

Health and Wellbeing Board

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Weekly key messages

Cases (12th – 18th November):

- 7 day case rate (all ages) was **185.8 cases per 100,000** (up from 125.6 last week).
- 7 day case rate (among 60+) was **102.1 cases per 100,000** (down from 110.4 last week).
- **395** new COVID cases in Merton.

Deaths:

- **1** new registered Merton COVID death (in hospital) for the week ending 6th November.

Testing (pillar 2 only):

- 7 day testing rate was **215.6 daily tests per 100,000** (up from 190.7 daily tests per 100,000).
- 7 day test positivity increased to **11.1%** (up from 8.2%).

Number of deaths registered among Merton residents

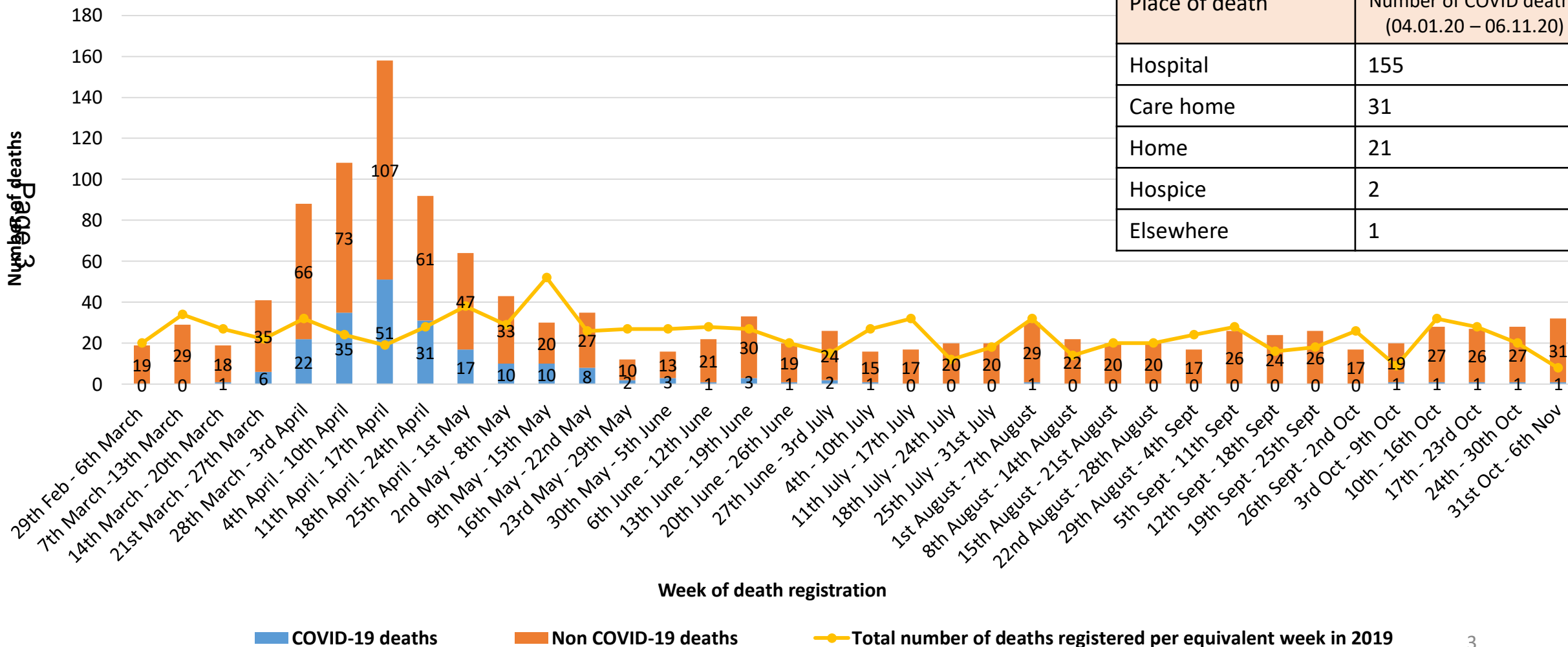
Source: ONS

Reporting frequency: Weekly (most recent 17.10.2020 – 06.11.2020)

Cumulative number of COVID related deaths registered in Merton
(04.01.2020 – 06.11.2020)

210

Number of deaths in Merton by week of registration



Place of death	Number of COVID deaths (04.01.20 – 06.11.20)
Hospital	155
Care home	31
Home	21
Hospice	2
Elsewhere	1

Positive cases per 100,000 across London boroughs

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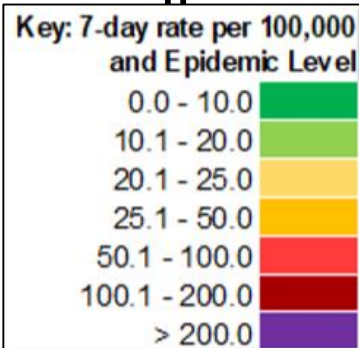
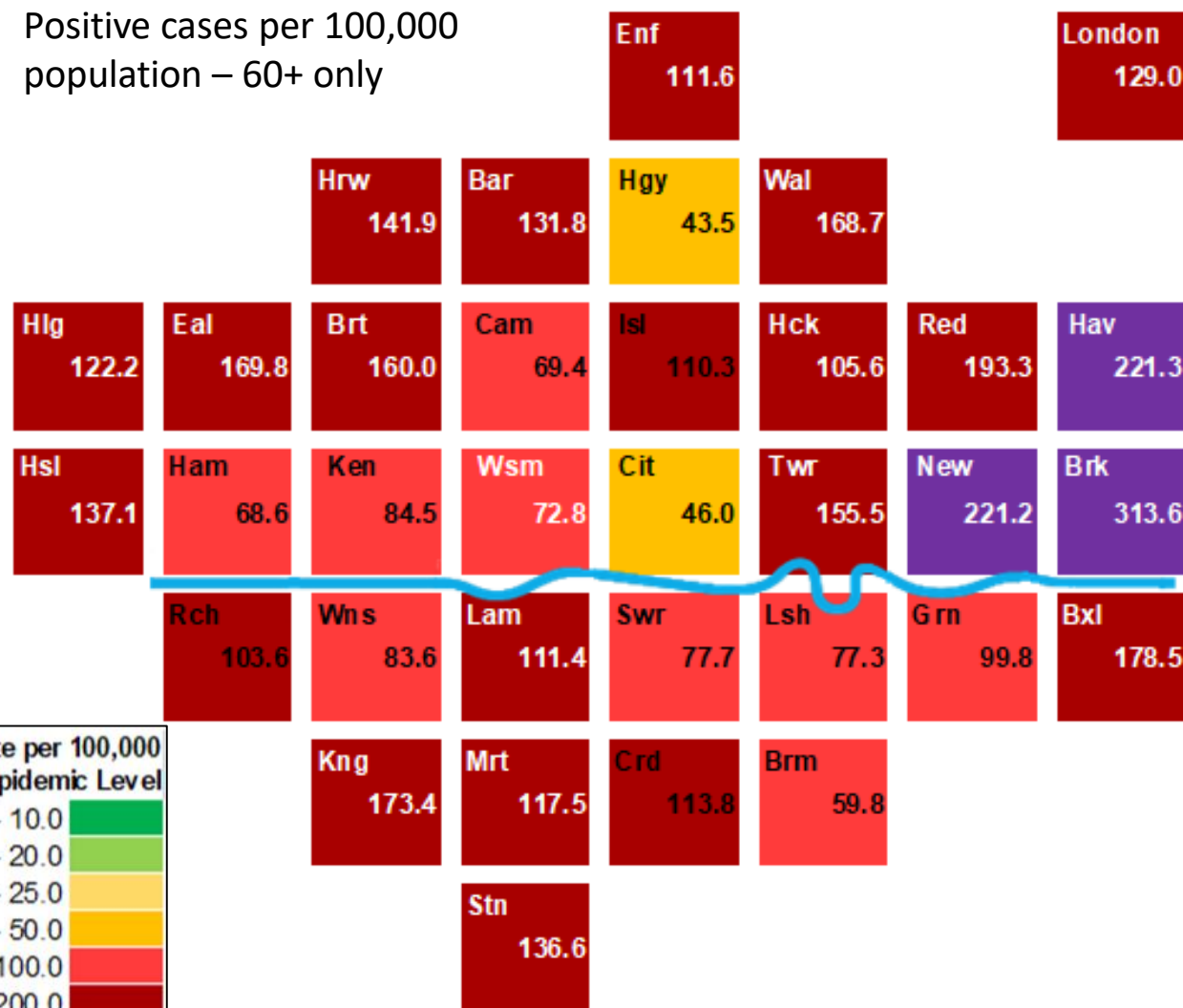
For reporting period 4.11.2020 – 10.11.2020

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

Positive cases per 100,000 population – all ages



Positive cases per 100,000 population – 60+ only

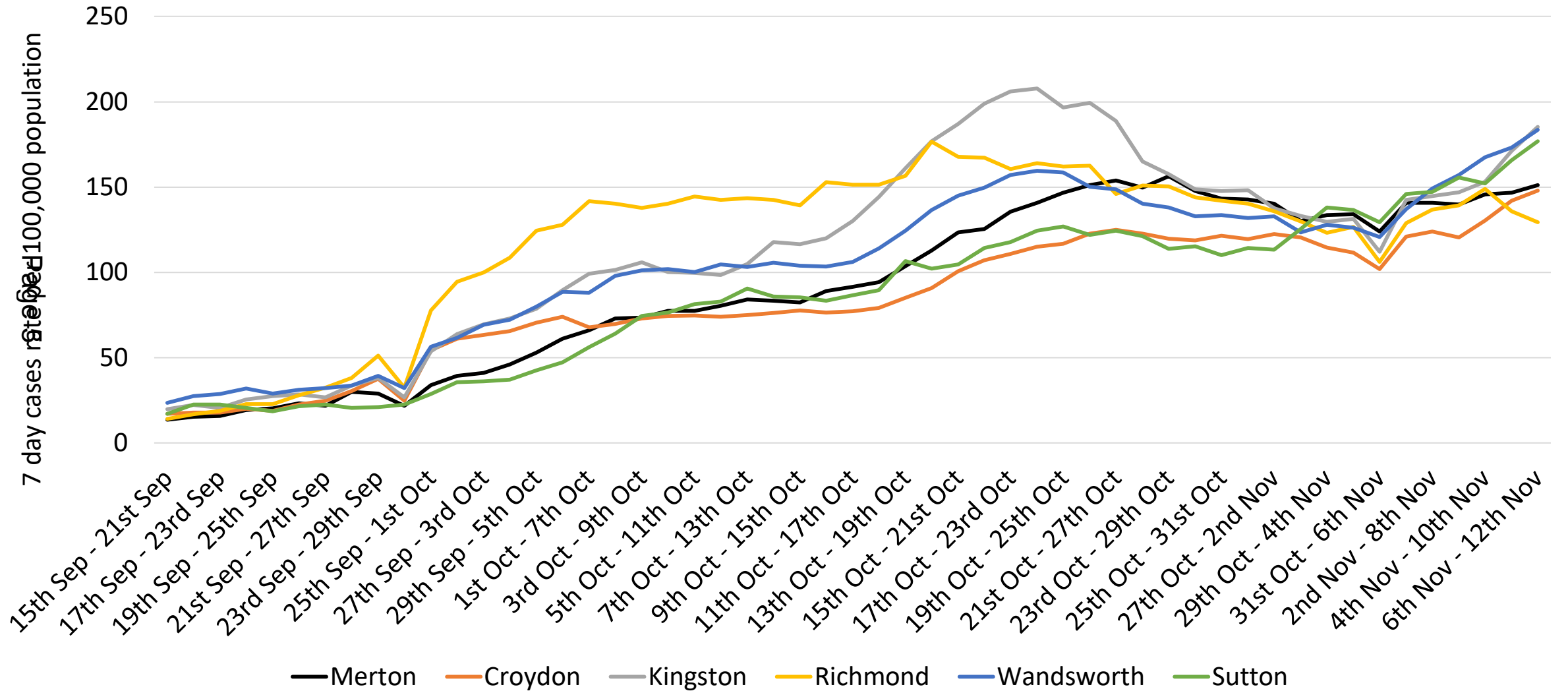


Rolling 7-day rate of confirmed positive cases per 100,000 population in Merton compared to South West London boroughs (Pillar 1 & 2)

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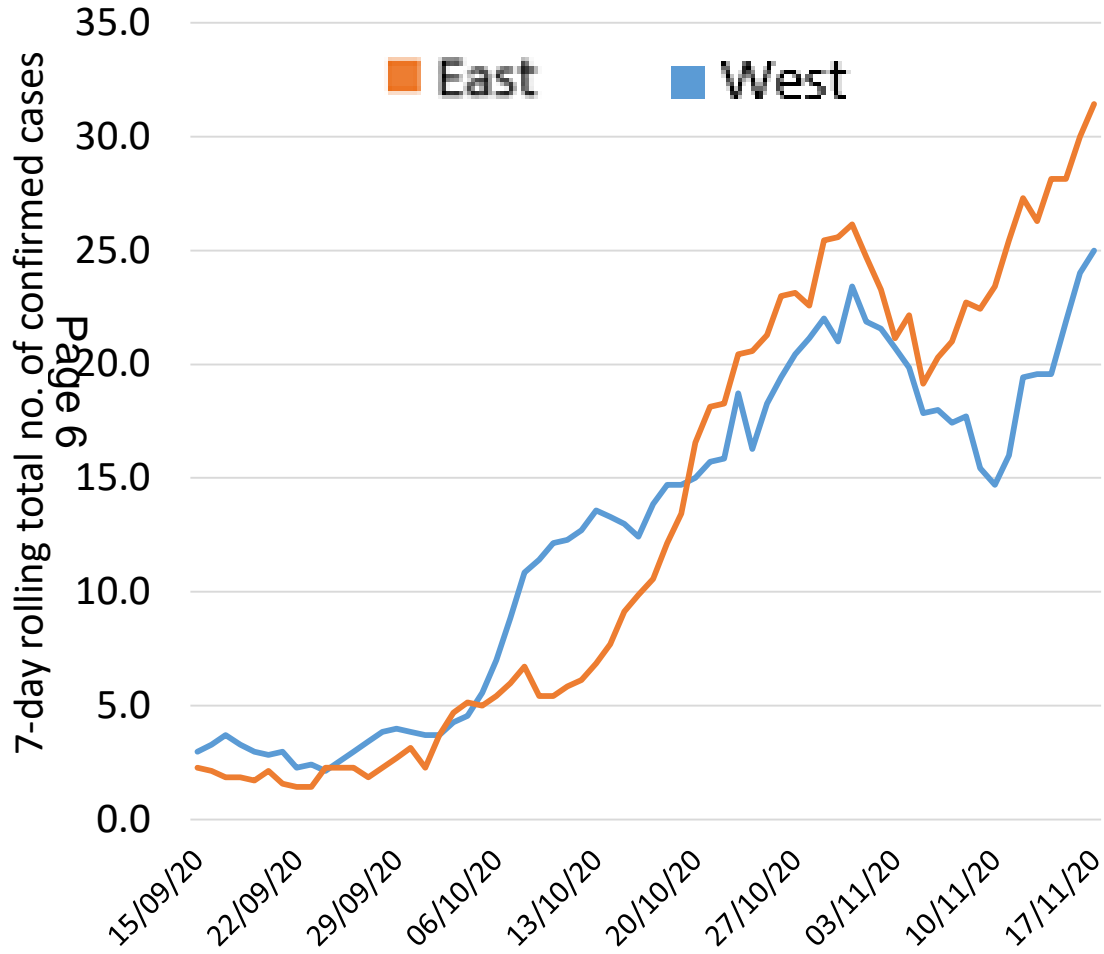
Source: PHE/PHEC Daily Report

Reporting frequency: Daily



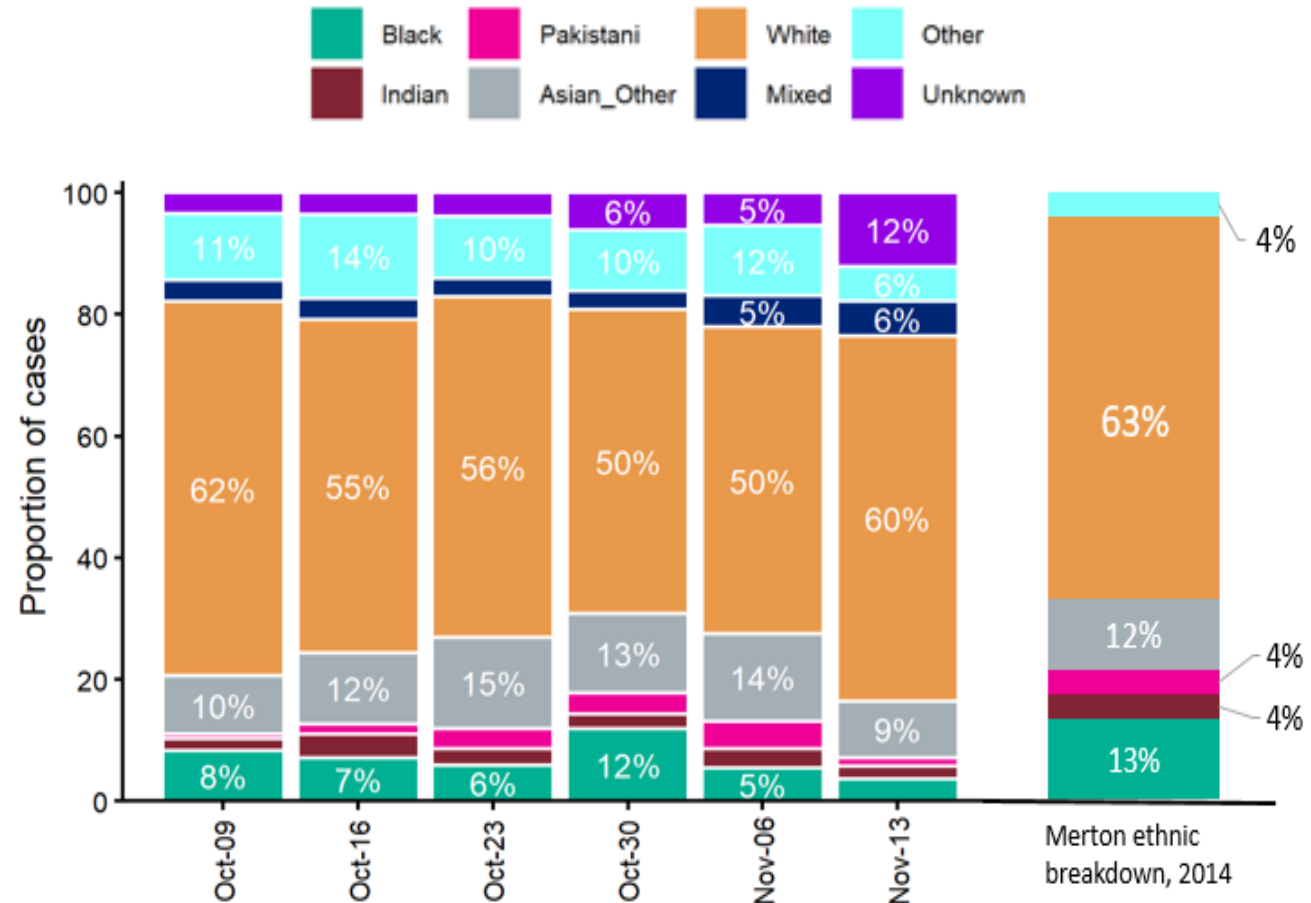
COVID-19 total positive cases in Merton by ethnicity and between East and West Merton

7-day rolling total number of cases in East and West Merton



Source: LCRC

Weekly distribution of cases by ethnic group in Merton compared to 2014 overall Merton ethnic breakdown.

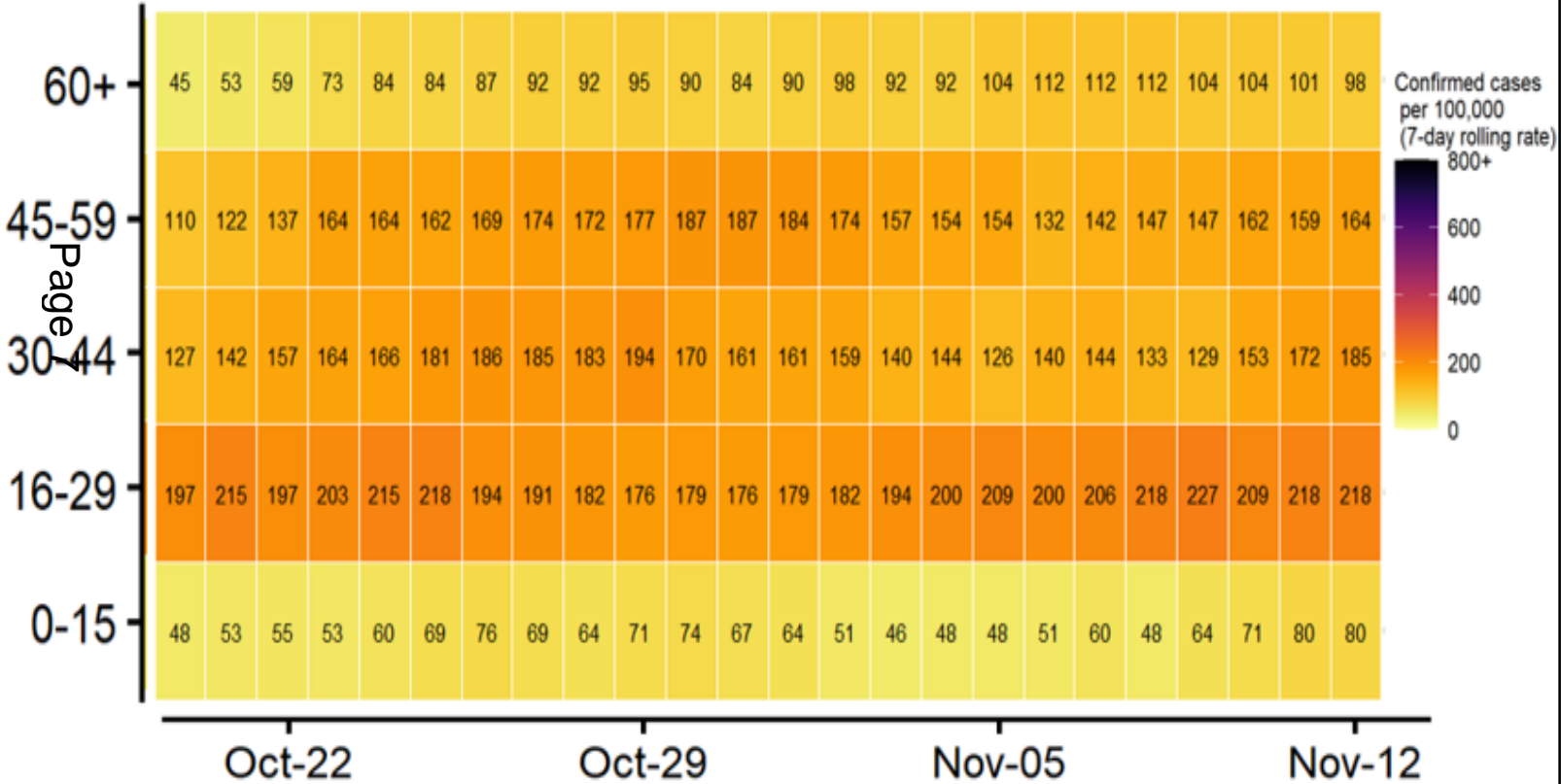


Source: PHE Merton LA Report

COVID-19 cases in Merton by age group and reported incidents and outbreaks

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

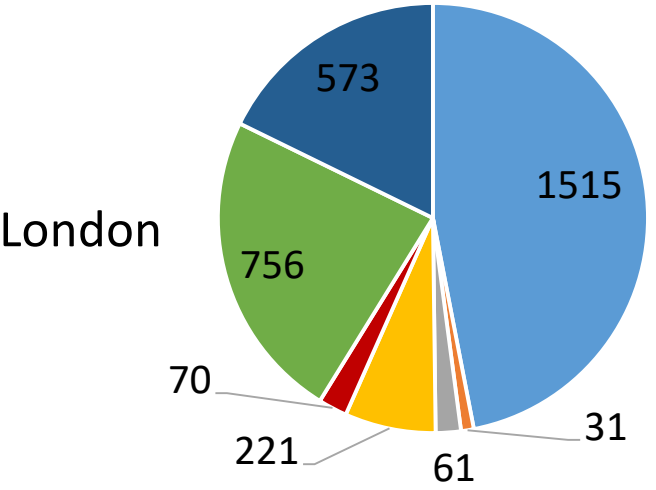
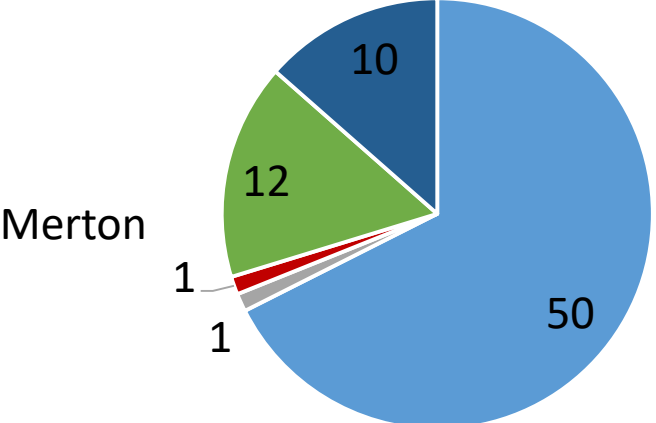
7-day rolling total case rates per 100,000



Source: PHE/Merton LA report

Reported incidents in Merton and London since 1st February 2020 - 18th Nov

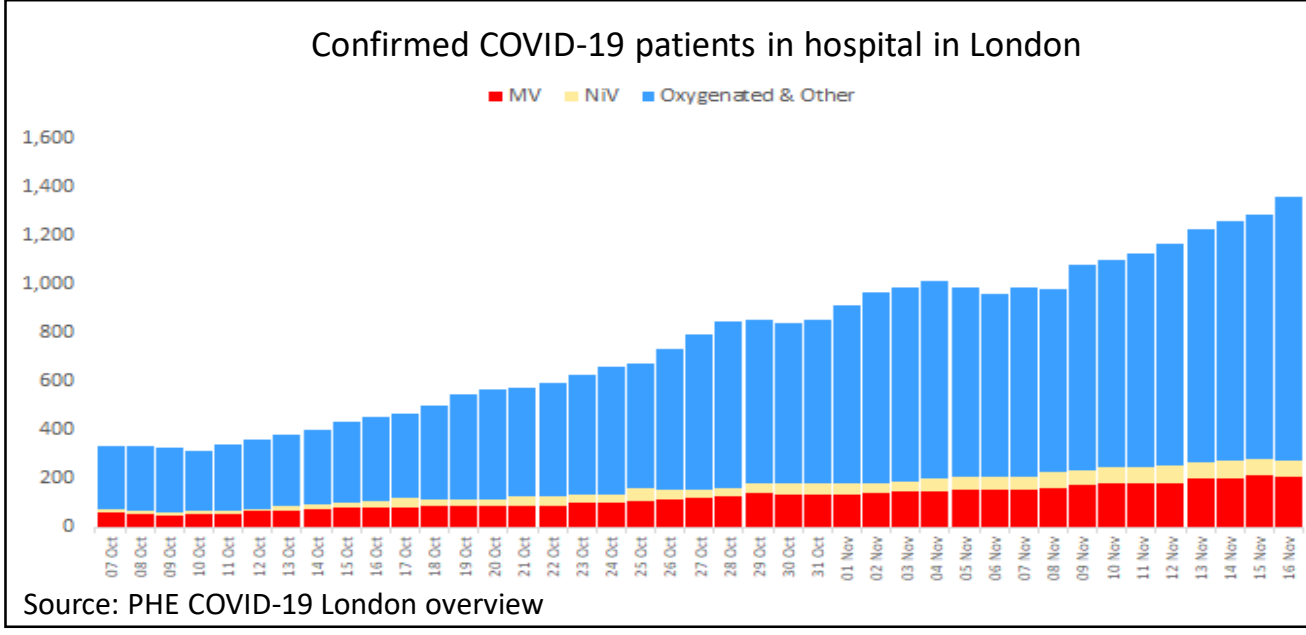
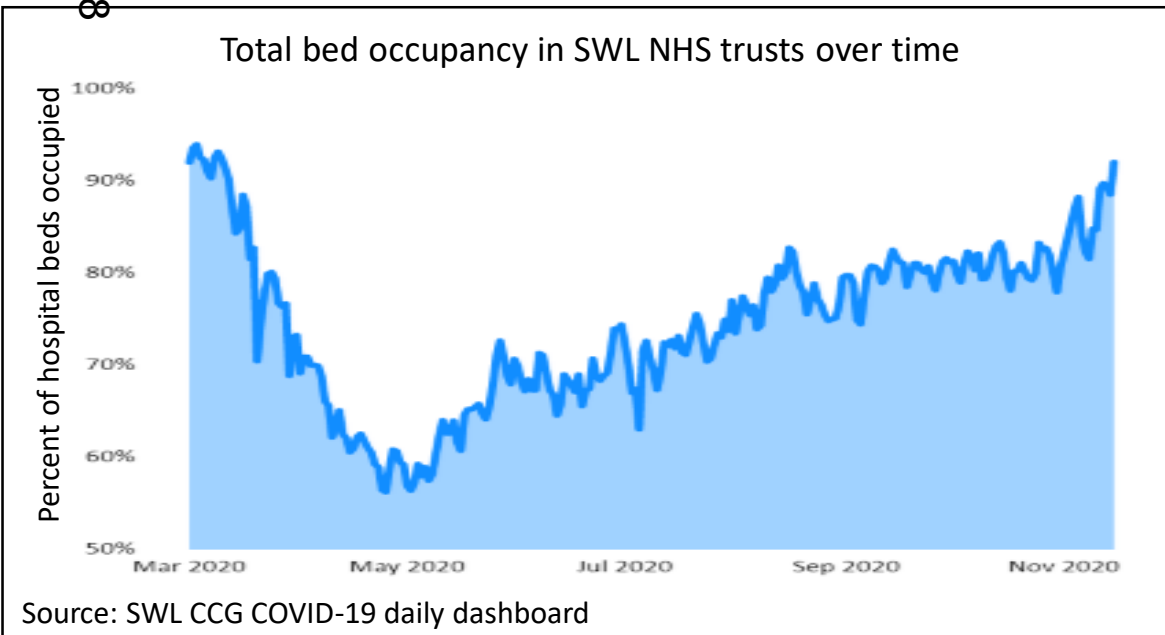
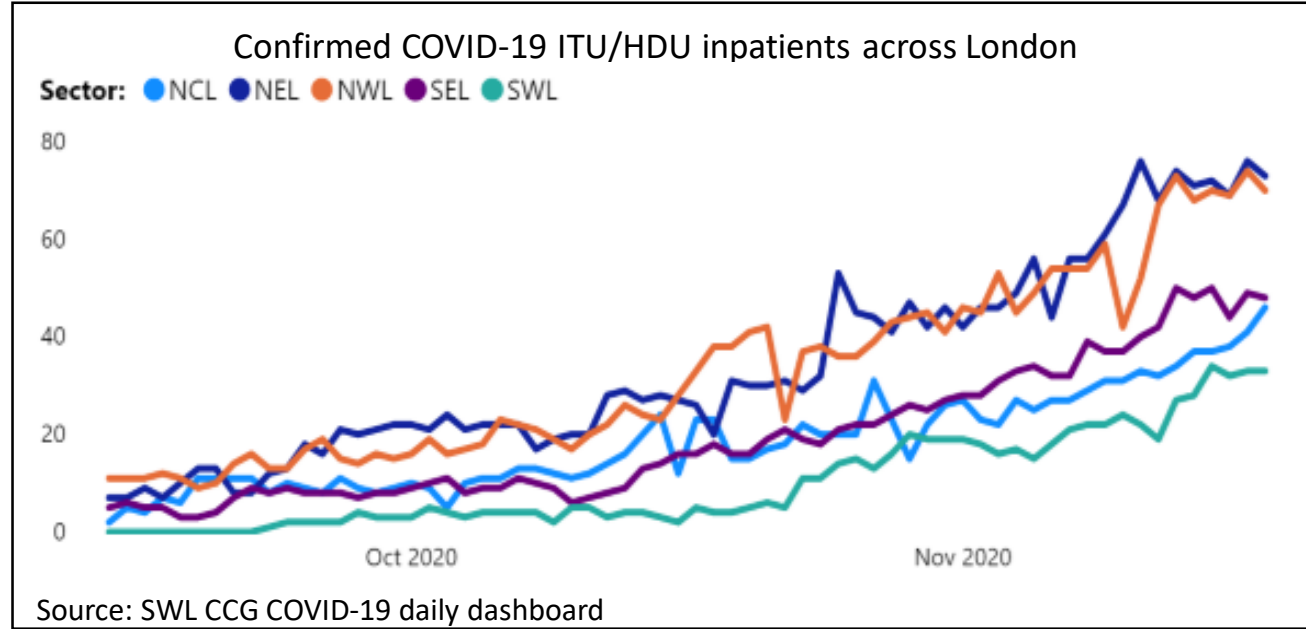
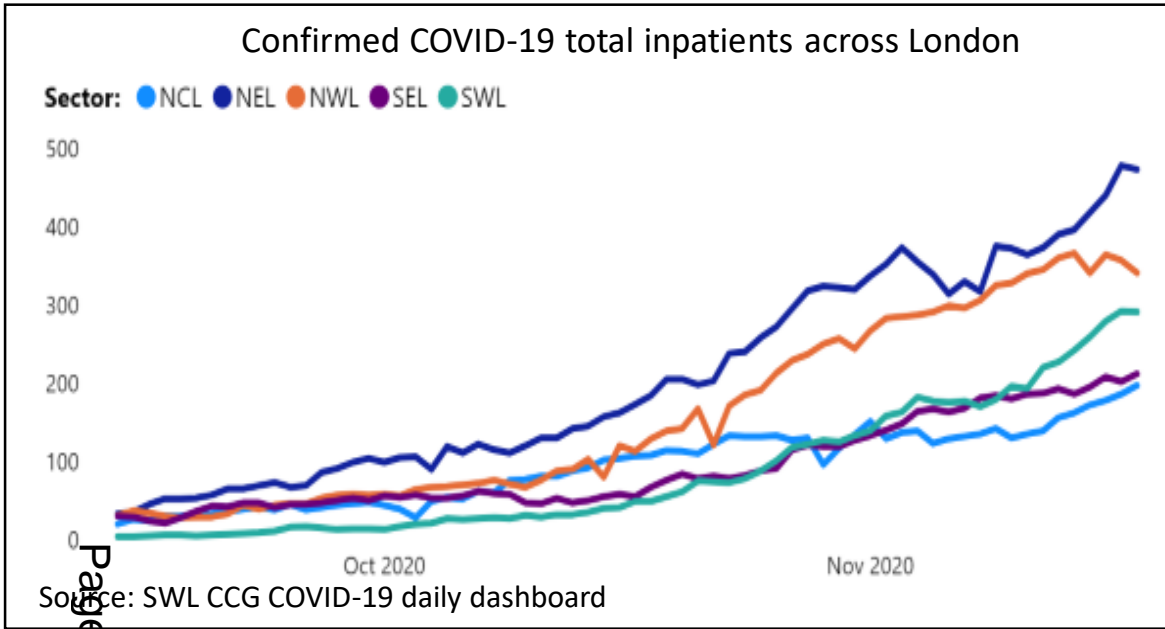
Source: PHE daily summary report



- Care Home
- Custodial Inst
- Homeless Accom
- Hospital
- Nursery
- School
- Workplace

COVID-19 and NHS-related indicators

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Local contact tracing

- Launched on 18th Nov, in first 3 days – 24 successfully contacted.
- All contacted signposted to local support services

Testing

- Symptomatic:
 - Pillar 1 testing – responsibility of NHS
 - Pillar 2 testing – responsibility of DHSC, local testing sites in collaboration with LA
- Asymptomatic:
 - PCR (polymerise chain reaction) testing for care homes, being rolled out to homecare
 - LFT (lateral flow test) – responsibility devolved to health care providers, universities, future plans for care homes, schools, and LAs
 - Positive results require confirmation with PCR
 - Currently nose/throat but saliva version expected soon

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COVID-19 vaccination

- Led by NHS, supported by LA and partners
- Mass testing sites (approx. 1/LA), PCN (Primary Care Network) testing sites for primary care delivery (PCNs can share sites, but expected to be not more than 2-3 per shared site and some have their own site)
- Priority groups – identified by JCVI (national Joint Committee on vaccination and immunisation) based on risk; feasibility also needs to be considered for delivery, ie Pfizer vaccine requires storage -80C. Front line health and care workers are high priority; and then age is used as other main determinant.

Key Differences of England's new Tier System

Tier 1: Medium

- Rule of six indoors and outdoors; pubs and restaurants shut at 11pm; people encouraged to work at home; spectators allowed at sports events; personal care including hairdressers allowed.

Tier 2: High

- No household mixing indoors; rule of six outdoors; pubs and restaurants shut at 11pm; alcohol only served as part of substantial meal; spectators allowed at sports events; personal care including hairdressers allowed.

Tier 3: Very High

- No household mixing indoors or outdoors in hospitality venues or private gardens; rule of six applies outdoors; pubs and restaurants closed except for delivery and takeaway; indoor venues closed; guidance against travelling in and out of the area; personal care including hairdressers allowed.

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HWBB Community Subgroup

- Giving **oversight of communication and engagement** with residents on local outbreak control and protecting vulnerable communities.
- Focused on the impact of COVID on vulnerable groups / those disproportionately impacted – **deep dives** on older people and the mental health and emotional wellbeing of adults and CYP
- Members of the HWBB – including voluntary and community sector - plus nominees, giving reach across their networks, **amplifying key comms** messages on COVID / myth busting
- Planned future focus on **BAME communities'** engagement and work with **people with learning disabilities**.
- Gaining insight through dialogue into lived experience, helping communities to have an active voice in **recovery planning**
- Time limited task group – review April 2021

Engagement – examples to date and future plans

- **Community Engagement Workshops** – over 50 participants explored the impact of COVID and identified assets to help build awareness of key messages
- **Community Champions Network** – weekly drop-in sessions for volunteer Champions to receive and then share trusted comms to family, friends and networks – over 100 Champions to date and growing building reach and effectiveness.
- **Listening to lived experience** of the challenges residents face and identifying opportunities to **build resilience and trust**: partnership work with NHS, Wimbledon Guild, Age UK, Carers' Support Merton, Merton Mencap and BAME Voice.
- **Young Inspectors leading engagement with children and young people** working as peers to better understand their experiences of COVID and build resilience, including Merton COVID Young Champions network and engagement through workshops and creative arts.
- **£200k Merton Giving** Grants programme for VCS, with 3 themes; tackling the disproportionate impact, supporting vulnerable people and connecting our communities.
- Using insight to refine **pro-active and re-active comms**, including videos of trusted local leaders and residents to support key messages e.g. vaccinations
- Working with the NHS on a **joint approach to tackling health inequalities**, which are being both exposed and exacerbated by COVID-19.

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