

Report to the NHS Somerset Clinical Commissioning Group on 30 July 2020

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Summary and Purpose of Paper

This paper sets out the latest published data for the COVID-19 pandemic as produced by Somerset County Council's Public Health Team – see attachment E1. It shows that in Somerset there have been:

- 1297 lab-confirmed COVID-19 cases (as of 22 July 2020)
- 201 certified deaths (as of 10 July 2020, with none in the most recent reported week)
- The weekly number of deaths is now at or below the expected numbers for this time of year
- The R number range as of 17 July 2020 was 0.7 to 1.1; whilst this spans the aim of keeping it at or below 1.0 it should be noted that as numbers diminish to the levels currently seen in Somerset this will increase the range of uncertainty with the R number
- There have been no COVID-19 outbreaks in care homes for the last two weeks and the number of deaths in care homes is now at or below the expected numbers for this time of year

The pandemic remains a National Level 4 Critical Incident. If any local outbreak, such as recently seen in Leicester, was to occur in Somerset, this would now be managed through the Local Outbreak Management Plan – see attachment E2

Significant progress to manage the pandemic has been made through the positive response by the people of Somerset to the new behaviours required of social distancing, thorough hand washing, and self-isolating and testing where an individual has recognised symptoms. Health and care colleagues, along with key workers and volunteers across Somerset have been tremendous in their response to tackling the pandemic and supporting those in need from the sickest patients in critical care through to those self-isolating and shielding due to being clinically extremely vulnerable.

The CCG is working with health and care colleagues across Somerset to ensure services for non-COVID related services, both planned and emergency are maintained and expanded as capacity initially set-aside to deal with COVID-19 cases becomes available once more. It is recognised that there is likely to be a significant number of people whose care has either been delayed due to the pandemic or not yet been diagnosed due to concerns about using NHS services once more. A detailed recovery plan is being developed which will contain clear risk assessments of these issues.

Recommendations and next steps

The Governing Body is asked to **Note** the COVID-19 update.

Impact Assessments – key issues identified

Equality	
Quality	
Privacy	
Engagement	
Financial / Resource	
Governance or Legal	
Risk Description	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Covid19 Clinical Safety2. Risk of Nosocomial transmission3. PPE
Risk Rating	Overall Corporate Risk: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Level 122. Level 153. Level 16