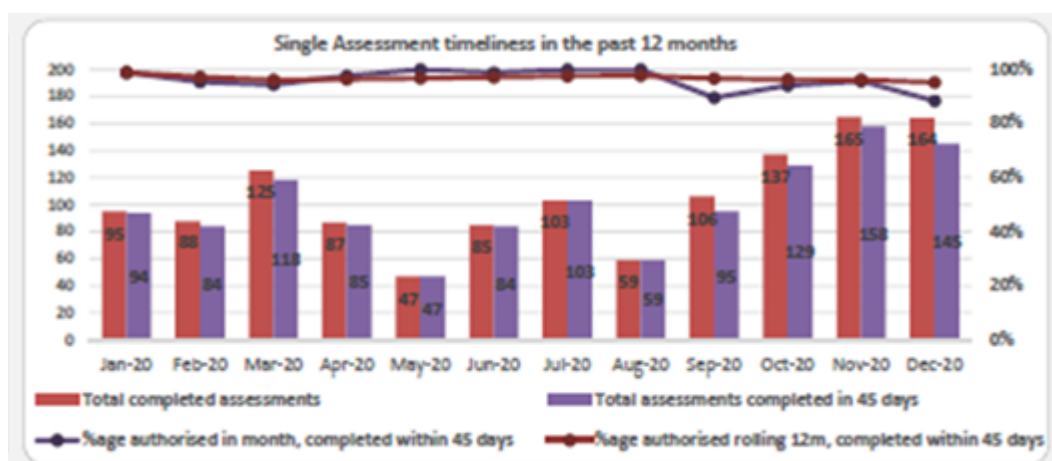
No	Indicator	Rating	Service Commentary
2	% of Single Assessments authorised within the statutory 45 days	R	See below.
3	% of Education, Health and Care plans issued within statutory 20 week timescale	R	There continues to be a delay in meeting the 20-week timescale during COVID. This has been for a number of reasons exacerbated by the pandemic including: staffing issues within partner agencies, late professional advice delaying planning meetings and in a small number of cases parents not engaging with assessments and/or planning meetings.
16	Average number of weeks taken to complete	R	See below.

	Care proceedings against a national target of 26 weeks.		
22	Number of in-house foster carers recruited	R	The recruitment of foster carers has been impacted detrimentally by Covid-19. We continue to promote foster caring using online communication channels.

*% of single assessment timeliness*

- 2.2. The drop in assessment timeliness is due to a combination of staffing shortages as a result of Covid as well as well as increased demand for services in November and December.
- 2.3. The chart below shows that November and December are ‘high volume’ months. The number of assessments undertaken in these months is more than any other month in the year.

**Single Assessment Timeliness (Jan20-Dec20)**

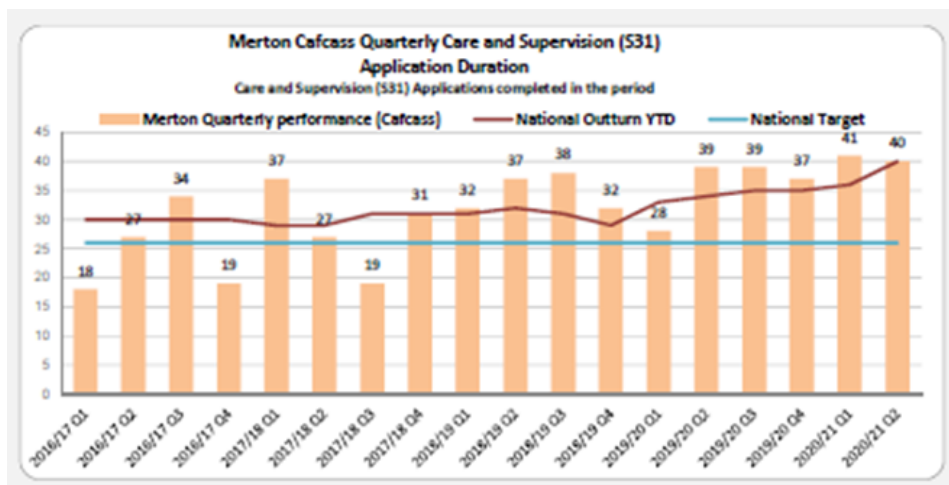


Source: case management system

*Care proceedings*

- 2.4. Nationally, the duration of care proceedings has increased. This is a result of court closures during the pandemic.
- 2.5. Whilst above the nationally set target of 26 weeks, Merton’s performance is in line with national performance. This is outlined in the table below.

**Care proceeding timeliness 2016-2020 (Merton vs National)**



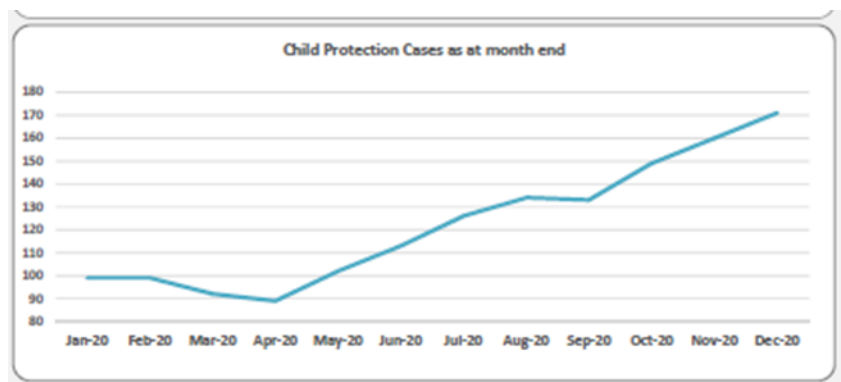
Source: Cafcass published data

2.6. In addition, the following indicators, whilst not target indicators, will be of particular note to the scrutiny panel.

*Number of children subject of a child protection plan (indicator 5)*

2.7. The number of children subject of a child protection plan has increased by over 65% between March and December 2020 and stood at 171 on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020.

**Number of Child Protection Plans (Jan20-Dec20)**



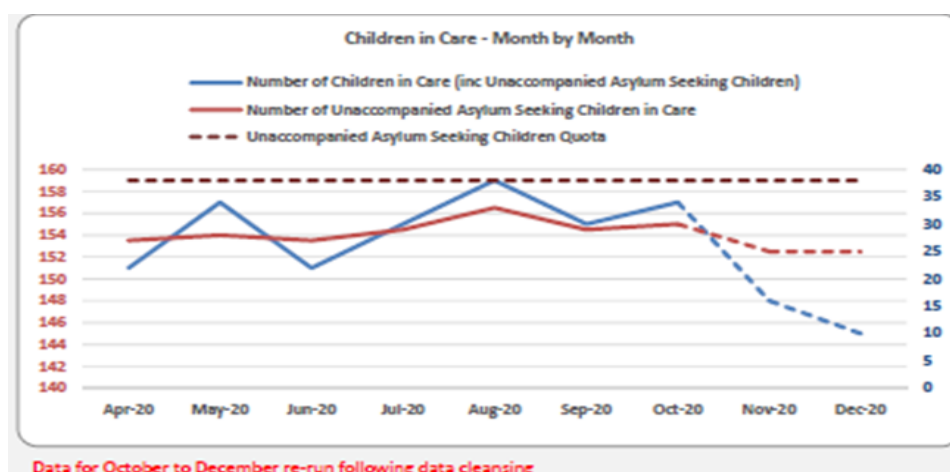
Source: case management system

2.8. The rise in the number of child protection plans is a result of increased demand for services together with an increase in the duration of child protection plans. Both factors are linked to the covid-19 pandemic.

*Number of looked after children (indicator 13)*

- 2.9. The number of children in care has been stable for the last three years. This is against a backdrop of an increase in the number of unaccompanied asylum seeking children in the care of Merton council, as well as a national rise in the overall number of children in care.
- 2.10. In November, we witnessed a further decline in the number of children in our care. This decline is a result of a number of children turning 18 at the same time.

**Children in Care (April 20 – Dec 20)**



Source: case management system

*Average total caseload for social workers at month end (indicator 40)*

- 2.11. Data since September 2020 includes all children and young persons with open cases and all allocated workers, based on an open cases report.
- 2.12. As previously reported, the increasing numbers of children in the CSC systems are reflected in the increase in the average case load figures. However, providing an average number masks significant discrepancies across the different CSC service areas. In some services, average case loads are above optimum levels, with social workers responsible for 20-25. Management actions are in progress to address the caseload pressures including recruitment activity to fill vacancies; use of the additional resource offered by the Social Workers in Schools pilot and mobilisation of an additional temporary social work team.

**Amendments, Corrections and Data Caveats**

- 2.13. Current system configuration and data recording issues in our social care reporting system Mosaic have an impact on our ability to report performance against some of the indicators effectively. This does not mean that the department is unable to monitor performance.



- 2.14. We are currently not able to report accurately against the following indicators:

<b>Indicator Number</b>	<b>Descriptor</b>	<b>Commentary</b>
8	% of quorate attendance at child protection conferences	Data reporting is currently unreliable. The way in which Mosaic is currently configured does not allow an easy analysis of quoracy.
26	% outcome of School Ofsted inspections good or outstanding (overall effectiveness)	This indicator cannot currently be reported against due to suspension of inspections and grading during the national Covid response.

### **3 FOR DECISION**

There are no items for decision.

### **4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

- 4.1. No specific implications for this report

### **5 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN OR PROPOSED**

- 5.1. None for this report

### **6 TIMETABLE**

- 6.1. Not applicable for this report

### **7 FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND PROPERTY IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1. None

### **8 LEGAL AND STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS**

- 8.1. None

### **9 HUMAN RIGHTS, EQUALITIES AND COMMUNITY COHESION IMPLICATIONS**

- 9.1. None

### **10 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS**

- 10.1. None

### **11 RISK MANAGEMENT AND HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS**

- 11.1. None

### **12 APPENDICES – THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS ARE TO BE PUBLISHED WITH THIS REPORT AND FORM PART OF THE REPORT**

- Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Panel Performance Index 2020/21

### **13 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

13.1. None

Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Panel - Performance Index 2020/21



Please note that Year to date performance - unless otherwise stated indicates April - March

No.	Performance Indicators	Frequency	Target 2020/21	Benchmarking and trend				BRAG rating	Merton 2020/21 performance											
				Merton 2019/20	Merton 2018/19	England	London		Apr-20	May-20	Jun-20	Jul-20	Aug-20	Sep-20	Oct-20	Nov-20	Dec-20	Jan-21	Feb-21	Mar-21
<b>Assessments</b>																				
1	Number of Common and Shared Assessments undertaken (CASAs)	Quarterly	Not a target measure	68 completed	n/a	No benchmarking available	No benchmarking available	Not a target measure			4 Completed 0 ongoing			0 Completed due to Covid 16 ongoing			Not yet available			
2	% of Single Assessments authorised within the statutory 45 days	Monthly	91%	94%	84%	83.1% (DfE 2018/19)	83% (DfE 2018/19)	Red	98%	98%	99%	100%	100%	90%	94%	96%	88%			
3	% of Education, Health and Care plans issued within statutory 20 week timescale	Monthly	55%	53%	56.3% (DfE: SEN2 Jan 2019 for the 2018	58% (DfE: SEN2 Jan 2019 for the 2018 calendar	54.6% (DfE: SEN2 Jan 2019 for the 2018 calendar	Red	50%	33%	34%	34%	N/A	N/A	33%	32%	41%			
<b>Child protection</b>																				
4	Child Protection Plans rate per 10,000	Monthly	Not a target measure	19.5	38.9	43.7 (DfE 2018/19)	36.7(DfE 2018/19)	Not a target measure	18.8	21.6	23.9	26.7	28.4	28.1	31.5	33.9	36.2			
5	Number of children subject of a Child Protection Plan	Monthly	Not a target measure	92	184	No relevant benchmarking available	No relevant benchmarking available	Not a target measure	89	102	113	126	134	133	149	160	171			
8	% of quorate attendance at child protection conferences	Quarterly	95%	N/A		No relevant benchmarking available	No relevant benchmarking available				N/A			N/A			N/A			
9	% of reviews completed within timescale for Children with Child Protection Plans	Monthly		99%	90.4% (DfE 2018/19)	91.8% (DfE 2018/19)	95.7% (DfE 2018/19)	Green	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	N/A	N/A	100%			
10	% of Children subject of a CP Plan who had a CP visit within timescales in the month	Monthly	Not a target measure	84%	77%	No relevant benchmarking available	No relevant benchmarking available	Not a target measure	96%	97%	88%	93%	95%	93%	N/A	N/A	86%			
11	% of Children that became the subject of a Child Protection Plan for the second or subsequent time	Monthly	range 12-20%	19%	17.2% (DfE 2018/19)	20.8% (DfE 2018/19)	17.5% (DfE 2018/19)	Green	20%	21%	18%	15%	16%	16%	15%	16%	14%			
<b>Looked After Children</b>																				
12	Looked After Children rate per 10,000	Monthly	Not a target measure	33.0	33	65 (DfE 2018/19)	50 (DfE 2018/19)	Not a target measure	31.9	33.4	33.4	32.4	34.5	32.8	33.2	31.3	30.7			
13	Number of Looked After Children	Monthly	Not a target measure	154	157	78,150 (DfE 2018/19)	10,030 (DfE 2018/19)	Not a target measure	151	158	158	153	163	155	157	148	145			
14	Number of UASC children and young people	Monthly	Not a target measure	29	32	No benchmarking available	No benchmarking available	Not a target measure	27	28	27	29	33	29	30	25	25			
16	Average number of weeks taken to complete Care proceedings against a national target of 26 weeks	Quarterly	26 weeks	37	33	31 (CAFCASS 2018/19)	No relevant benchmarking available	Red (Q3)			41			40			N/A			
17	% of Looked After Children cases which were reviewed within required timescales	Monthly	96%	96%	88%	Not published	Not published		97%	99%	99%	100%	95%	99%	97%	96%	97%			
18	% of Looked After Children participating in their reviews in month (year to date) (excludes children aged 0 - 4)	Monthly	Not a target measure	90%	95%	No relevant benchmarking available	No relevant benchmarking available	Not a target measure		89%	91%	84%	84%	88%	88%	91%	87%			
19	Stability of placements of Looked After Children - number of moves (3 moves or more in the year)	Quarterly	11%	7%	8% (DfE 2018/19)	10% (DfE 2018/19)	11% (DfE 2018/19)	Green			5%			6%			11%			
20	Stability of placements of Looked After Children (aged 16+) - length of placement (in care 2.5years, placement 2 years)	Quarterly	65%	75%	73% (DfE 2018/19)	69% (DfE 2018/19)	67% (DfE 2018/19)	n/a			N/A			62%			48%			
21	% of Looked After Children in foster placements who are placed with in-house foster carers	Quarterly	60%	N/A	n/a	No relevant benchmarking available	No relevant benchmarking available	Green			55%			53%			54%			
22	Number of in-house foster carers recruited	Quarterly	20	12	13	No relevant benchmarking available	No relevant benchmarking available	Red			4			4			4			
23	Number of Looked After Children who were adopted (YTD)	Monthly	Not a target measure	data not yet available	4 (6% of those leaving care), DfE	3570 (12% of those leaving care, DfE 2019)	300 (6% of those leaving care), DfE 2019)	Not a target measure	0	0	1	1	1	2	2	2	5			
23a	Number of Looked After Children for whom agency Special Guardianship Orders were granted (YTD)	Monthly	Not a target measure	10 (11%)	9 (13% of those leaving care 2019, DfE	3840 (13% of those leaving care, DfE 2019)	480 (9% of those leaving care, DfE 2019)	Not a target measure			2			2			5			

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<b>Childrens Centres and Schools</b>																				
25	% of total 0-5 year estimated Census 2011 population from areas of deprivation (IDACI 30%) whose families have accessed children's centre services	Quarterly	Not a target measure		56%	89% (31/08/2017)	94% (31/08/2017)	Not a target measure			10%				20%			27%		
26	% outcome of School Ofsted inspections good or outstanding (overall effectiveness)	Quarterly	91%	95%	95% (A Y year-end 31/08/2019)	86% (31/08/2019)	93% (31/08/2019)	N/A - C19			N/A - C19				N/A - C19			N/A - C19		
27	Number of Primary* permanent exclusions (Number YTD Academic year)	Monthly	Not a target measure	Academic year measure	<5	1210 (DfE AY 2017/18)	69 (DfE AY 2017/18)	Not a target measure	N/A - C19	N/A - C19	N/A - C19	N/A - C19	N/A - C19	0	0	0	0			
28	Number of Secondary* permanent exclusions (Number YTD Academic year)	Monthly	Not a target measure	Academic year measure	21	6612 (DfE AY 2017/18)	960 (DfE AY 2017/18)	Not a target measure	N/A - C19	N/A - C19	N/A - C19	N/A - C19	N/A - C19	1	2	0	0			
29	Secondary *** persistent absenteeism (10% or more sessions missed)	Annual	Not a target measure	Academic year measure	10.3% (DfE AY 2018/19)	13.7% (DfE AY 2018/19)	12% (DfE AY 2018/19)	Not a target measure												
30	% of Reception year surplus places***	Annual	Range 5 - 10%	TBC	13.3% (AY2017/18)	No relevant benchmarking available	No relevant benchmarking available	Green (October 2019)		N/A - C19										
31	% of Secondary school (Year 7) surplus places ***	Annual	Range 5 - 10%	TBC	11.7% (AY2017/18)	No relevant benchmarking available	No relevant benchmarking available	Red (2019)		N/A - C19										
<b>Young People and Services</b>																				
32	Youth service participation rate	Annual		1859	2395	No relevant benchmarking available	No relevant benchmarking available	Green												
33	% of CYP (16 - 17 year olds) not in education, employment or training (NEET)	Monthly	Not a target measure	Awaiting confirmed annual rate	1.6%	2.6% (DfE 2018/19 based on Dec - Feb average)	1.7% (DfE 2018/19 based on Dec - Feb average)	Not a target measure	1.3%	1.3%	1.5%	1.5%	3.0%	N/A	1.8%	1.8%	1.7%			
34	% of CYP (16 - 17 year olds) education, employment or training status 'not known'	Monthly	Not a target measure	Awaiting confirmed annual rate	0.6% Q4 (0.8% DfE benchmark data)	2.9% (DfE 2018/19 based on Dec - Feb average)	3% (DfE 2018/19 based on Dec - Feb average)	Not a target measure	1.2%	1.5%	5.0%	2.1%	3.3%	N/A	4.6%	2.2%	1.6%			
35	Number of First Time Entrants (FTEs) to the Youth Justice System aged 10-17	Monthly	50	38	33 (published rate per 10k)	224 (rate per 10,000, 2019)	260 (rate per 10,000, 2019)	Green	2	9	11	14	15	19	23	31	33			
36	Rate of proven re-offending by young people in the youth justice system	Quarterly	Not a target measure	TBC	0.68	1.55% (2017/18 YJB pub 2020)	1.47% (2017/18 YJB pub 2020)	Not a target measure			46%				46%			46%		
37	TF: Number of Families engaged for Expanded Programme	Quarterly	Not a target measure	254	320	No relevant benchmarking available	No relevant benchmarking available	Not a target measure			75			75			75			
38	% of commissioned services for which quarterly monitoring was completed	Quarterly	100%	100%	100%	No relevant benchmarking available	No relevant benchmarking available	Green			100%			100%			100%			
39**	% agency social workers (HR data)	Quarterly	New	18.2% Year End (FTE)	38.1% Year End (FTE)	No direct comparable benchmark (DfE Census Sept 2019, 15.8%)	No direct comparable benchmark (DfE Census Sept 2019, 23.8%)	New						18%						
40**	Average total caseload for social workers (working with looked after children and/or children subject of child protection plans) (total caseload including non LAC and CPP cases as at end of month) <b>Combines and replaces previous indicators 7 and 15</b>	Monthly	New	16 (Year-End) 14 (Annual average)	NEW (DfE Census Sept 2018** 17.7)	No direct comparable benchmark (DfE Census Sept 2018, 17.4)	No direct comparable benchmark (DfE Census Sept 2018 15.8)	New	15	14	11	13	13	13	14	15	15			

Indicators 27 & 28 : \* all pupils educated in Merton Schools (including special schools)

Indicators 29, 30 & 31: \*\*\* all pupils educated in Merton Schools (excluding special Schools)

Indicators 39 & 40\*\* Quarterly and monthly data reported from live date reported by Human Resource or Mosaic respectively. There is no direct comparable benchmarkable data as the DfE uses a different definition of a 'social worker' for the purpose of who is included in the annual Children's Social Workforce Census.