

Report to the NHS Somerset Clinical Commissioning Group on 25 March 2021

Title: Update on Covid-19 and the Vaccination Programme	Enclosure I
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Summary and Purpose of Paper

This paper sets out the latest published data (15 March 2021) for the Covid-19 pandemic as produced by Somerset County Council's Public Health Team. It shows that in Somerset there have been:

- 19,482 lab-confirmed Covid-19 cases
763 Covid deaths (as of 26 February 2021)
- 42.0 cases per 100,000 population in the last 7 days (week 5-11 March 2021)
- The South West R number range as at 12 March 2021 was 0.5 to 0.8
- The UK R number range at 12 March 2021 was 0.6 to 0.8

The Director of Public Health will present the very latest information at the meeting on 25 March 2021.

A verbal update on the Vaccination Programme will be provided by Dr Alex Murray.

Recommendations and next steps

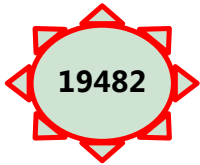
The Governing Body is asked to **Note** the updates on Covid-19 and the Vaccination Programme.

Impact Assessments – key issues identified

Equality	Equality and Diversity is considered in focusing planning on vulnerable groups who may be at risk from the pandemic.
Quality	A key principle of EPPR planning is ensure that controls and assurances that are in place to manage the identified community risks and to minimise disruption and maintain the quality of services as far as possible.
Privacy	All partner agencies in Somerset are signatories to the Somerset Information Sharing Protocol. There was a specific cell concentrating on data protection and information sharing.
Engagement	There has been broad communication and engagement with partners and local groups over the course of the pandemic response.

Financial / Resource	Resources have been identified within the CCG budget for emergency planning and business continuity. Additional resources have been allocated to support the pandemic response			
Governance or Legal	The CCG's Legal duties in relation to Emergency Preparedness Resilience and Response (EPRR) are set out in section 4 of the Emergency Planning and Resilience Policy.			
Risk Description	Risks associated with the incident have been captured on a CoVid-19 risk register and also on the Corporate Risk Register (Datix refs 386, 390, 406, 427,428)			
Risk Rating	Covid-19 Corporate Risk	Consequence	Likelihood	RAG Rating
	Increased demand for mental health services (ref 406)	4	4	16
	Risk of nosocomial transmission (ref 428)	4	4	16
	Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) - protection & prevention (ref 386)	3	4	12
	CAMHS Access rate (ref 427)	3	4	12

Detected cases

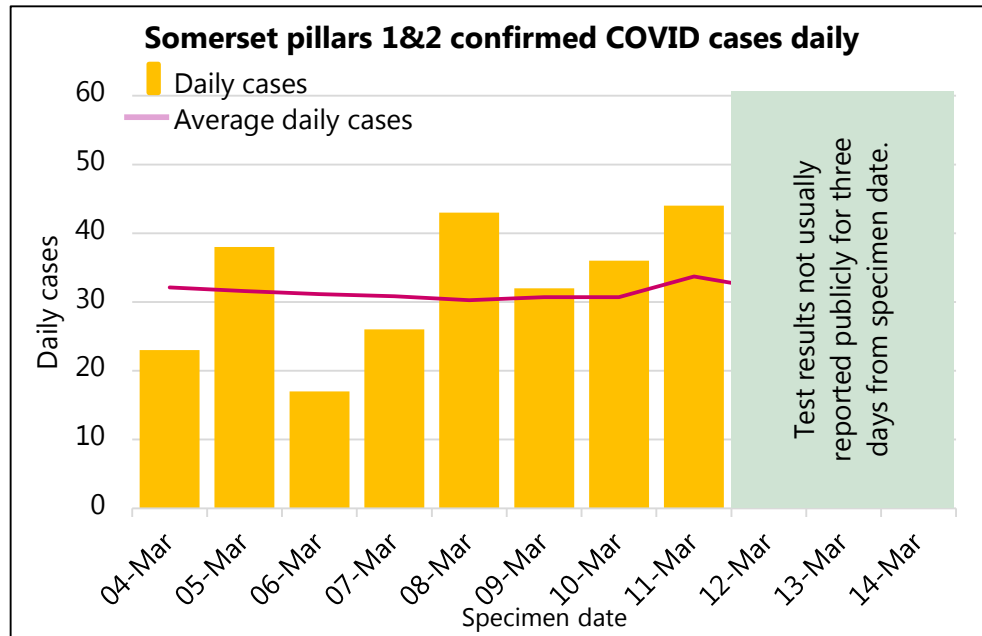


Latest 7 day rate per 100k

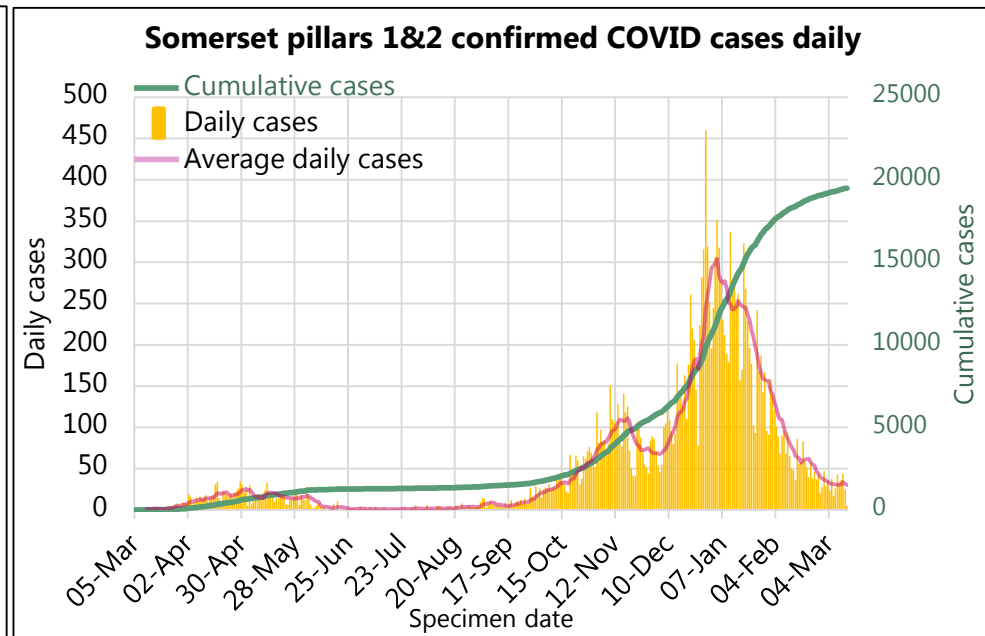
05-Mar to 11-Mar



Most recent days of cases



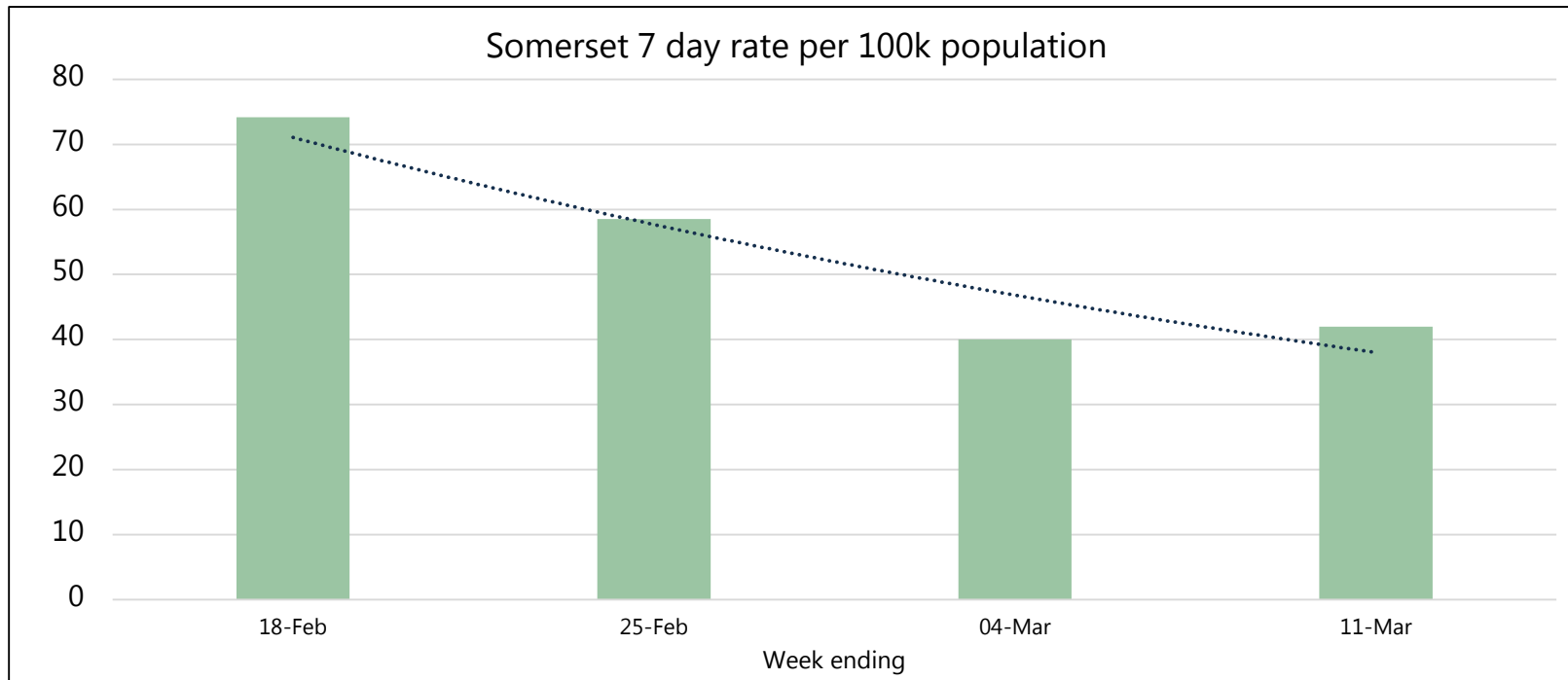
Overall profile of the epidemic in Somerset



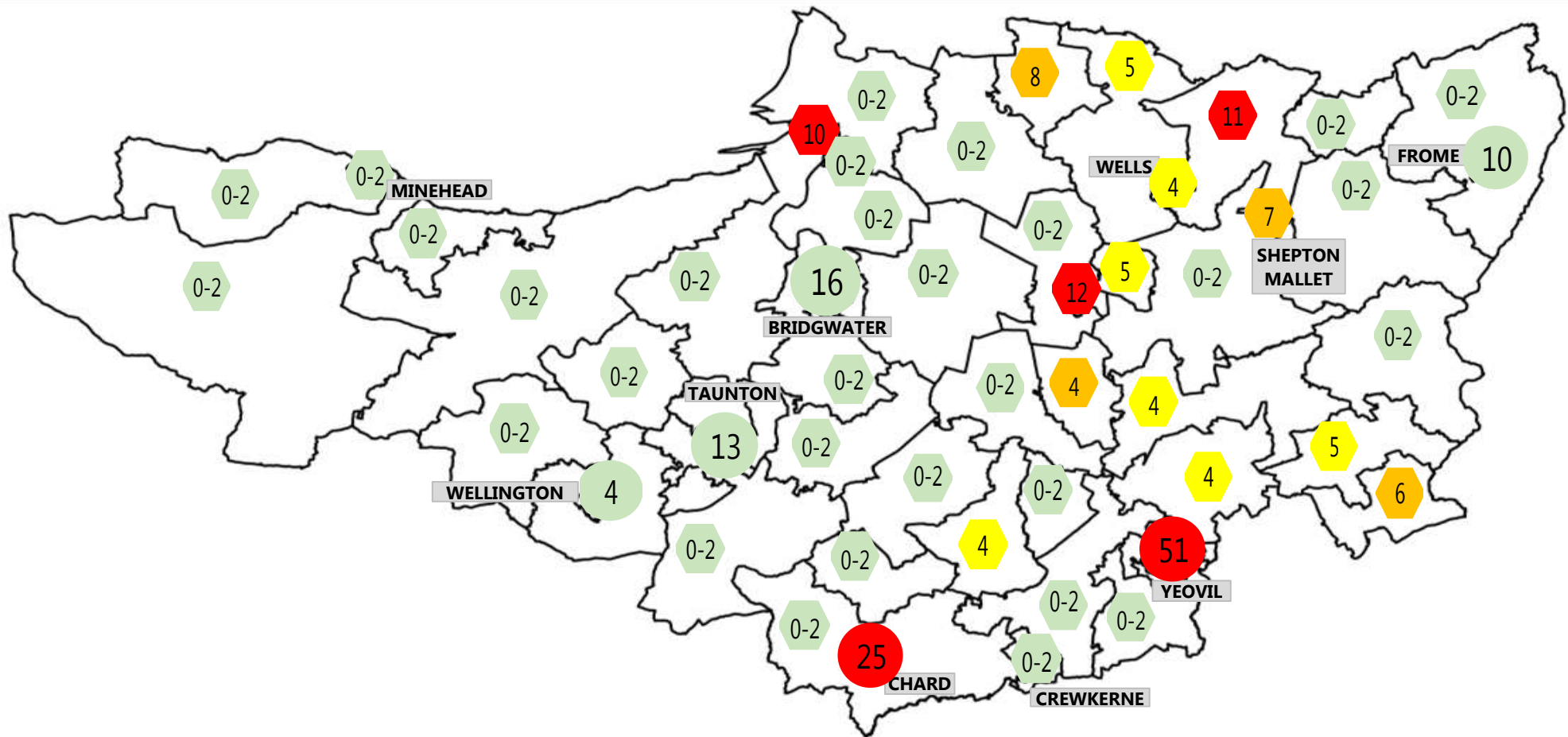
Somerset COVID-19 Local Outbreak Management Plan Dashboard - Cases

Weekly cases (excludes most recent three days with incompletely reported results)

District	12-Feb to 18-Feb	7 day rate per 100k	19-Feb to 25-Feb	7 day rate per 100k	26-Feb to 04-Mar	7 day rate per 100k	05-Mar to 11-Mar	7 day rate per 100k
Mendip	65	56.2	70	60.6	47	40.7	59	51.0
Sedgemoor	153	124.2	102	82.8	67	54.4	45	36.5
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Sth Somerset	87	51.7	94	55.8	67	39.8	109	64.7
Somerset	417	74.2	329	58.5	225	40.0	236	42.0



Somerset COVID-19 Local Outbreak Management Plan Dashboard - Cases Map

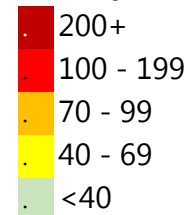


Date range 05-Mar to 11-Mar

March 2021 - we have updated the colour scheme to reflect the new lower case numbers.

The numbers in this map show the current cases in the past 7 days, the colour of the tag shows the equivalent rate of positive cases per 100,000 population over a 7 day period. Case numbers in Taunton, Wellington, Chard, Yeovil, Bridgwater and Frome have been combined across the urban area with rates based on the combined area population.

Weekly rate per 100k



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Latest R number range for the South West

0.5 - 0.8

Last updated on Friday 12 Mar 2021

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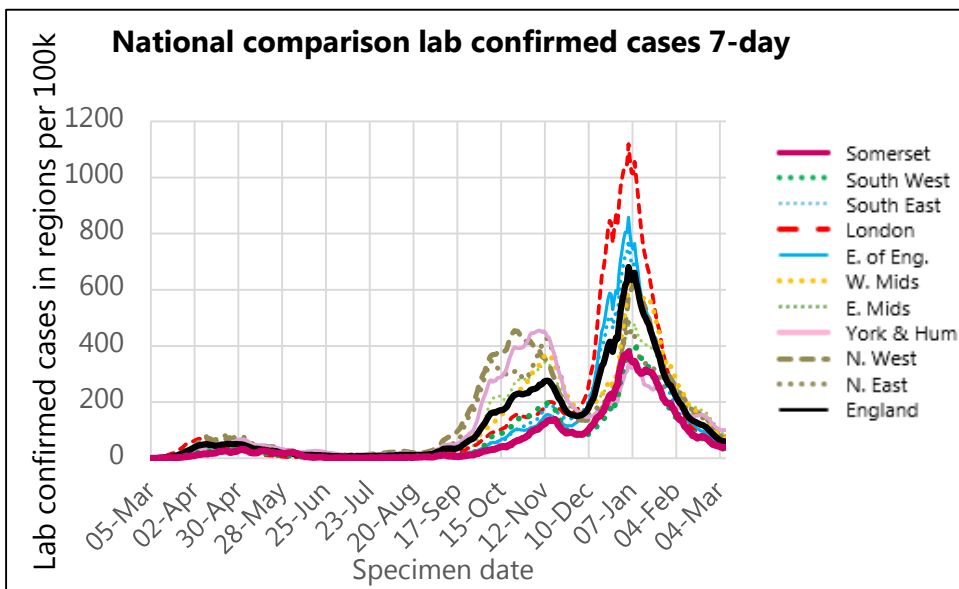
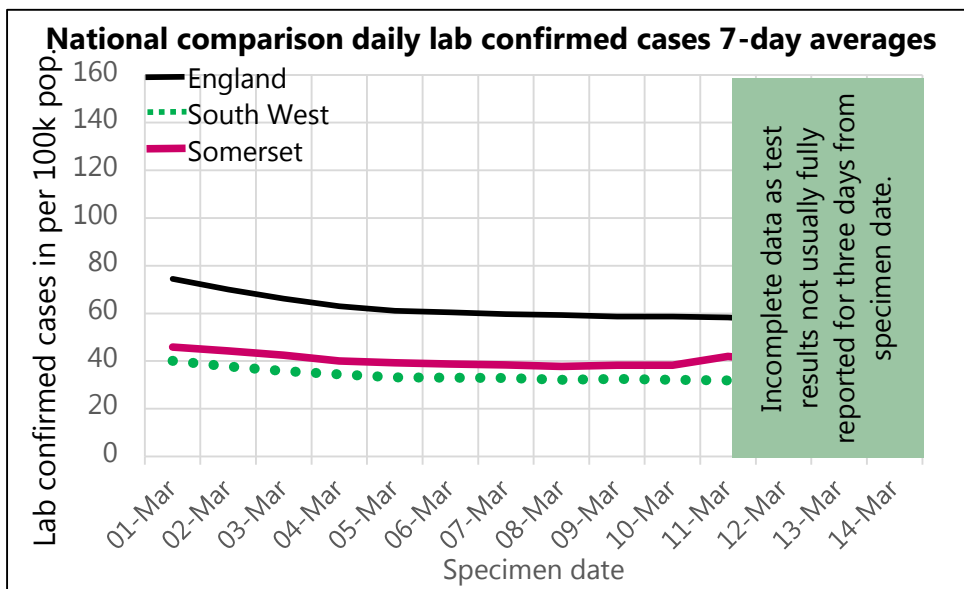
UK Government Scientific Advisory Group for Emergencies (SAGE)

What is R?

The reproduction number (R) is the average number of secondary infections produced by 1 infected person.

An R number of 1 means that on average every person who is infected will infect 1 other person, meaning the total number of new infections is stable.

Region	R
UK	0.6 - 0.8
England	0.6 - 0.8
East of England	0.6 - 0.8
London	0.6 - 0.8
Midlands	0.6 - 0.8
NE and Yorks	0.7 - 0.9
North West	0.6 - 0.8
South East	0.6 - 0.8
South West	0.5 - 0.8



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COVID deaths week ending

📅 26/02/2021

All COVID

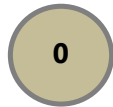
Hospital



Care Home

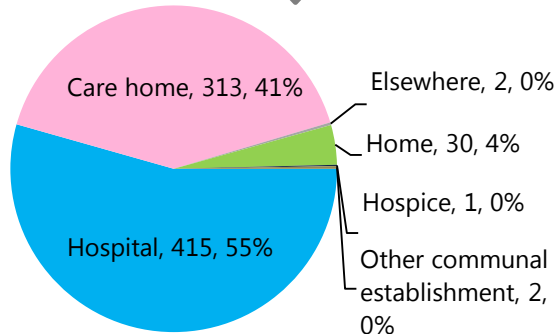


Other

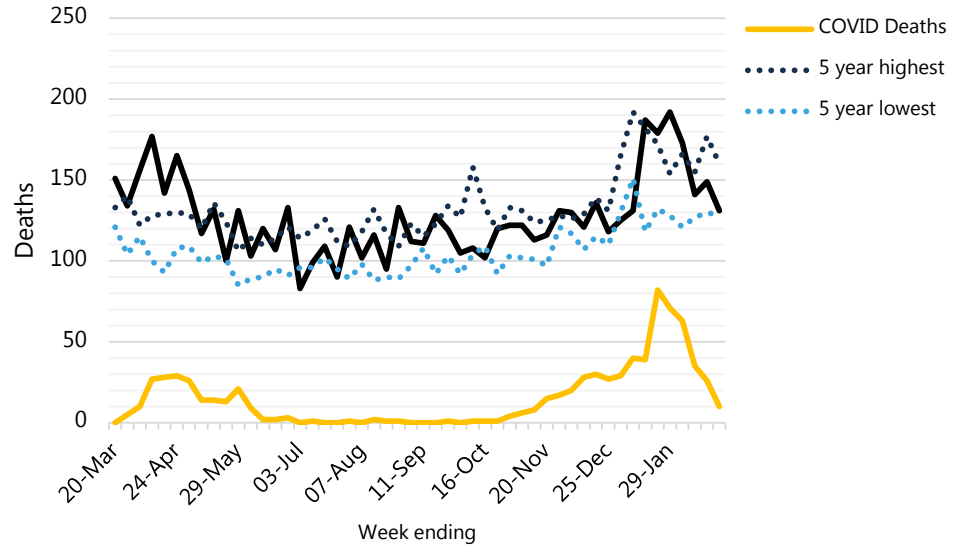


All COVID Deaths in Somerset by Place of Death (ONS)

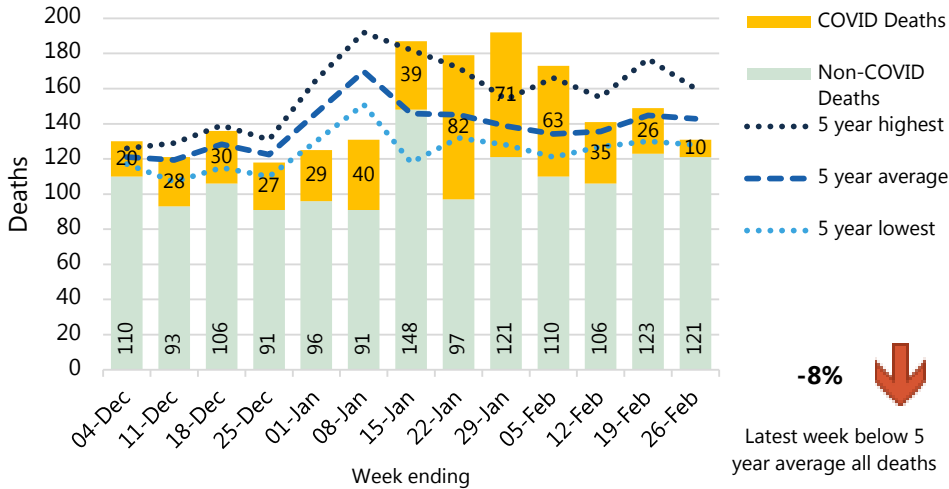
Total 763 26/02/2021



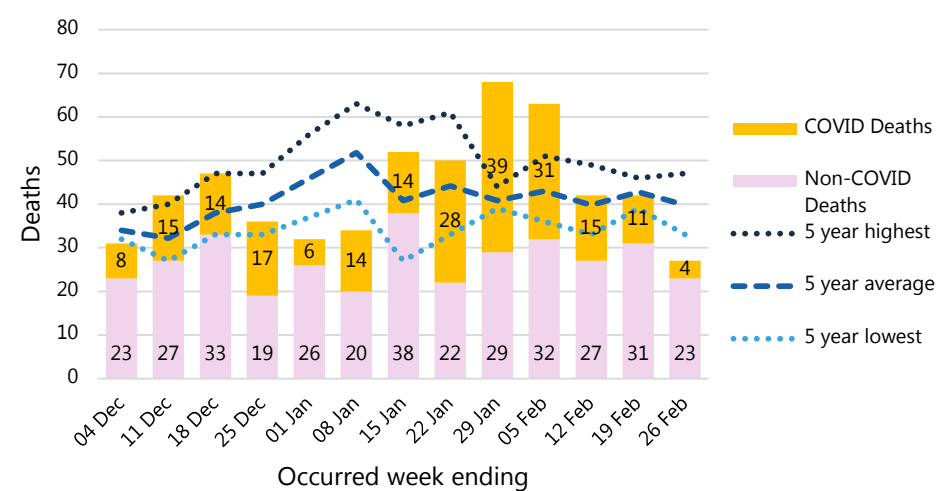
Somerset All Deaths (weekly) (ONS)



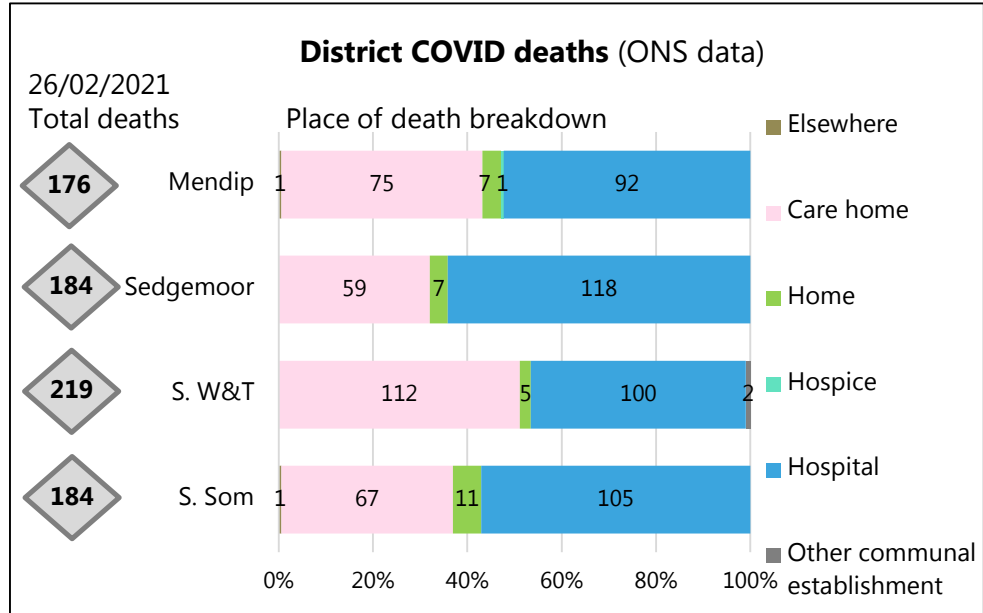
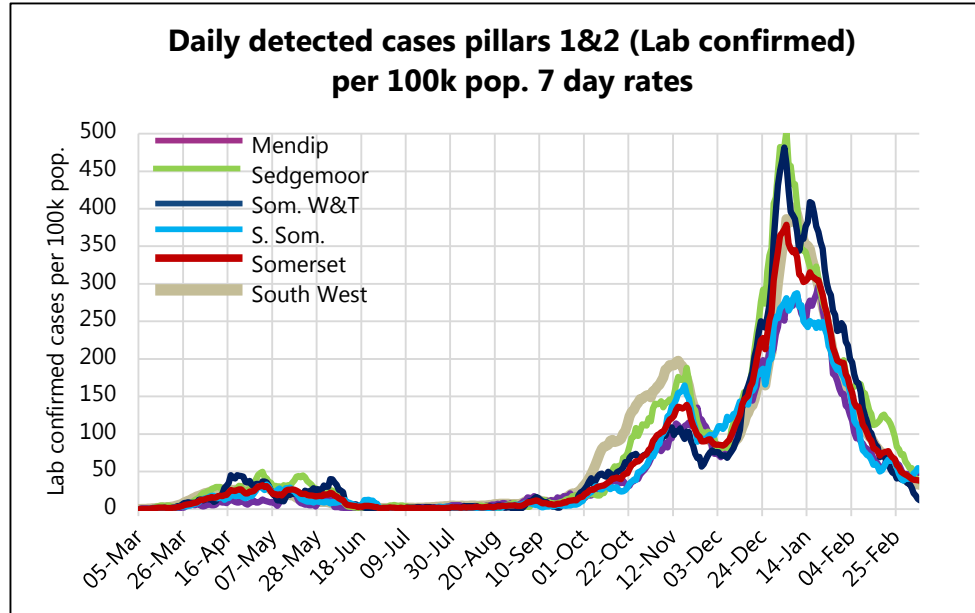
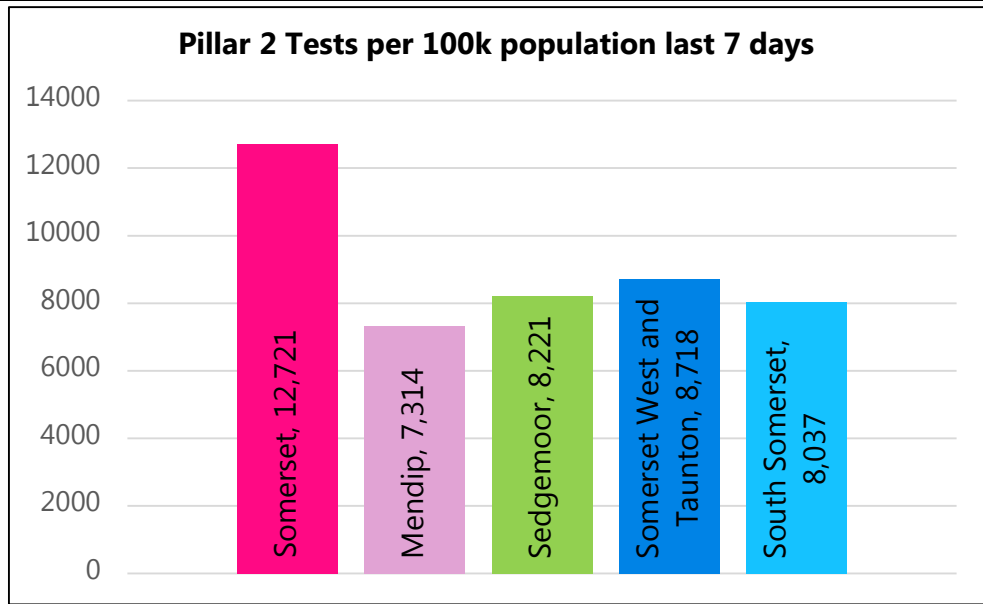
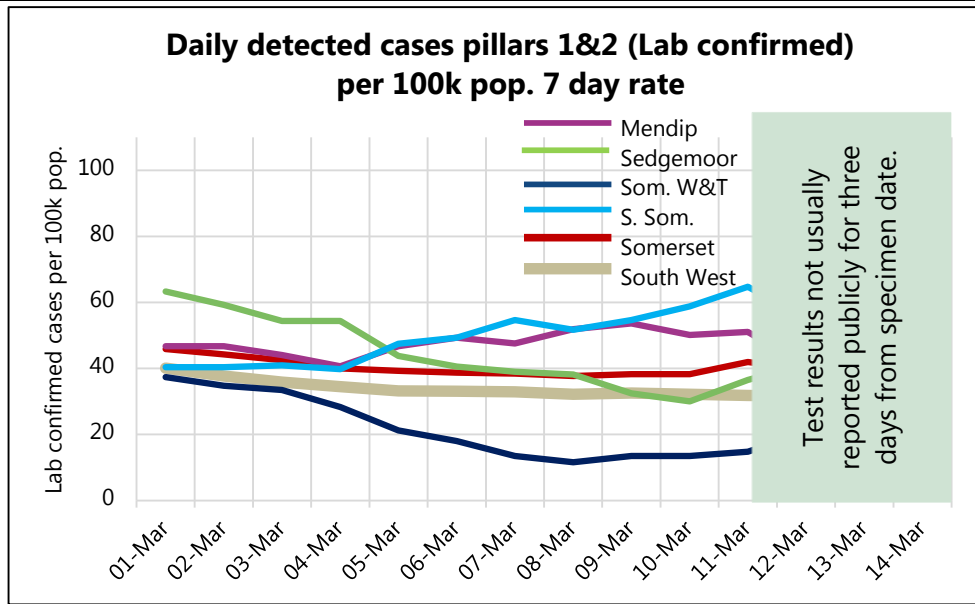
Somerset All Deaths (weekly) (ONS)



Somerset Care Home Deaths (weekly) (ONS)



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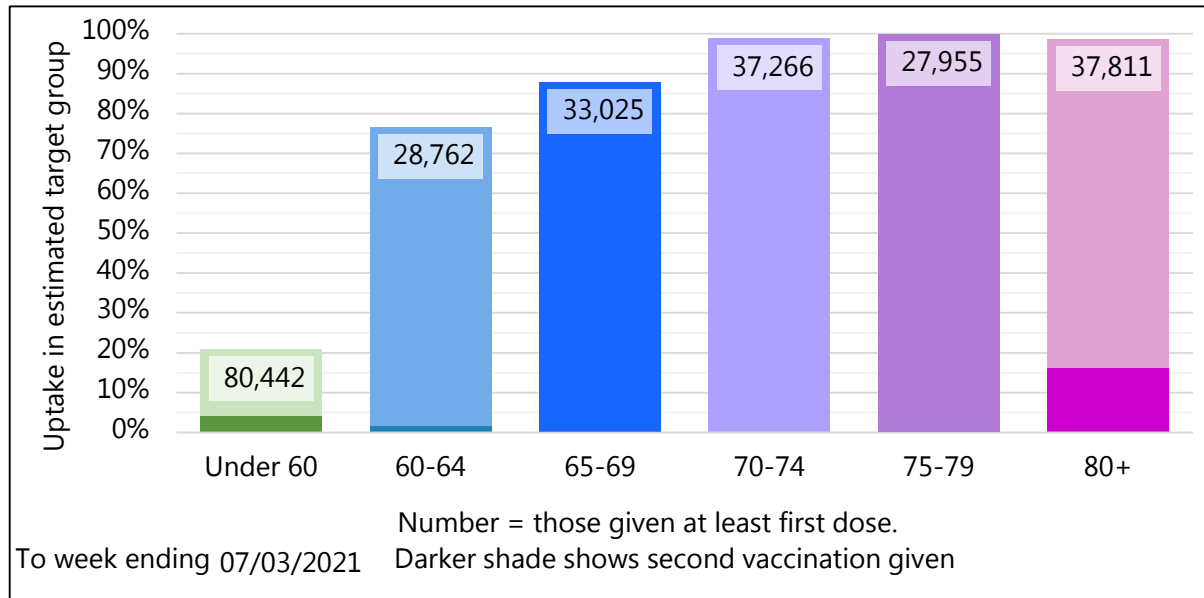


Somerset COVID-19 Local Outbreak Management Plan Dashboard - COVID Vaccinations

This page will be further developed once there is more routinely available data published nationally.

This vaccination data is NHS data, reported here with the agreement of the Somerset Clinical Commissioning Group. Specific queries regarding vaccination need to be directed towards the NHS. For more information on the local COVID-19 Vaccination Programme please see

[Covid-19 vaccinations in Somerset - Somerset CCG](#)



Population numbers are based on ONS 2019 estimates hence potential for uptake over 100%.

Somerset COVID-19 Local Outbreak Management Plan Dashboard - Data

Data type	Next updated	How published	Link for more information
Lab confirmed cases: Pillars 1 & 2	15/03/2021	Published daily ~5pm with data to day before. By specimen date.	https://coronavirus.data.gov.uk/
Data by MSOA for the map	15/03/2021	Published daily. By specimen date.	None. Not publicly distributed. Data based on PHE reported cases. To note, this may differ slightly from data on the coronavirus.data.gov.uk website due to additional data cleaning by PHE.
R value from SAGE group	19/03/2021	Published weekly on Friday.	https://www.gov.uk/guidance/the-r-number-in-the-uk
Pillar 2 testing	17/03/2021	Summarised weekly on Wednesdays and Thursdays	None. Not publicly distributed.
Death counts (ONS) County and district level	16/03/2021	Published weekly on Tuesday with data to the Friday 11 days before.	https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/healthandsocialcare/causesofdeath/datasets/deathregistrationsandoccurrencesbylocalauthorityandhealthboard
Vaccination data	18/03/2021	Published weekly on Thursday.	https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/covid-19-vaccinations/

As of 2nd June 2020, numbers of lab-confirmed positive cases now include those identified by testing in all settings (pillars 1 and 2).

NB The higher case numbers seen in early June include a number of cases that have been falsely identified as positive following an issue at the laboratory. For further information please see the following statement from Somerset NHS Foundation Trust <https://somerstft.nhs.uk/?news=issue-affecting-some-covid-19-test-results-for-some-inpatients-at-musgrove-park-hospital>

In January 2021, we changed the presentation of deaths data to be shown compared to the average and five year high and low deaths by date of occurrence rather than date of reporting. Deaths by date of reporting fluctuates more, especially when affected by bank holidays. Reporting by date of death does mean the latest week's figures are usually slightly incomplete when first reported due to delays in registrations of some deaths whereas the comparison years are more complete. For week 53 we have taken an average of 52 and week 1 comparison years.

Dashboard available at: <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/covid-19-dashboard/>