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Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee

Adults' Health and Care Covid-19 update

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Response and Recovery Update

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Response

- Departmental 'Bronze' structure in place
- Continuing to monitor performance against duties under the Care Act 2014
- Continuing to monitor people who have had their care paused, particularly those living at home
- Supporting the management of outbreaks in care homes and other care and community settings
- Testing in place for key care services
- Co-ordinating the distribution of temporary Covid funding
- Use of temporary Covid funding to support unpaid carers through the use of targeted grants
- 20 AH&C Headquarters staff temporarily redesignated to support the frontline response

Welfare Response

- Upper tier local authorities asked to coordinate support to clinically Extremely Vulnerable (CEV) and other shielding residents
- CEVs advised to avoid all shops and pharmacies as well as limiting social contact to a bare minimum
- 11,400 people added to the 'shielded list' in Hampshire wc 15/02/21 with another 19,000 expected this week
- Continuing to work with all district and borough councils, the voluntary sector and the NHS.

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Lockdown 3 key statistics (cumulative from 5 Jan – 16 February 2021)

Total contacts with Hampshire Residents (inc. telephone, WACS, SMS, email)	81,319
Incoming calls / transfers to Coronavirus Support Line...	1,486
...of which, referred for further support including AH&C appointments and referrals to LRCs and CAB	723

Vaccination Programme

- Adults Health and Care co-ordinated rollout of the vaccination programme to the wider social care workforce including Adults' Health and Care
- Now being managed directly through the national booking system
- Government have included unpaid carers in Cohort 6 of vaccination roll out
- Local Authorities have been directed to support the vaccination of unpaid carers

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Vaccination of the social care workforce (as of 15 February 2021)

Total number of staff requiring vaccine	26,608
External staff co-ordinating own vaccine appointments	5,229
Total confirmed appointments to be co-ordinated by HCC	21,379
Total appointments booked by HCC	21,192
Total appointments remaining to be booked by HCC (based on confirmed demand)	187

Resilience of the workforce

- Staff wellbeing key focus for the department alongside the wellbeing of service users and carers
- Robust wellbeing offer available for staff
 - Staff Wellbeing & Support Hub
 - Connect & Reflect sessions
 - Online resources e.g. Five Ways to Wellbeing
- Ongoing weekly monitoring of staff attendance at team level for operational teams
- Regular surveys to monitor staff wellbeing:
 - Anxiety & depression and stress
 - Muscular-skeletal
- Roll-out of wider health and safety awareness working at home
- Requirement to continue to support staff, particularly *HCC Care* staff in the longer-term to deal with the psychological impacts of Covid

Recovery

- Some elements of recovery continuing alongside response
- Recovery roadmap to be developed for next 2 years
- Continued focus on transformation programmes (T19 and T21)
- Detailed proposals being developed and planning underway for SP23 Balancing the Budget consultation in summer 2021
- Maximising use of the Discharge to Assess model
- Demand Management & Prevention remains an important priority
- Hampshire Safeguarding Adults Board (HSAB)
- Detailed planning for recovery of day services underway
- Use of temporary Covid funding for Infection Prevention staff to support ongoing Covid support to AH&C settings

Care Home update

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Visiting guidance – contained within Govt.'s Roadmap

Care home visits*

'...the Government recognises that visits from loved ones are crucial for the wellbeing of care home residents of all ages, and their families and friends, which is why the roadmap includes more opportunities for visiting. From 8 March every care home resident will be able to nominate someone who can come in for regular visits.'

- In the meantime, the existing visiting regime remains in place as per guidance issued in early January 2021; visits enabled in COVID-19 secure environments, through substantial screens / through closed windows – no face-to-face visits, unless in palliative / exceptional circumstances as defined by the Registered Manager through a risk assessment process.
- Support continues to be provided, HCC & CCGs with HCA, to enable providers to prepare and transition

*HM Government COVID-19 Response – Spring 2021, published 22/02/21, page 55, para 185

Progress of Covid-19 within Hampshire's care homes

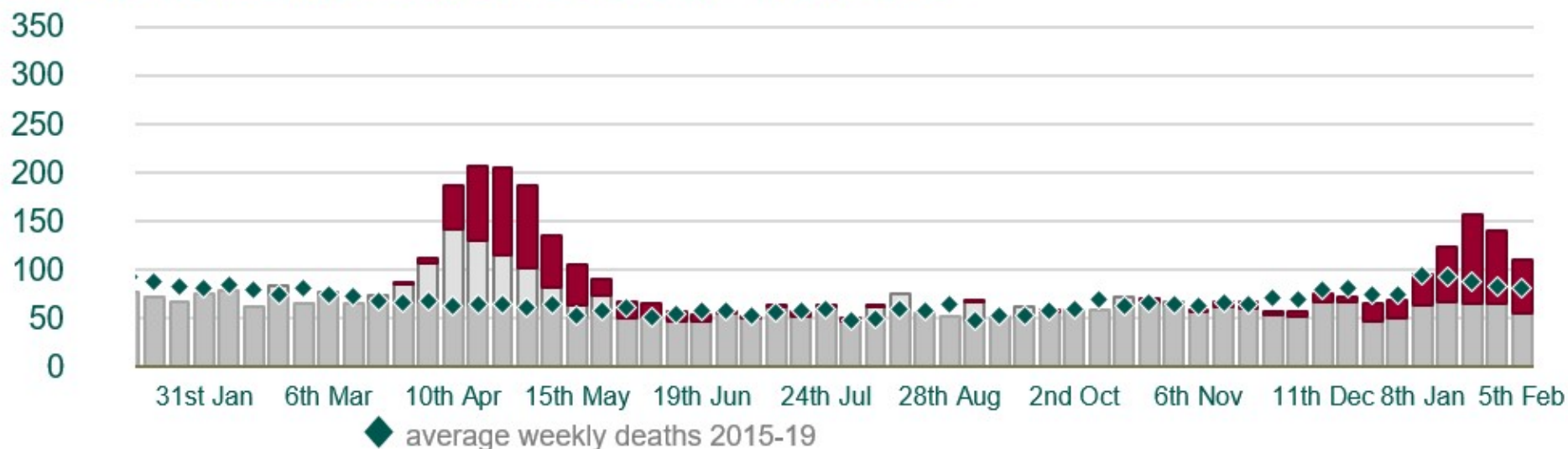
For the financial year to date – from 4th April 2020 to 5th February 2021

- There have been **3,742** deaths from all causes in Hampshire care homes (nursing / residential)
- **849** of these deaths have had COVID-19 mentioned on the death certificate – in line with Govt. reporting; within 28 days of a positive COVID-19 test
- Outbreaks, whilst reaching a peak in January, have positively been reducing week-on-week since early February, however, the sector remains under significant pressure

* Note that these figures are for death occurrences (week 15, 2020 to week 5 2021) Figures by place of death may differ to previously published figures due to improvements in the way place of death is coded. Numbers are subject to revisions, especially most recent numbers.

Deaths in care homes (nursing or residential) - Hampshire

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Data source: ONS Death registrations and occurrences by local authority and health board.
 Produced by LKIS, Public Health England. Figures for most recent weeks are subject to revision and should be treated with caution.

Continued vigilance and support

- Sector risks; continued close oversight and support – we are seeing reducing numbers of outbreaks and increasing rates of staff availability
- Transitioning from current lockdown measures will require as much care as been provided thus far; need to proceed in a measured way and carefully manage expectations and reduce risks through continued Infection Prevention and Control
- Financial and other support in this year – some £58m+ financial support; £18m additional payments for HCC commissioned care, plus more than £30m of Govt. Grants for in-year financial support for the care sector
- Vaccination programmes; extremely positive vaccination rates for care home residents and all social care staff in line with JCVI priorities, now extending out to priority groups

Thank you