

Local Strategic Partnership Executive AGENDA

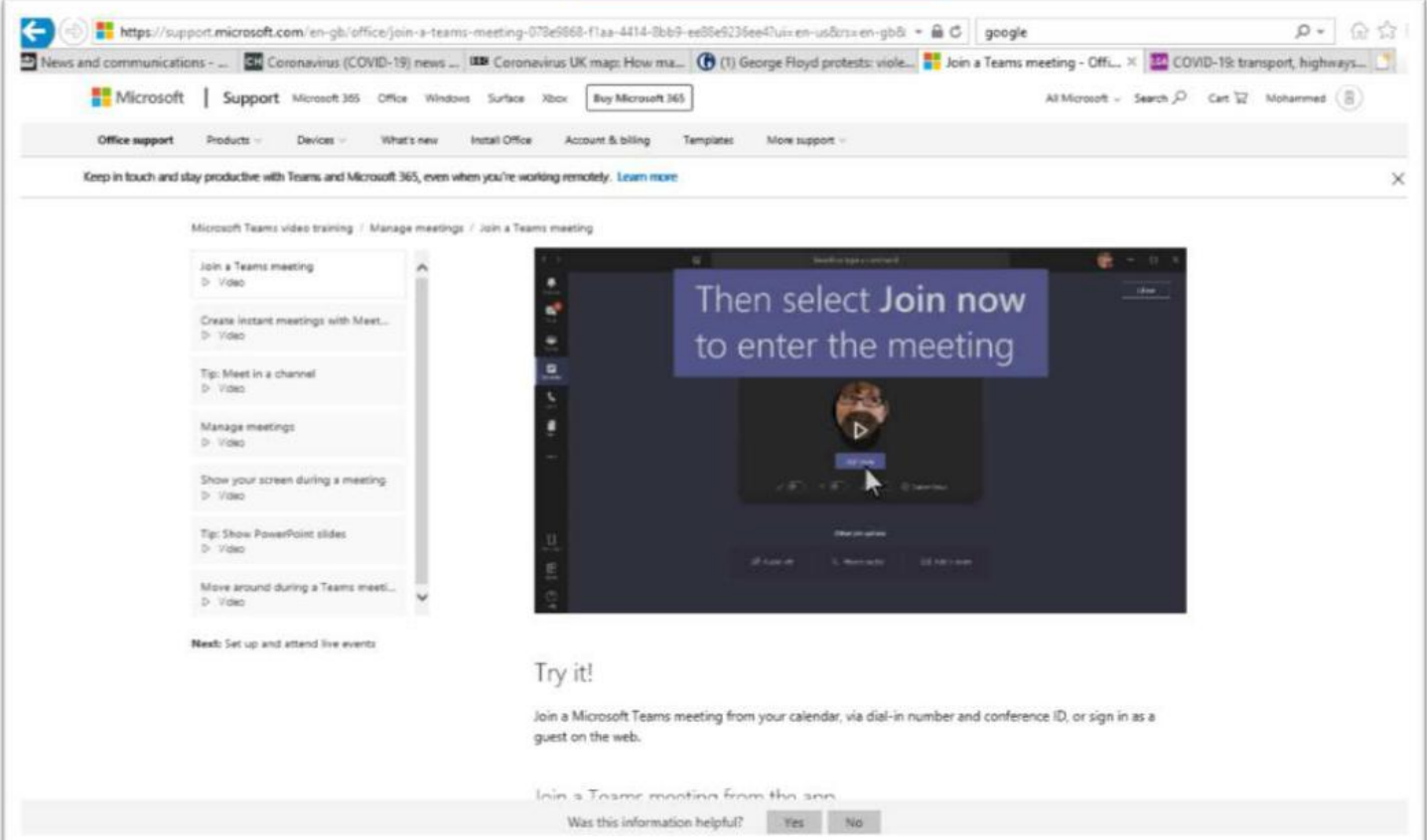
25th January 2021
Virtual Meeting via [Microsoft Teams](#)
4.30pm – 6.30pm

Time	Item	Leading	Comments (Attachments – bold)	Purpose
4.30	1 Welcome and Apologies Minutes and Matters Arising	Julian Bell <i>Ealing Council</i>	Minutes (PAGE 4) Minutes from 16 th Nov 2020 meeting.	For information
4.35	2 Update on the Coronavirus Second Wave: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council pandemic management • Community testing • Vaccine roll out 	Stuart Turner Head of Emergency Management	ITEM 2 Slide Pack Emergency Management update from the Council (PAGE 11) Roundtable discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issues & challenges related local testing and vaccination programme. • LSP support / partnership working. 	For information and discussion
5.10	3 Multi Partner Activity updates	LSP MPA Leads	Brief MPA verbal update by leads and discussion on capacity and progress of the MPA work in light of Covid-19.	For information and discussion
5.30	4 Post - Brexit and new UK trade deal with EU	Stuart Turner Head of Emergency Management	ITEM 3 Slide Pack (PAGE 23) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council updates on local mitigation plans /preparations. • Discussion on local impact and challenges 	For information and discussion
6.00	5 Partner updates on current activities and issues & challenges related to Covid-19 pandemic (second wave)	All partners	Roundtable updates from partners <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verbal updates including mitigation plans /preparations. 	For information
6.20	6 Any other business	Any partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ealing Climate Strategy 	For information
6.25	7 Final comments, next meeting and close	Julian Bell <i>Ealing Council</i>		

Membership of the Executive Board

Board Member	Title	Organisation
Julian Bell (Chair)	Leader of the Council	London Borough of Ealing
Paul Najsarek (Vice Chair)	Chief Executive	London Borough of Ealing
Neha Unadkat	Director	Ealing Clinical Commissioning Group
Layla Hall	Chair	Ealing Community Network
Janpal Singh Basran	Vice Chair	Ealing Community Network
Kelvin Tame	Vice Chair	Ealing Community Network
Dele Ryder	Partnerships and Fundraising Manager	A2 Dominion
Peter Gardner	Borough Commander	Metropolitan Police Service
Chris Blake	Director of Commercial Development	London North West Healthcare NHS
Gurpreet Rana	Director	Ealing CVS
Olivia Hargadon	District Operations Manager, West London District	Job Centre Plus
James Taylor	Assistant Principal	West London College
Sarah Rushton	Director of Local Services	West London NHS Trust
Ben Moore	Borough Commander	Ealing Fire Brigade
Peter John	Vice Chancellor	University of West London
Andrew Rollings	Chair	Make It Ealing
Andrew Dakers	Chief Executive	West London Business (WLB)

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EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP FOR EALING
Monday, 16 November 2020 at 4.30pm
 Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Executive Board Members	
Julian Bell (Chair)	London Borough of Ealing
Paul Najsarek (PN) Vice-Chair	London Borough of Ealing
Sahil Khan (SK)	Catalyst Gateway
Chris Blake (CB)	London North West Healthcare NHS
Andrew Dakers (AD)	Ealing Business Partnership
Neha Undakat (NU)	Ealing Clinical Commissioning Group
Sarah Rushton (SR)	West London NHS Trust
Peter Gardner (PG)	Met Police - Borough Commander
Ben Moore (BM)	LB Fire Service
Andrew Rollings (AR)	MakeitEaling / British Lands
Olivia Hargadon (OH)	DWP / Job Centre Plus
James Taylor (JT)	West London College
Janpal Singh Basran (JSB)	Ealing Community Network (ECN)
Kelvin Tame (KT)	Ealing Community Network (ECN)
Also attended	
Kieran Read (KR)	LBE Director of Strategy & Engagement
Anthony Lewis (AL)	LBE Head of Strategy, Performance & Intelligence
Mohammed Ahmed (MA)	LBE Policy Officer (Secretariat)
Stuart Turner (ST)	LBE Head of Ealing Emergency Management
Lucy Taylor (LT)	LBE Head of Growth & Sustainability

1. Welcome and Apologies (Agenda item 1)

The Chair welcomed all LSP members to the second virtual meeting. The Chair also formally welcomed:

- Peter F Gardner (Met Police - Borough Commander)
- Kelvin Tame (newly elected Vice-Chair of ECN)

Apologies for absence had been received from:

- Dele Ryder, A2Dominion
- Karen Redhead, West London College - *going forward James Taylor will be representing WL*
- Layla Hall emailed to say she has resigned from the ECN and a new Chair of ECN elected soon.
- Barbara Tilley (ECVS) - *BT was leaving and Gurpreet Rana will replace her on the LSP board.*

1b. Minutes and Matters Arising (Agenda item 2)

The Chair / Board members agreed that there were no points of accuracy in relation to this.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting of the LSP Executive Board held on 13 July 2020 be agreed and the Chair be authorised to sign them as a true and correct record.

ACTION:

16/11/20/1b Secretariat to formally record that the minutes were resolved.

2. Update on the Coronavirus (second wave) and Council recovery plans.

ST presented the updated PowerPoint slides and highlighted the following points:

- COVID-19 incident timeline including the latest lockdown in England and some of the key changes from the first lockdown in March.
- Ealing Mortality: *based on ONS data there were two COVID related deaths during the week ending 23 October, bringing the Covid-19 death total of Ealing residents to 425.*
- Ealing Cases – *latest Public Health weekly dashboard: 26 October – 01 November: 184.0 cases per 100,000 people in the latest week. 629 - cases in the latest week.*
- Rough sleepers: *346 stays at the peak of the first wave. 194 rough sleepers being housed.*
- Community need: *602 requests for food and increasing pressure on local food banks.*
- Ealing's scaling up of its COVID-19 command and control structure in response to notification received of another possible national lockdown.
- Local Testing Sites operational – *Featherstone Car Park and Michael Flanders Day Centre.*
- *Ealing has capacity to undertake up to 1500 tests a day dependant on supply of testing kits.*
- Local governance: KPIs will be reported in the COVID-19 and update on progress to SLT Gold.

Update on recovery in Ealing: Lucy Taylor presented the following highlights:

- Furlough. 25000 had been furloughed in Ealing based on data published in August.
- Benefit claimants numbers (ACC): 22,143 in Ealing (March- August 2020)
- Jobs Plan and West London 'Build and Recover': *More targeted use of funding to enable a recovery in which entrenched disadvantage is addressed and inclusion and wellbeing promoted.*
- Four action areas for Ealing's economic recovery and renewal:
 - 1) *Supporting Climate Action: Sustainable communities supported by active travel (15 min city), zero carbon developments and green sector jobs.*
 - 2) *Supporting Residents: retaining good jobs, providing opportunities to upskill and reskill and increase wages.*
 - 3) *Supporting Business: Support existing and new business to adapt and grow, attracting growth sectors (CDI, film, green).*
 - 4) *Supporting Neighbourhoods: Repurposing commercial areas (town centres and industrial land) for more diverse and resilient economies.*

Additional comments:

- PN and Chair recorded their thanks for everything partners had done over the last few months.
- PN clarified that LBE will not have any discretion on who gets the vaccine. LBE wanted LSP colleagues help with vaccine take up message cascading out to local communities.
- LBE had signed up to be a pilot area for 'asymptomatic testing and would be prioritising areas with higher infection rate and those who are providing domiciliary care and care home residents.
- Wendy Meredith from LBE Public Health was doing an analysis on the unequal impacts of the first wave of the covid-19 pandemic in Ealing and this would be shared with LSP /wider partnership.
- AD asked a specific question relating to Park Royal and the configuration of Covid testing stations.
- ST mentioned that most of them are currently based in Council facilities, and if there was availability LBE testing lead may consider setting up a site near Park Royal for at least 'asymptomatic testing'.
- JBS mentioned the need for local testing sites that are easily accessible and don't require much travel. ECN including the Southall Community Alliance would help LBE cascade key messages.
- The Chair thanked ST and LT for their timely presentation and providing clarification to partners.

3. Partner updates on key issues & challenges related to Covid-19 pandemic.

MakeitEaling/ British Lands

- AR mentioned that focus of Ealing Broadway management was around compliance of retailers with Covid-19 regulations. The regulatory teams / British Lands want to support all business to be fully compliant. This matter was discussed in a task force meeting attended across Ealing.

- AR remarked that this lockdown felt slightly different from the first lockdown and they were averaging 20,000 to 25,000 shoppers / visitors per day.
- AR concurred with LT with regards to the government's furlough scheme and said companies preferred to take up the fully flexible furlough scheme.
- All businesses were now eagerly waiting for Dec 3rd and ending of the current lockdown.

University of West London

- AW reported that UWL have worked hard over the summer to make all campuses Covid secure.
- 80% of educational activities are face-to-face (although not all teaching was face-to-face) including pastoral support. 85% of their students commute and many of them live at home / around London.
- Lesson learnt from lockdown was the level of digital poverty amongst students who live in families with low level of household income and often having to share devices with other family members.
- UWL were able to stay open during latest lockdown and have received various guidance / diktats from government and were now preparing for Christmas and will go fully online by 4th Dec 2020.
- UWL were closely working with Ealing Public Health and having meetings monthly with PN and LT. This was enabling better communication and co-ordination and allowing UWL to look more widely as to what they can do on the recovery side.
- AW was pleased to report that their postgraduate recruitments was up 100% which was a real indictment of the economic climate with people losing jobs and having to reskill themselves.

London North West Healthcare NHS

- CB reported that some of LNWH urgent cancer procedures was outsourced to independent sector providers. About 2,500 surgery and endoscopy procedures have now been completed externally.
- LNWH working with Royal Marsden Hospital and the Clementine Churchill Hospital in Harrow, in treating patients that they had on their waiting list.
- Big focus they had in the summer was restarting all their existing services and all the pathways to have infection control approval (to be Covid safe) proved quite challenging.
- About 100% of their endoscopy capacities back onstream. Elective capacity was around 80%.
- Trust was now focusing on winter planning and dealing with Covid second wave. Currently the number of Covid in patient have doubled in recent weeks.
- LNWH enacted the next level of their surge plan, which means they were basically staffing to a higher number of critical care beds. LNWH investing in critical care beds, and there's quite a lot of other reconfiguration going on across Ealing Hospital.
- Overall the situation remains positive and manageable in Ealing. Main challenge is balancing the demands of emergency care and managing Covid patients.

Met Police:

- PG gave a brief update on crime performance. Overall robbery was down 14%, Burglary down 12%, Violence against the person was up 6%. Violence was down 41%, however domestic abuse was up 8%, which can be attributed to the increase of domestic pressures brought about by the lock down.
- Local BCU have got a very well-coordinated response together with the local authority.
- MET are continuing to enforce the Covid-19 legislations with four E's approach (engagement, explanation, encouragement and to finally enforcement)
- Ealing BCU have issued a number of fines to establishments, mostly related to weddings / parties.
- Met have got a number of ongoing operations across the BCU, mainly around violence and street level drug dealing. Significant additional central asset to be deployed (Tactical Support Group).
- Internally, about 7% of BCU workforce are off at the moment, through either self isolating or because of track and trace, and over half a dozen officers tested positive with Covid.
- The London Mayor has setup the 'Inequalities Commission', which will be reviewing pan London activities, including Tactical Support Group, transport policing commands as well as violent crime task force to bring them more into account with the work undertaken by those officers.

- PG formally thanked partners for the incredible work that was done around the Southall building collapse; particularly colleagues from the fire / ambulance services as well as LBE officers.

The Chair also echoed PG's remarks and thanked all who helped with that emergency incident.

DWP/ Job Centre Plus

- OH mentioned DWP have undertaken a massive recruitment and trying to implement the Chancellor's plan for jobs. DWP will be recruiting 13500 work coaches by the end of March in West London. That means 691 work coaches for Ealing.
- DWP / local JCP thinking of having a larger footprint in Ealing by the end of the operational year.
- OH mentioned JCP working closely with LT as youth unemployment is a huge priority for them too.
- JCP have ring-fenced separate 18-24-year-old work coaches in every job centre and identified a youth employability coach who will deal the 10% of the hardest to help youngsters.
- JCP partnership managers have been working with partners to look at where they can establish youth hubs within the different boroughs and conversations had been taken place with the local authority but also with some providers within the borough.
- JCP have got staff from different organisations agencies co-located and aware of the impact on the aviation sector and how critical that is to the recovery for West London.
- DWP have their existing work and health program that deal with those individuals who have got health conditions and have flexible support fund which they have used to work with partners.

Questions and additional comments:

- *AD asked about new enterprises allowance extension. OH suggested that she and AD pick that conversation in terms of the new employment separately offline*
- *OH mentioned that in terms of Job Centre locations; that was being dealt with by DWP state's team and commercial team and will be shared with relevant partners in the not too distant future.*
- *In terms of the flexible support; OH mentioned it is a discretionary fund and it's accessed in many different ways including pooling funds with community organisations.*
- *OH mentioned that if LSP colleagues identified any specific gaps within the borough in terms of provision; she can put them in contact with DWP partnership managers to try and plug these gaps.*
- *Chair mentioned that he and LT met with John Holland Kaye and Heathrow Partners and talked about whether there were any opportunities for some kind of training base in Southall.*

West London College:

- JT mentioned that WL colleges have not closed, instead most delivery is online. A small number of students will be invited back to campus on a need's bases in September.
- JT agreed and shared the concerns raised by AW about digital poverty amongst students. He mentioned that a number of their learners struggling to engage online.
- In terms of youth unemployment WLC have many opportunities for young people if they want to re-engage in learning.
- WLC have seen a notable downfall is in terms of their adult learners. Adult learners seem to be more reluctant to come out to college. WLC are running some online learning, but they seem to be more reluctant to actually go and engage and come out actually into the community.
- JT asked partners to get in touch with WLC if there are specific courses that they feel WLC should be offering. WLC are very open to try and explore those and help re-engage with young people.

Ealing Community Network (ECN)

- JBS mentioned the local VCS working at the frontline in all sorts of practical ways such as providing emergency food relief, medicine collections, befriending isolated residents and more.
- ECN helping low income families deal with the economic consequences of being in a lockdown.
- JBS mentioned the establishment of 'Ealing Together' platform and a report of how VCS was coping / reacting and what residents needs were during the lock down and strategy for the next six months.

- JBS mentioned issues around capacity and resource for small organisations.
- KT mentioned the Covid-19 impact from a mental health perspective which was a huge issue. The impact of Covid is making local VCS sector rethink how they provide services and co-production charters / new models of partnership working; especially for mental health charities like Cape.

Ealing Fire Service:

- BM reported that LFB are trying to operate as a business as usual scenario. Internally they are now Covid secure and have changed a lot of operating procedures.
- LFB withdrawing from some of their community work and visits in advisory capacity.
- BM mentioned he was part of the Cobra Triage and created prior to national lockdowns. He reassured that operationally, there is no change.
- BM also extended his thanks to the community and faith groups, Met Police and the local authority for assistance in dealing with the Southall incident.

Catalyst Housing

- SK mentioned they were still continuing to deliver all their services in a socially distanced and safe way. They have been calling all their customers and offering a mix of practical and emotional support throughout this period. They have also offered vouchers for food shops, fuel poverty, school uniforms, equipment for work etc.
- Since March they have distributed over £50,000 worth of individual grants to Catalyst customers.
- They have given £50,000 out in individual grants and a further £30,000 in voluntary sector grants in response to COVID-19. A number of those recipients have been Ealing voluntary organisations.
- They have given £30,000 and have worked with a number of housing associations and managed to secure £240,000 funding from the energy redress scheme and distribute that to Ealing residents.
- Catalyst taking part in the 'Kickstart program' and hoping to offer over 30 placements and were keen on working with other partners for the benefit of young people.

West London NHS Trust:

- SR reported that Clay Ponds Hospital was closed for a couple of weeks due to a Covid outbreak. It was now reopened but had put significant pressure on the system.
- WLNHS opened the Mary Robinson unit – a discharge destination for Covid care home patients.
- WLNHS have increased their digital mental health support offer quite significantly which had been well received and used but harder for those who were in digital poverty.
- NHS Trust wants to make sure that they also deliver face to face where they can.
- SR mentioned the challenge to keep all their services running and respond to the second wave, and the impact this was having on the long-term well-being of staff and job retention.
- NHS in Ealing have lots of vacancies/ opportunities for local people who need employment.

Ealing CCG:

- NU reported gold, silver and bronze command structures established across the NHS / NW London.
- CCG have been overseeing a number of programs to manage patients in the Community that have Covid symptoms. They are also testing for social care and NHS frontline staff since May /June.
- GP practices were open and seeing patients face to face when needed. However where possible they are trying to manage patients remotely to reduce the risk of infection in the community.
- NU mentioned significant staff restructuring happening across all the CCG groups / NW London.
- NU paid tribute to CCG staff who have been undergoing interviews at this very difficult time and dealing with the Covid second wave as well as keeping services going.
- Chair conveyed his congratulations to NU on her new role as Managing Director of Ealing CCG.

Ealing CVS:

- GR provided a written summary of ECVS activities in advance of the meeting, which included the following:

- ECVS had launched the Volunteer Plus database <https://ehcvs.org.uk/search> and have provided training to 166 Ealing groups on digital awareness and tools to increase the impact.
- ECVS provided 26 different training & awareness sessions attended by over 500 VCS reps.
- EU Settled Status project engaged with 10,000 residents and supported 5,513 vulnerable settled status application to the Home Office.

4) LSP Multi Partner Activities (MPA): Progress Updates

Health Promotion

- After the last LSP meeting MA touched base with MPA leads to find out the status / progress
- Public Health team capacity to support LSP partners is extremely stretched due the pandemic.
- MA trying to contact partners individually to find out the capacity and appetite for continuing with this accreditation programme and whether any progress has been made in last 6 months. Based on partner progress feedback, we may need to radically review the LSP delivery plans and deadlines.
- MA planning to have brief catch up via skype soon with key leads to discuss this further.

Public Procurement & Social Value

- The next LSP Procurement & Social Value Network Meeting on 24 Nov 2020 at 12.00pm.
- AD mentioned the productive meeting of the group during the summer and that this sub group had been CPD in its nature. Trying to bring in best practice and getting partners to compare notes on the challenges of social and environmental procurement and integrating social environmental value into the supply chain and start implementing it into organisations.
- AD requested PN's support to broker contact with the new LBE permanent Head of Procurement.

Customer Insight MPA

- The group met on 13th October. The Ealing Data portal (<https://data.ealing.gov.uk>) had a soft launch with partners and received positive feedback. The group agreed to continue to test and use the site.
- The group agreed to postpone further activity on the estate-based analysis due to capacity limitations as part of the ongoing Covid-19 response.
- Information sharing was also discussed with partners. It was also agreed to monitor other models developed for example by LOTI and Camden's government funded pilot / data sharing with the VCS.
- The group made aware of the Census 2021 programme and potential request for data from ONS.

Volunteering MPA update

- No meetings since lockdown in March 2020.
- ECN will have a new Chair soon. Currently EHCVS and LBE are represented on the group.
- Need to link with the Community Management Team who had taken the lead with 'Ealing Together'.
- Still think it's valid to develop a Volunteer Charter which was the main output.
- Work is underway to link in with the plans to introduce Community Resilience Volunteers.
- EHCVS may reorganise the event to celebrate and reward volunteers in the future.

Ealing Broadway Supported Internship

- Project steering group meeting regularly led by WLC / LBE.
- Employer rotations – some difficulties to engaging with employers. The new lockdown had intensified those difficulties. Unlikely that rotations would be available before the Summer term.
- The job coaches, were seeking opportunities for 'work experiences' rather than rotations.
- Considering an alternative approach with a more personalised programme.
- Group looking for suitable training base and exploring options / venues with good ICT set up.

ACTION:

16/11/20/4a Secretariat to liaise with all MPA leads to initiate urgent MPA discussions and report on progress at the next LSP meeting.

5) Brexit Planning for the end of the Transition Period

- ST provided a brief presentation on Council update on local mitigation plans /preparations.
- He mentioned that UK was leaving the EU officially on the 1st of January 2021. The government had stated that they will not ask for an extension.
- UK was now going through the transition period. Local Governments / businesses were making various planning assumptions / likely scenarios.
- The level of potential disruption in January will depend on the trading relationship formed with EU, and negotiations are likely to be agreed at the last minute, which does not allow time for much preparatory work. Even if we get a final agreement towards December, it may take another few weeks before everything is finalised which is likely to cause some disruption to businesses who trade with EU in terms of regulatory compliance.
- ST reported that business readiness was mixed and made more difficult as result of Covid-19 and additional measures they've been required to make.
- There was also a significant pressure on parliamentary time and the legislative program, so there could be some impacts on various laws and regulations that have to be enacted into UK law.
- ST focussed on strengthening the local Brexit contingency / preparatory plans.

Additional comments:

- The Chair mentioned if any partners wanted to have a particular conversation with him and Stuart about how they can work together on any particular aspect, they are requested to get in touch.
- PG mentioned some potential issues / challenges that may arise such as community cohesion, hate crime and fuel shortages etc and the MET was prepared for all eventualities.
- PG reported that the MET has stepped up its Brexit cell and there was a new frontline policing lead for Brexit.
- The Chair thanked ST for his hard work and was pleased by the progress made to date.

6. Any Other Business

None

- The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance.
- The meeting ended at 18.35 pm.

Summary Action Log

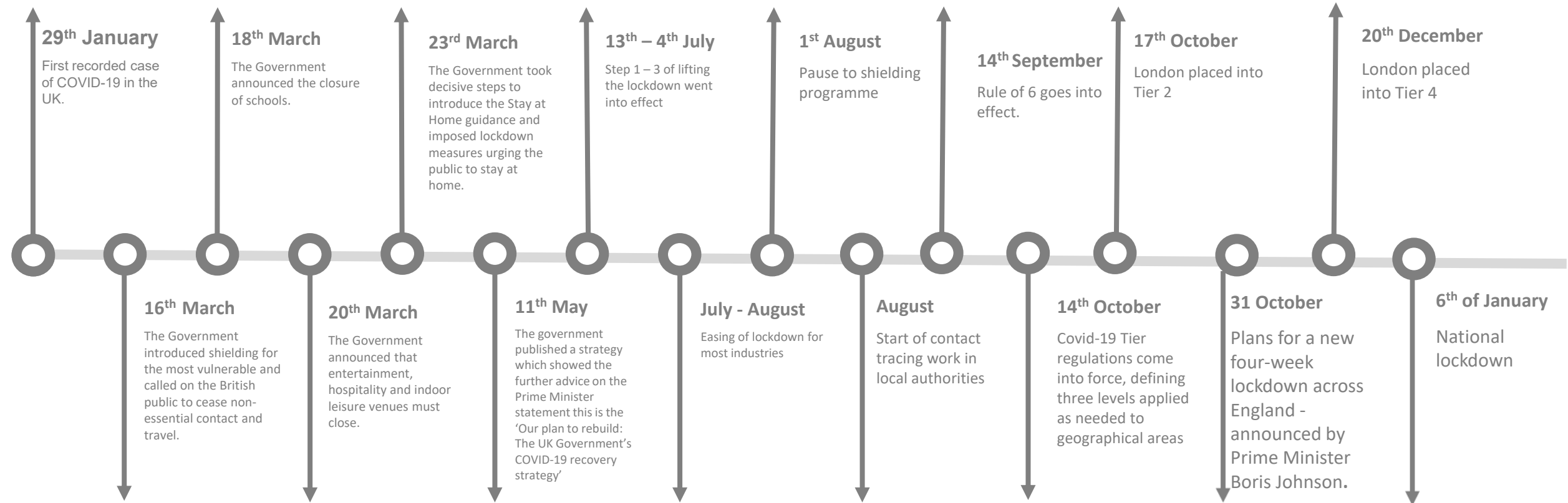
ACTIONS:

Reference	Task(s)	Responsible	Complete by	Status
16/11/20/1b	Secretariat to formally record that the minutes were resolved.	MA	16/11/2020	<i>Completed</i>
Covid-19				
16/11/20/2b	Secretariat to invite ST to come and provide update on Covid-19 second wave.	MA	13/01/2021	<i>Completed</i>
LSP MPAs				
16/11/20/4A	Secretariat to liaise with all MPA leads to initiate urgent MPA discussions and report on progress at the next LSP meeting.	All LSP Partners	30/11/2020	<i>Completed</i>
Post-Brexit				
16/11/20/5a	Secretariat to invite ST to come and provide update on post-Brexit / new UK trade deal with EU: Local impact / challenges.	All LSP Partners	30/11/2020	<i>Completed</i>

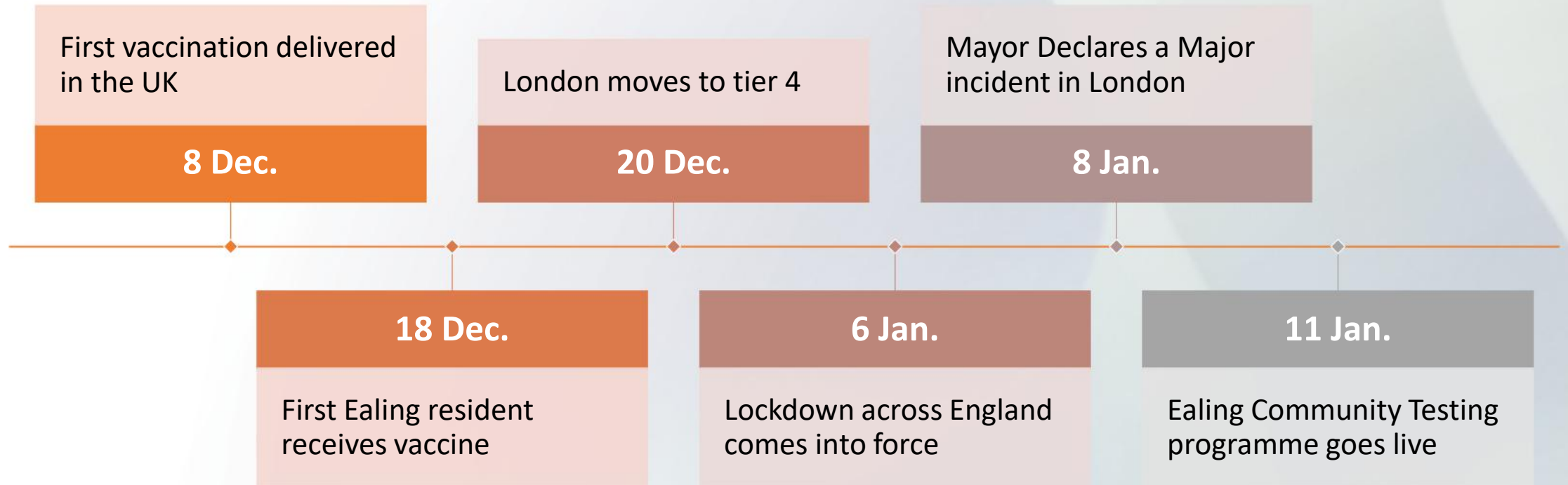
COVID 19 – Update on the Coronavirus and Council management plans.

January 2021

COVID-19 Incident Timeline



Busy 2 months



What are the plans for a new lockdown rules

- People in England must stay at home and only go out for certain reasons.
- It is illegal to leave home without a "reasonable excuse". If you don't have one, police can fine you £200 for a first offence - doubling for further offences up to a maximum of £6,400.
- All pubs and restaurants will have to close (takeaways and deliveries can continue)
- All non-essential shops will have to close (supermarkets can sell non-essential goods)
- Households will not be allowed to mix with others indoors, or in private gardens
- Individuals can meet one person from outside their household in an outside public space
- Support bubbles for people who live alone and households made up of single parents and children can continue
- Children will be able to move between homes if their parents are separated
- Schools, nurseries, colleges and universities will revert to online teaching
- Hotels will only open for people who have to travel for work plus a number of other limited reasons
- Weddings and civil partnership ceremonies will not be allowed, apart from exceptional circumstances
- Workplaces will be asked to stay open if people cannot work from home - including construction and manufacturing
- Outdoor exercise and recreation will be allowed, but gyms will have to close. All outdoor sports facilities will need to close.

New lockdown rules for England



Stay home - only leave for work, essential shopping, exercise or medical appointments



Exercise allowed outdoors once a day, in your local area. You can exercise with your household, support bubble, or one other person



Schools closed except for vulnerable pupils and children of critical workers. Universities teaching online, with some course exceptions



No household mixing indoors or outdoors unless in your support or childcare bubble



Non-essential shops, leisure and entertainment venues closed

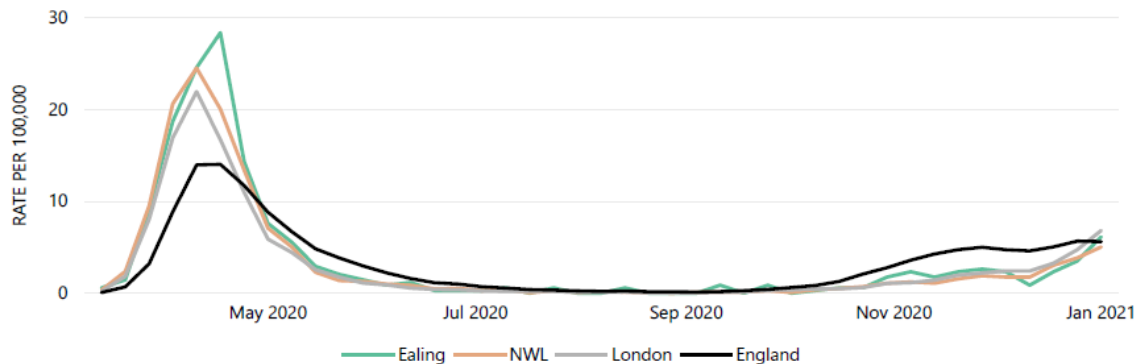


Pubs and restaurants closed, but takeaway food permitted

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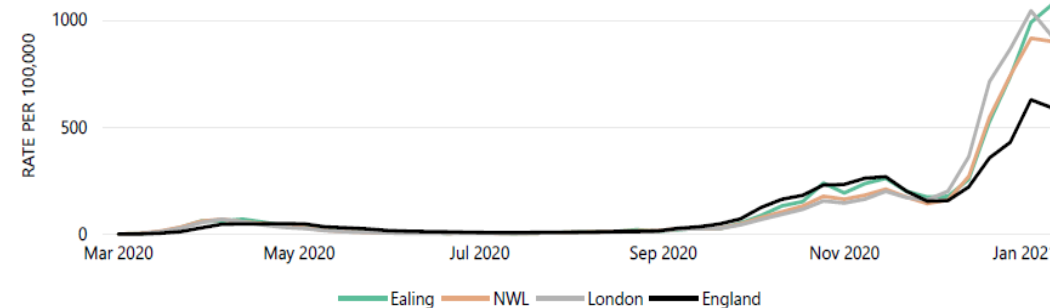
BBC

COVID-19 weekly death rates over time



Source: ONS, [Death registrations and occurrences by local authority](#), Rate based on ONS 2019 MYE

COVID-19 Cases weekly rates over time



Source: PHE - <https://coronavirus.data.gov.uk> Rate based on ONS 2019 MYE

Ealing Mortality

ONS Data:

There were **21** Covid-19 related deaths during the week of the 26th December 2020 to 1st January 2021 (8 deaths in previous week period). The total number of Covid-19 deaths in the borough has now risen to **515**.

Ealing Cases

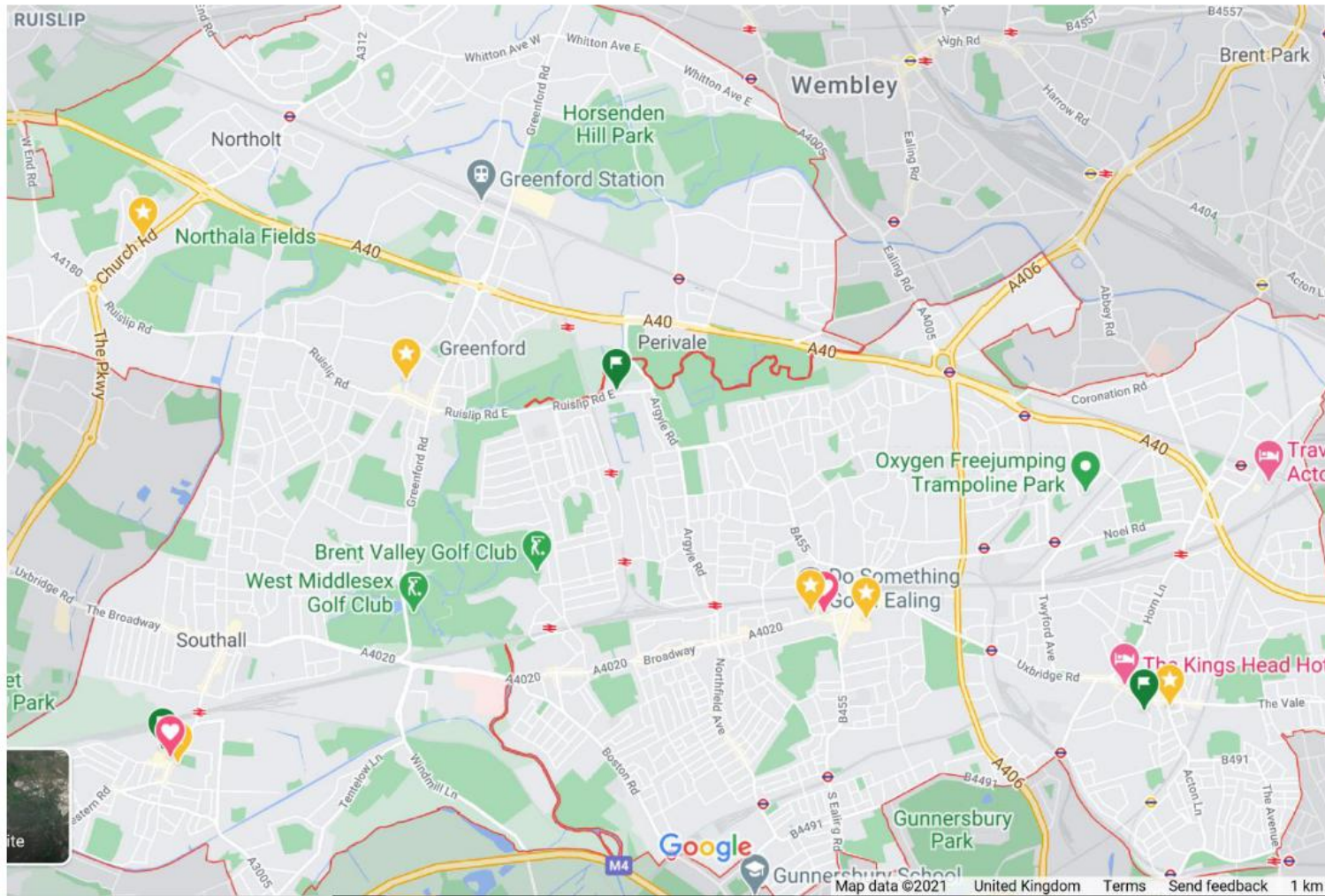
4th January – 10th January

20,823 – Cumulative total number of cases in Ealing

3,666 - cases reported between 4th January to 10th January

1072.5 per 100,000 people (up from 972 per 100k in previous week)

Ealing Situation Update Vaccinations and Testing



Vaccinations

National roll out of COVID-19 vaccination programme

- Vaccinations: Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine, AstraZeneca vaccine
- JCVI approved both vaccines for first phase of roll out. It does not advise a preference of vaccine for any specific population group.
- Prioritisation: the best option for **preventing morbidity and mortality** in the initial phase of the programme is to directly protect persons most at risk of morbidity and mortality.

Priority groups for phase 1 - direct prevention of mortality and supporting the NHS and social care system

1. residents in a care home for older adults and their carers
2. all those 80 years of age and over and frontline health and social care workers
3. all those 75 years of age and over
4. all those 70 years of age and over and clinically extremely vulnerable individuals¹
5. all those 65 years of age and over
6. all individuals aged 16 years to 64 years with underlying health conditions which put them at higher risk of serious disease and mortality
7. all those 60 years of age and over
8. all those 55 years of age and over
9. all those 50 years of age and over

Priority groups for phase 2 - further reduction in hospitalisation and targeted vaccination of those at high risk of exposure and/or those delivering key public services

- This group could include first responders, the military, those involved in the justice system, teachers, transport workers and public servants essential to the pandemic response.

Vaccinations in Ealing

- NHS led programme supported by the council
- 2 Vaccination sites established
 - Town Hall
 - Dominion Centre
 - 3000 vaccinations delivered as of 15/01 at Ealing Vaccination sites. Ramping up of the vaccination site will commence as more vaccine becomes available
- Vaccination pilot for care homes

TESTING

- PCR Tests
 - PCR The swab test processed in a laboratory for a polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test which checks for genetic material of the virus in the sample.
 - For people who are symptomatic
- People who have the following symptoms should isolate immediately with their family and get a [COVID-19 test](#):
 - a high temperature
 - a new continuous cough
 - or loss of smell or taste
- These tests are being offered at
 - Featherstone Car Park
 - Gurnell Leisure Centre
 - Michael Flanders Centre
- LFD Tests
 - The lateral flow tests are used in people who don't have symptoms.
 - These tests are trying to find people who may have no symptoms but are infectious.
 - This type of test is very good at identifying people who have lots of the virus, and are infectious on the day, but isn't as good at finding the virus in people who aren't infectious yet (i.e. early in the infection), so they are a kind of spot check test.
 - Lateral Flow Antigen testing involves processing a nose and throat swab sample with an LFD.
 - The LFD detects a COVID-19 antigen, that is produced when a person is infected with COVID-19.
 - If this antigen is present, then a coloured strip on the LFD will appear to show a positive result.

1 IN 3 PEOPLE WITH COVID-19 DON'T DISPLAY SYMPTOMS

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7 days a week



9am – 5pm

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Community
Testing in
Ealing

Community Testing

- The tests are available 7 days a week, from 9am to 5pm at the following centres. You have to be 16 years or older for testing.
- Everyone Active Acton, High Street W3 6NE
Ealing Central Library, The Broadway W5 5JY
Greenford Library, 23 Oldfield Lane South UB6 9LG
Northolt Library, Church Road UB5 5AS
Southall Manor, The Green, UB2 4BJ
- Tests are recommended for anyone working away from their homes – cleaners, key workers, carers, taxi drivers, government employees, teachers, delivery drivers, etc – who need a quick result and regular testing.

Questions?

Brexit - End of the Transition Period & new UK-EU Trade Deal

January 2021





Current Situation

- 24th of December 2020 Government announced that a free trade agreement had been agreed between the UK and the EU
- 30 December: The European Union (Future Relationship) Act 2020 passes the House of Commons of the United Kingdom by 521 votes to 73.
- 31 December: At 11 p.m. GMT the United Kingdom completed its separation from the European Union with the ending of the transition period which saw the UK withdrawing from following all the rules and institutions of the European Union, including the European Single Market, the European Union Customs Union, the Common Agricultural Policy and the Common Fisheries Policy and ended the future incorporation of all future EU Laws, Regulations and Directives into UK Law as well as most future judgements of the European Court of Justice.



TRADE

What the deal says

- There will be no taxes on goods (tariffs) or limits on the amount that can be traded (quotas) between the UK and the EU from 1 January
- Some new checks will be introduced at borders, such as safety checks and customs declarations.
- There are some new [restrictions on certain UK animal food products](#). For example, uncooked meats like sausages and burgers can't enter the EU unless they are frozen to -18C.

What does that mean?

- Having a deal in place means that the fear that some goods could become more expensive has been avoided.
- However, businesses will still need to prepare for new procedures at ports, and if new paperwork is incomplete, [it could lead to disruption](#).



SERVICES AND QUALIFICATIONS

What the deal says:

- Businesses offering services, such as banking, architecture and accounting, will lose their automatic right of access to EU markets and will face some restrictions.
- There will no longer be automatic recognition of professional qualifications for people such as doctors, chefs and architects.

What does that mean?

- Rather than following one set of rules for the whole of the EU, UK businesses will need to comply with the regulations in each individual country.
- It will be harder for people with qualifications gained in the UK to sell their services in the EU. Individuals will need to check each country's rules to make sure their qualification is still recognised.
- However, the UK and EU have pledged to keep talking to try to improve access for the service sector in the future.



TRAVEL

What the deal says:

- UK nationals will need a visa for stays of longer than [90 days in the EU in a 180-day period](#).
- EU [pet passports](#) will no longer be valid.
- [European Health Insurance Cards, \(EHIC\) cards](#) will remain valid until they expire.
- The UK is no longer subject to the ban on additional roaming charges, although both sides will encourage operators to have ["transparent and reasonable rates" for roaming](#).

What does that mean?

- The UK government says EHIC will be replaced with a new [UK Global Health Insurance Card](#), but full details have not been released yet.
- Pets will still be allowed in the EU, but it will be a more complicated process as owners will need to obtain an animal health certificate for each trip they make.
- UK mobile operators will be able to charge for roaming, so people should check with their mobile phone company before travelling.



FISHING

What the deal says:

- Over the next five-and-a-half years, [the UK will gradually gain a greater share of the fish from its own waters.](#)
- The UK could choose to ban EU fishing boats from 2026, but the EU would be allowed to introduce taxes on British fish in response.

What does that mean?

- Fishing was the hardest and last issue to be resolved in the negotiation, and some UK fishermen are unhappy with the arrangement. The Scottish Fishermen's Federation, for example, says the deal does not give the UK enough control of its waters.
- Starting in 2026, the UK and the EU will hold regular talks on fishing access. So there could be more heated arguments ahead.



EUROPEAN COURT OF JUSTICE AND OTHER DISPUTES

What the deal says:

- There will be no role in the UK for the European Court of Justice (ECJ), which is the highest court in the EU.
- Disputes that cannot be resolved between the UK and the EU will be referred to an independent tribunal instead.

What does that mean?

- Ending the role of the ECJ was a key UK demand as Brexit supporters said it would allow the UK to "take back control" of its laws.
- The ECJ could still have a role in Northern Ireland because it continues to follow some EU trade rules.
- If either side moves too far away from the current rules around product standards, tariffs (charges on imports) could be imposed on some goods in the future.



SECURITY AND DATA

What the deal says:

- The UK will no longer have automatic access to key security databases, but should be able to gain access upon request.
- The UK will not be a member of the EU's law enforcement agency, Europol, but it will have a presence at its headquarters.
- The UK is no longer obliged to comply with EU standards of data protection, but data will continue to be exchanged in the same way for at least four months as long as the UK doesn't change its data protection rules.

What does that mean?

- The UK's arrangement with Europol will be similar to the one the US currently has.
- Many of the rules about storing and processing data still need to be decided.



EDUCATION

What the deal says:

- The UK will no longer participate [in the Erasmus exchange programme](#), an EU scheme that helps students study in other countries.
- Students at universities in Northern Ireland will continue to participate in Erasmus, as part of an arrangement with the Irish government.

What does that mean?

- Students that have already started courses in the EU will continue to receive support for fees.
- [A new scheme named after the mathematician Alan Turing](#) will begin in September 2021. The government says it will be similar to Erasmus but will include countries across the world.

Local Government issues

There are outstanding issues for local government arising from the Agreement, including:

- The impact the framework for **mutual recognition of qualifications**
- There is a decision still to be made about **data adequacy in the next six months**.

- The biggest issue that the LGA has been raising with government is that councils face many challenges in the coming days and weeks. The start of the new trade arrangements will take place amongst multiple pressures on councils over the winter months. Our support for local communities against **COVID and our statutory services** (such as children's services) are the priority, and we have stated that the capacity to undertake additional new work during this unprecedented period is severely limited.

- Most of the immediate council responsibilities will fall on our **regulatory services** as a result of some new checks on goods and the support needed to business (for example, new export certificates). Controls will now be applied to EU imports not previously subject to inspection, with physical checks taking place from July 2021. These members of staff are at the frontline of our work in the pandemic. They are also having to deliver important statutory services such as food hygiene and trading standards.

- There are already **skills shortages** in these professions and councils are reporting severe difficulties in recruiting new staff. In order to address some of the skill shortages in the longer term, the LGA has worked closely with Government to set up the Environmental Health Together initiative, to provide a mechanism for councils to recruit qualified environmental health staff.

New Opportunities for Local Councils

Opportunities to reform procurement

Councils' procurement rules have been based on EU law. Whilst these EU rules has now been converted into UK law, there is the opportunity now to reform the rules to allow more flexibility to support local economies.

[Government Guidance for Public Sector bodies was pushed in December.](#)

The Government has launched a [public consultation by a Green Paper on 'Transforming Public Procurement'](#). The Green paper sets out long-planned changes to UK's procurement rules, putting value for money and transparency at the heart of the new approach and includes plans to help unleash wider social benefits from public money spent on procurement in line with the existing spirit of the Public Services (Social Value) Act that councils have been following since 2012.

Opportunities to reform state aid

Processes can be simplified by introducing flexibilities for councils. A flexible regime allowing councils to tackle the impacts of COVID and support economic recovery continues to be essential. Any future changes to the UK state aid policy could also allow support for non-profit-making activities or social enterprises who reinvest surplus back into the local community. Organisations operating in the culture, heritage, arts, or non-profit sports sectors may also merit a more flexible approach.

Actions undertaken by the council

- Meeting of the Brexit preparedness group
- Review of the planning assumptions to ensure the council is prepared for the impacts of a no deal
- Review of the Brexit Risk register to ensure mitigations are in place
- Review of Brexit Action plan focus on comms to businesses to support readiness

Letter from Nick Burkitt - EU TRANSITION: LOCAL AUTHORITY READINESS – 8 Points

- 1. DATA ADEQUACY** - The UK continues to seek a data adequacy decision from the European Commission. Local authorities, as independent data controllers, must be prepared for the eventuality of a 'no adequacy' outcome.
- 2. EU Citizens** - The deadline for EEA citizens to apply to the EUSS is 30 June 2021. Prior to this deadline, eligible EEA citizens can continue to access benefits and services on broadly the same basis as now, regardless of whether they have secured settled status.
- 3. LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN** - LAs should ensure that all eligible looked after children (LACs) and care leavers within their care are supported to secure settled status as part of their wider responsibilities under s.22 and ss.23A -24D of the Children Act 1989 respectively.
- 4. POINTS BASED IMMIGRATION SYSTEM** - Anyone coming to the UK to work, except for Irish citizens, will need permission in advance. Employers will need to become sponsors to hire the most competent employees from outside the UK. This process usually takes eight weeks. Local authorities wishing to employ workers from abroad should make sure they are a registered sponsor.
- 5. Children's Services** - State-funded schools and co-ordinating LAs should also note that after 31 December 2020 they should continue to offer school places to foreign national children who are resident in the UK as now. However, from 1 January EEA and Swiss national children applying from abroad will be treated the same as any other foreign national child: they will not normally be able to enter the UK to study at a state-funded school or 16-19 academy. Under the new skilled worker route, the dependent child of a Skilled Worker (for example if their parent is offered a job in the UK) is permitted to study (subject to certain other conditions if they are 18 or over).
- 6. Border infrastructure** – Affected authorities have been contacted
- 7. Checks at the border** –
 - 1st of January** Exports of animal products to the EU, including fish, will require an Export Health Certificate (EHC) which can be signed by local authority certifying officers.
 - 1st of April** - Port Health Authorities will not be required to carry out any new sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) checks on EU goods until 1 April 2021,
 - 1st of July** - PHAs will be required to carry out documentary, identity and physical checks on animal products
- 8. Engagement** – Through existing channels

Questions for
LSP to
consider

Discussion points:

- *Is there any emerging evidence of Brexit impact on Ealing?*
- *What more can we do to ensure that all eligible EU nationals register for EUSS ahead of the June 2021 deadline?*