

# COVID-19: Update for Haringey

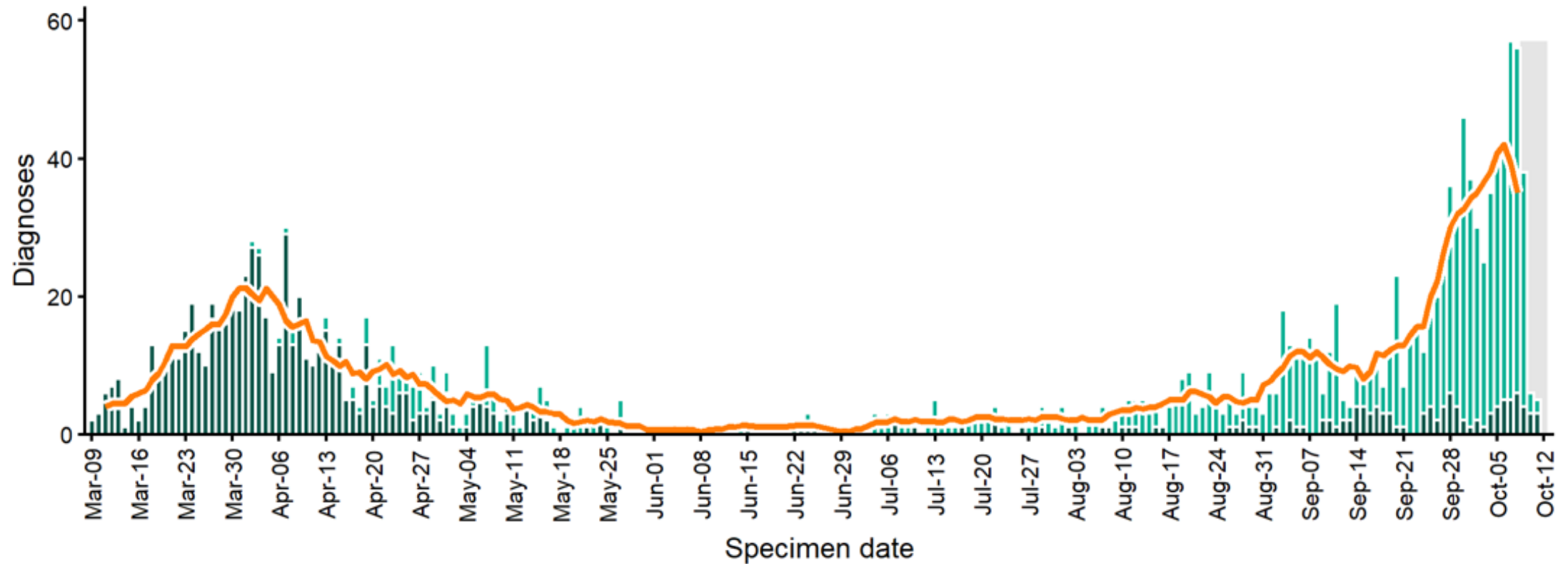
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Health and Wellbeing Board  
October 2020

## Overview

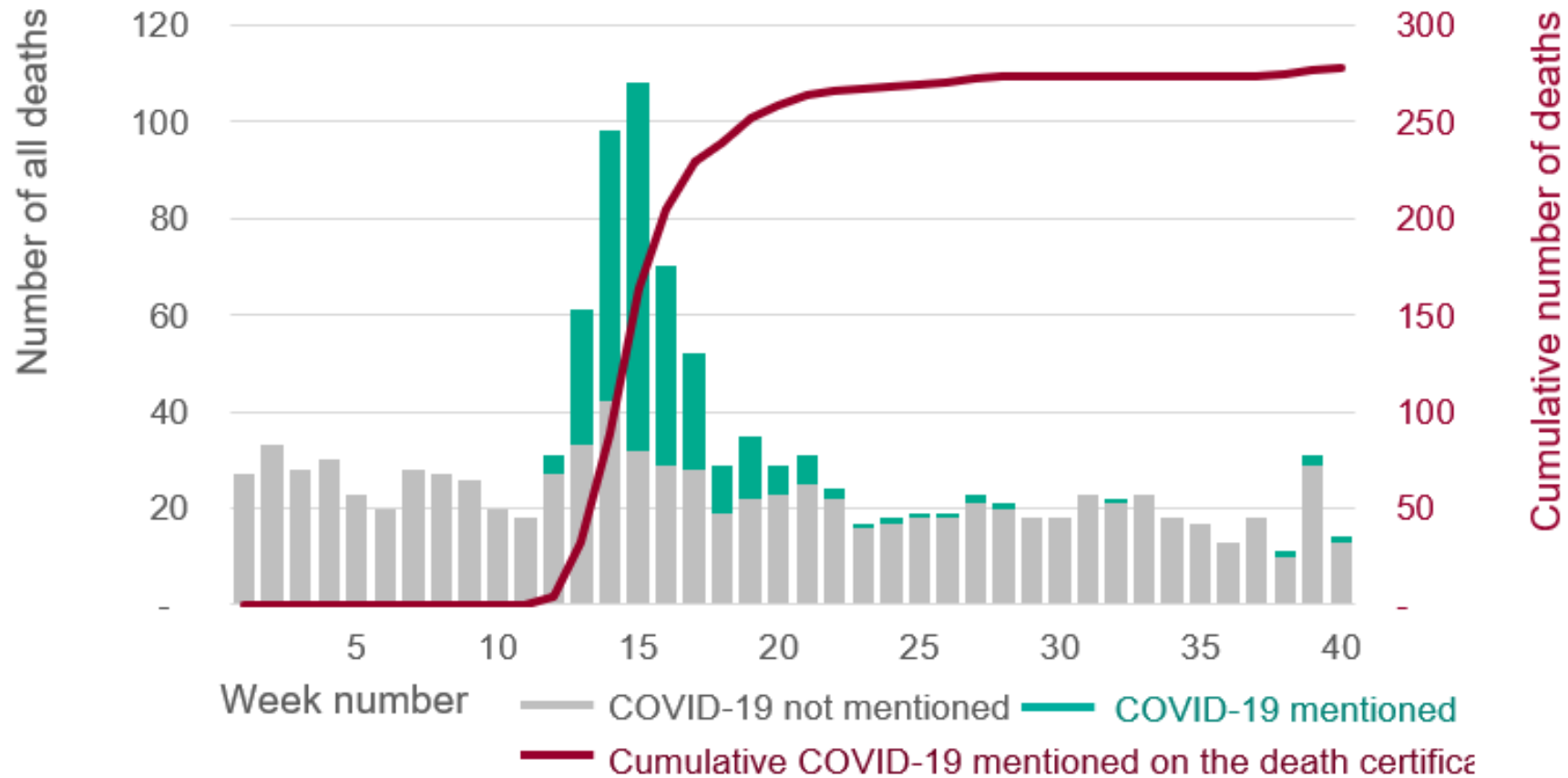
- COVID-19 in Haringey – cases, deaths and current situation
- Testing
- Contact tracing
- Outbreak management
- Inequalities impact
- Communications and community engagement
- Shielded population
- Schools
- Care homes
- Enforcement
- Governance
- Lessons learned – scenario workshops

**Epidemic curve of daily confirmed COVID-19 cases over time in Haringey, by specimen date**  
(4 most recent days subject to reporting delay - indicated by grey background)



— Cases per day: 7 day moving average    ■ Pillar 1    ■ Pillar 2

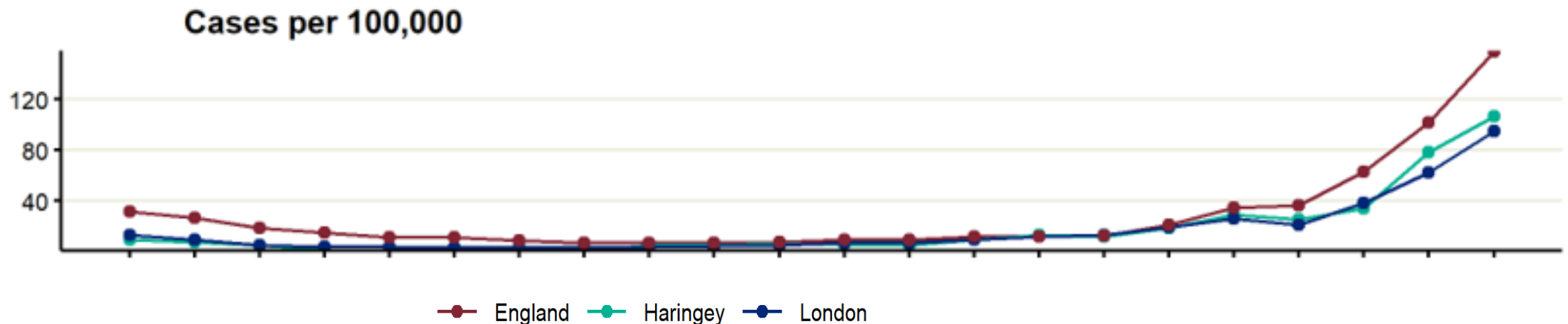
Deaths by cause of death (weekly numbers and cumulative), for deaths that occurred up to 2 October 2020 but were registered up to 10 October 2020 by week, Haringey.



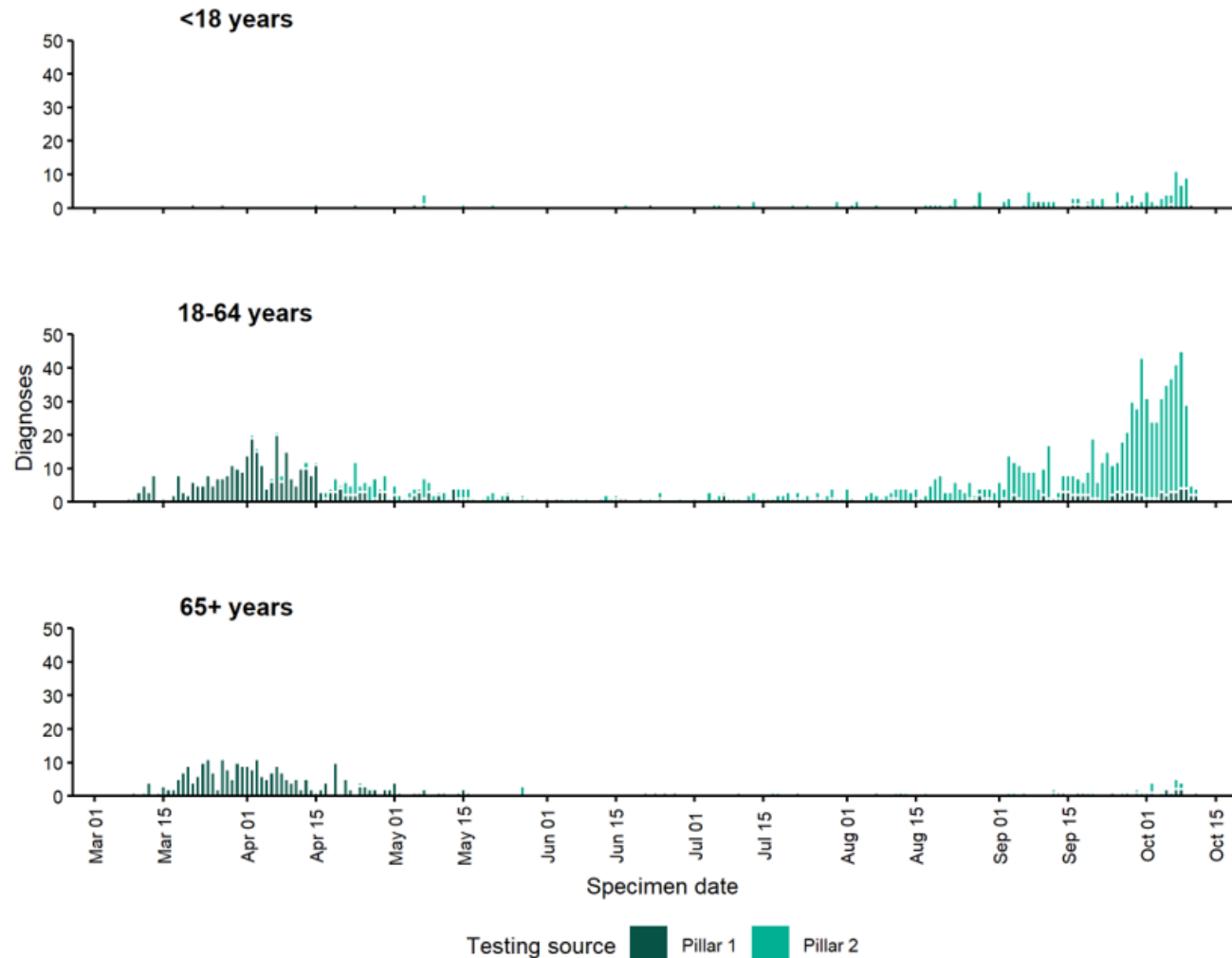
### Case rate and Incidence rate for the most recent week

- The number of new reported cases per week in Haringey has continued to rise, with 191 cases in the latest week (5<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> Oct).
- In the week 7<sup>th</sup> to the 13<sup>th</sup> October, 106 new cases per 100,000 were identified in Haringey, which is slightly higher than the London average. Haringey's rate of new cases is about four times higher than it was a month ago.

**Cases diagnosed per 100,000 population per week in Haringey, London, and England (May 5th 2020 to September 16 2020) (4 most recent days subject to reporting delay.)**



## Epidemic curve of daily confirmed COVID-19 cases over time in Haringey by age group (March 8 2020 to September 20 2020)

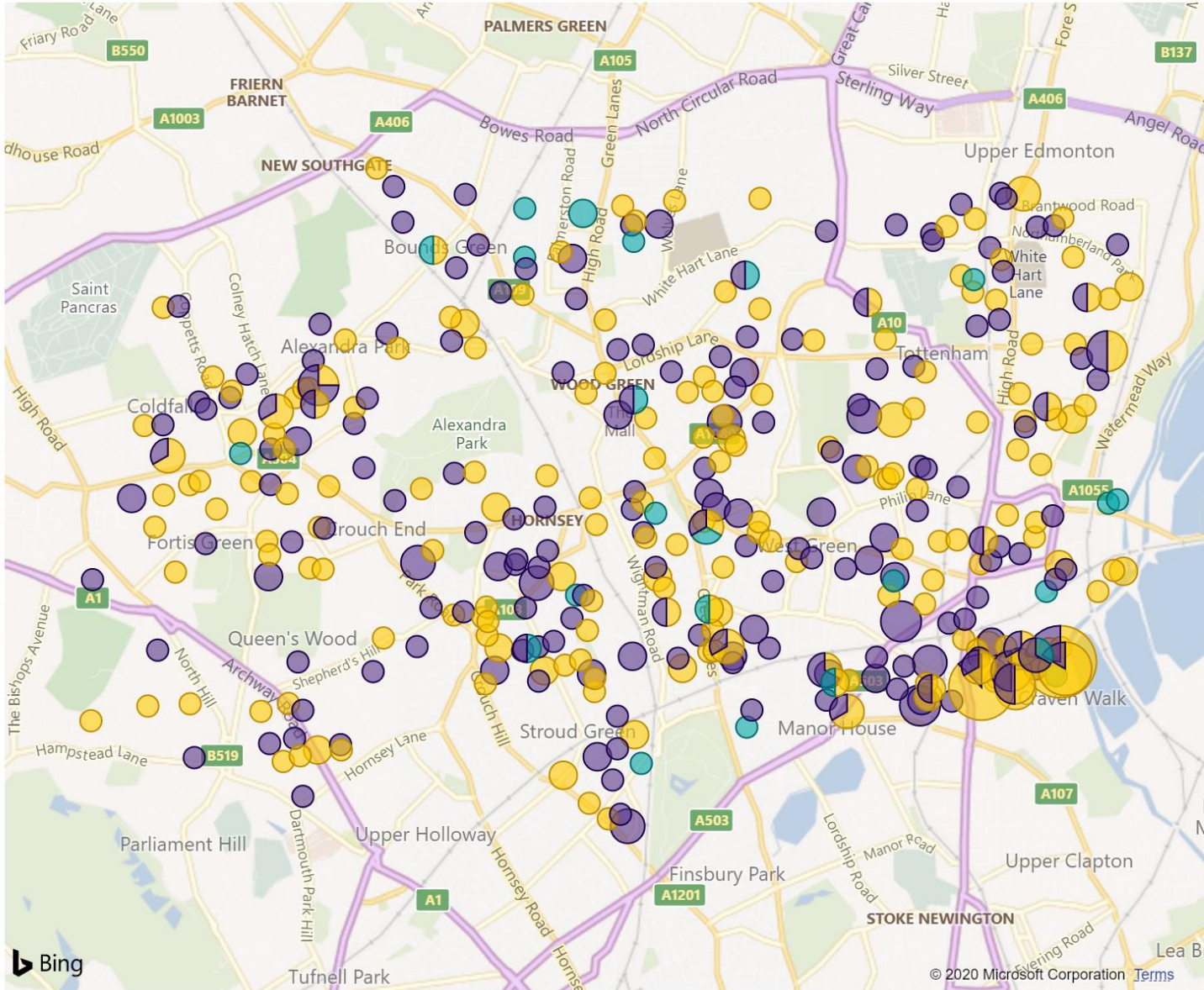




# 27<sup>th</sup> September – 11<sup>th</sup> October

Number of cases, mapped by week of test

**Legend** ● 05/10/2020 ● 21/09/2020 ● 28/09/2020



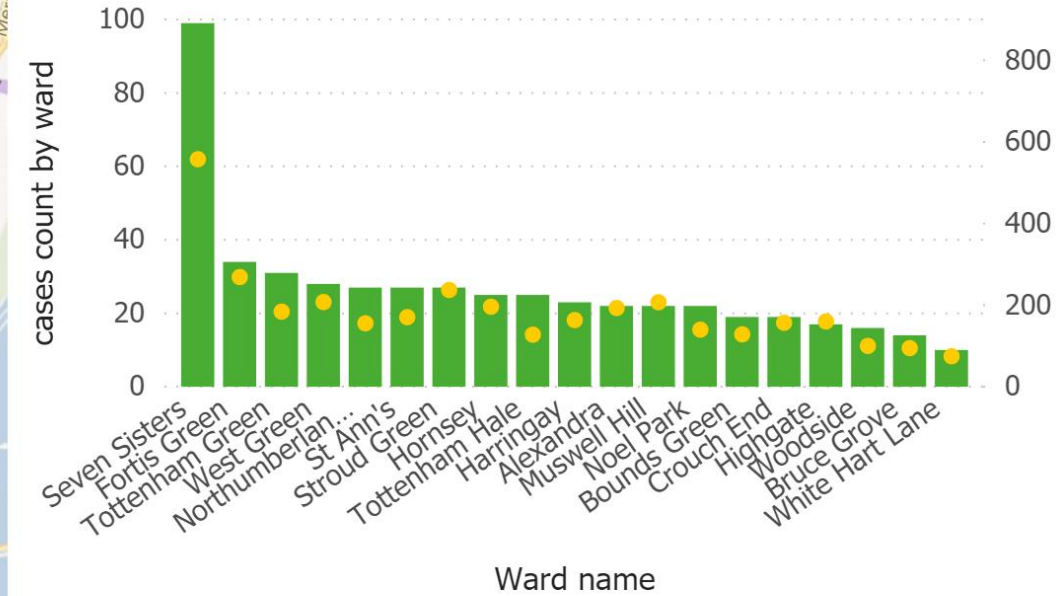
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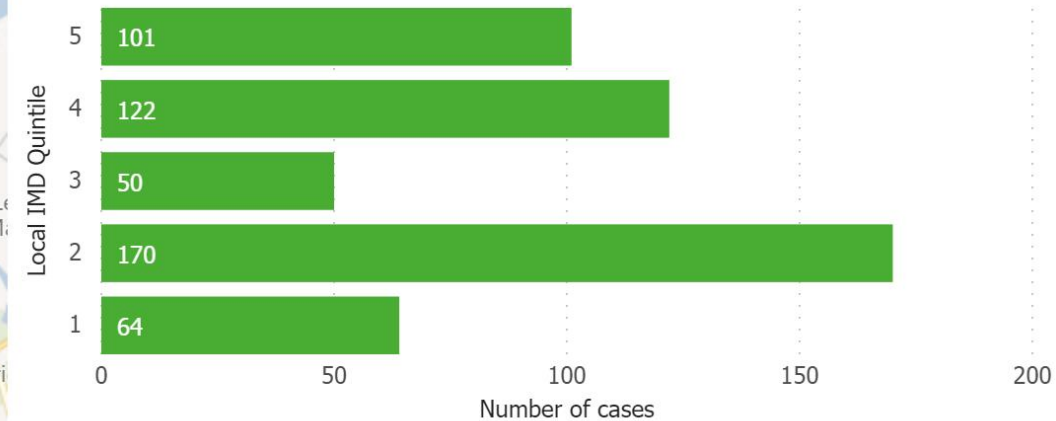


Number of cases and case rate per 100,000 population by ward

● cases count by ward ● Case Rate per 100,000



Number of cases by Local IMD Quintile



## Testing rate and % of positive tests (up to 7<sup>th</sup> October)

- The total number of Haringey residents taking test was **261 per 100,000**
- The latest weekly testing rate in Haringey is **lower** than the London average (**286.4 people per 100,000**) and the England average (**366.6 people per 100,000**).
- **6%** of tests carried out by Haringey residents are positive which is higher than the **London average (4.6%)**

## Accessing tests

- Nationally, there have been issues accessing tests and getting the results back. This issue also affected Haringey residents
- Access to test is now improving, but our testing rate is still lower than the London and England average.
- Haringey LA are working with partners to increase testing capacity in the borough



# Testing Update

## North Tottenham

- Irish Centre, Pretoria Road
- Live
- 400+ tests per day

## South Tottenham

- Site confirmed: Stamford Hill Primary School
- Preparatory work in progress
- Expected live date 26<sup>th</sup> October

## Central / Wood Green

- Considering sites

## West

- Alexandra Palace – now a walk-in site 7 days a week
- Site on hold due to technical issues – Deloitte/Vodafone to resolve
- MTU continuing until resolved

## Cases and contacts identified and contacted

- Since the NHS test and trace service was launched, **835** confirmed cases have been identified in Haringey. Of these, **67.2%** (561) have been successfully contacted.
- In the latest week (2-8<sup>th</sup> Oct) **69.3% of cases** were successfully contacted in Haringey, compared to an average of **74.5% in London and 77.7% in England**.

## Local contact tracing

- Local authorities have been invited to set up their own contract tracing systems to follow-up local cases.
- This is not a requirement, national contract tracing will continue regardless.
- In Haringey, a group has been created with members from across the council to begin setting up a process locally. Support materials have been provided by PHE and the ADPH.
- Any cases that cannot be contacted by NHS test & trace will be passed on to the council for enhanced follow up.
- We are will pilot this in the borough in the coming weeks.

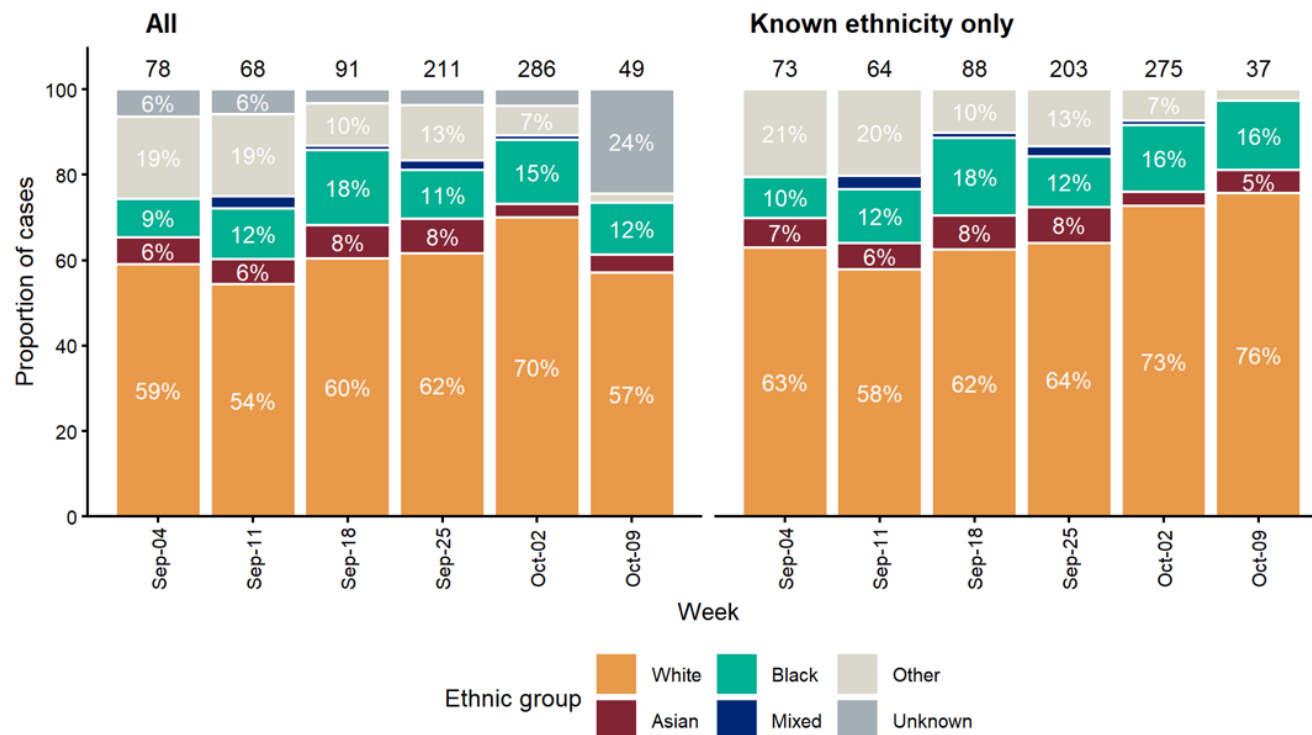
## Managing COVID-19 outbreaks in Haringey

- In the case of an outbreak, Haringey's [Local Outbreak Management Plan](#) is put into action, as published on the council website.
- An incident management team (IMT) is convened, with the purpose of:
  - Ensuring information about the outbreak is correct and shared between organisations
  - Assessing the risk of the outbreak to others and understanding the source of the outbreak
  - Putting control measures in place, including expanding testing, ensuring identification and isolation of people with COVID and their close contacts, and any further control measures such as closures of schools or workplaces
  - Ensuring effective communication with the public as required
  - Continuing to meet as necessary to monitor and respond to the outbreak
- The IMT includes members from across the council, PHE and other partner organisations as the situations dictates.

## Impact on BAME populations (PHE report, June 2020)

- People from Black ethnic groups are most likely to be diagnosed with Covid-19.
- Death rates from COVID-19 are highest among people of Black and Asian ethnic groups.
- Pre-existing health inequalities within the BAME community are likely to cause increased risk from the virus.

## Weekly distribution of ethnic groups among confirmed cases in Haringey, last 6 weeks (from 13<sup>th</sup> Oct)



**Several hard to reach groups have been identified. These include but are not limited to:**

- Turkish/Turkish speaking (Kurdish, Turkish-Cypriots, Bulgarians)
- The Homeless
- Jewish community (particularly the Orthodox Jewish community)
- BAME (particularly African and Afro-Caribbean communities)
- Older people
- Eastern European communities (particularly Polish and Romanian)

**We are working with our VCS partners to understand the specific challenges and identify the best way to engage with each community. These include:**

- Social media posts with the various Public Health and Government messaging
- Nextdoor.com both for general messaging across the entire borough and to target particular wards
- Translations into the most common languages spoken in Haringey
- Articles in the local press targeted at different communities
- Video messages from local religious leaders for our Jewish and Muslim communities
- Letter to every household from the Director of Public Health, outlining the concerns and offering advice. This is particularly useful for those communities for which digital poverty has been identified as an issue
- The comms team has also produced a number of posters (which are currently being translated) to go up in several homeless hostels

## Council support for residents at high risk

- During the first wave, approximately 9000 residents were classified in the NHS extremely vulnerable '**Shielded Group**' in Haringey.
- One third said they were in need of essential supplies as of July 2020. This group were a priority for Connected Communities to triage and they received food parcels up to the end of July although the Government's registration system for support to shielding patients closed on 17 July.
- Currently, **9,791** residents are in the 'Shielded Group', and **4,012** are registered for support or essential supplies should shielding restart
- **428** residents who registered also reported that they needed help with their **basic needs** (i.e. people to talk to, help to bathe, other domestic chores etc. Connected Communities called these residents to ensure that care needs of our community were being met.
- Nearly **11,000** people contacted the Connected Communities helpline and were spoken to and offered information, advice, guidance and direct support (excluding Shielders)



## **COVID-19 impact on schools**

- As of 14<sup>th</sup> October, there has been 68 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in schools - 41 students and 27 staff members
- The cases have been spread across the borough, with 26 schools having had at least one confirmed case (currently one school has had 9 cases – which is the highest reported)
- Within nurseries, there has been three confirmed cases of COVID-19 (all in staff members)
- There has not been any outbreaks in our settings, with majority of cases being isolated incidences

## **Challenges faced by schools**

- Families continue to struggle getting access a test when a child is symptomatic
- Long wait time for test results means schools sometime isolate the remaining bubble up to a week after symptom onset in the positive case
- Schools have been given 10 testing kits by DfE (funded by Deloitte) but they are unable to order 10 more till 21 days after first delivery – and most schools have used these kits at present
- Anxiety among staff in education and childcare settings is high due to the increasing number of cases
- Schools are reporting that an increasing number of parents/carers with vulnerable children (who have previously shielded) are removing their children from school until a vaccine is available

## Summary of COVID-19 in Haringey's care homes

- There are 33 care homes with 490 beds in Haringey, with 46% older people residential, 24% nursing, 21% learning disability and 9% mental health beds
- Between March and June, there were 10 outbreaks declared in Haringey Care Homes and 61 deaths.
- There have been no care home outbreaks since June
- Care homes experienced challenges accessing PPE, implementing Infection Prevention and Control measures, stopping visitation and managing staffing
- Council and NHS provided extensive support across a range of areas, and the picture in Haringey has been one of high levels of trust and support across the sector at such a challenging time
- We are continuing to build on the learning and are working with the care home providers to collaboratively plan for the winter and a potential second wave

## **Enforcement Actions being undertaken to support business to be COVID safe**

- Business Engagement Group created to advise reopening of the high streets and business on being Covid secure.
- Undertaken street walks coinciding with the various phases of reopening in June, July and Aug- advising traders on queue management /social distancing /Covid secure risk assessments
- Provided guidance to specific businesses.
- Working with CCTV to monitor the high streets and keep the public safe.
- Updated Haringey webpages with guidance for a wide variety of settings.

## **Enforcement outcomes**

- Responded to 451 complaints related to Coronavirus.
- This has resulted in multiple visits to businesses. 26 businesses have been restricted from opening and 12 have been served with improvement notices to ensure businesses are COVID Secure.

## Governance of the COVID-19 response in Haringey

- An officer led **Health Protection Board** has been set up, chaired by the Director Public Health, with representation across council, NHS, VCS and Healthwatch rep
- This board steers development of the outbreak management plan with a focus on preventing spread and protecting high risk settings (e.g. care homes and communities)
- Incident management teams are held as and when needed to deal with specific clusters or outbreaks
- Engagement is through the Health and Wellbeing Board

## **Key learning from outbreak scenario workshops**

- In August, Haringey conducted three scenario planning workshops.
- Generally these sessions went well, key learning included:
  - The need for improved communication across different organisations
  - A clear protocol for managing outbreaks that occur across borough boundaries
  - Further work needs to be carried out across the sub-region to identify opportunities, processes etc. as to when and how mutual aid should be deployed
  - Sharing data and insight across the sub-region will also be important. Further work is underway to clarify and address any identified gaps.
  - Local outbreak management plans are not generally designed to address a widespread rise in community transmission of COVID without a specific focus of infection.
- We are working to understand and address these issues