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## **LOCAL OUTBREAK ENGAGEMENT BOARD**

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### **SUPPLEMENTARY PAPERS**

**TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE LOCAL OUTBREAK ENGAGEMENT BOARD**

The following papers have been added to the agenda for the above meeting.

These were not available for publication with the rest of the agenda.

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Executive Director: Delivery

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<b>4. NATIONAL AND LOCAL COVID-19 STATUS</b>	<b>1 - 14</b>
To provide an update on the status of the Covid-19 pandemic at a national and local level and to give guidance on understanding and using available data at a local level.	

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# Berkshire Weekly COVID-19 Briefing

30 November 2021

Local Outbreak Engagement Board

Agenda Item 4

# Situational Awareness

The latest Situational Awareness Report shows that generally weekly case rates are increasing in Berkshire over the last week. This reflects across the situation across the South East region and nationally.

**Situational Awareness indicators from 18 to 24 November\* in comparison to previous 7-day period**

Area	Individuals tested per 100,000 population (7-day moving average)		Percentage individuals test positive (weekly)		Cases per 100,000 population - All ages (weekly)		Cases per 100,000 population - 60+ (weekly)		Number of confirmed cases (last 7 days)
Bracknell Forest	698.3	↑	10.5	↓	505.8	↑	164.9	↓	628
Reading	763.5	↑	10.4	↑	530.8	↑	222.2	↑	851
Slough	565.0	↑	11.0	↑	434.6	↑	151.3	↓	650
West Berkshire	678.7	↑	12.1	↑	554.7	↑	190.4	↓	879
Windsor and Maidenhead	774.9	↑	11.3	↑	602.9	↑	184.7	↑	912
Wokingham	836.3	↑	10.7	↑	630.7	↑	151.5	↓	1,097
South East	717.6	↑	11.6	↑	574.7	↑	162.2	↓	51,420
England	642.4	↑	10.0	↑	440.1	↑	147.8	↓	248,888

Source: PHE Regional South East Situational Awareness Reports (30 November 2021)

\* Dates and figures refer to specimen date

The RAG ratings shown below reflect PHE's thresholds for positivity and case rates. More information on these thresholds can be found at the end of this Briefing

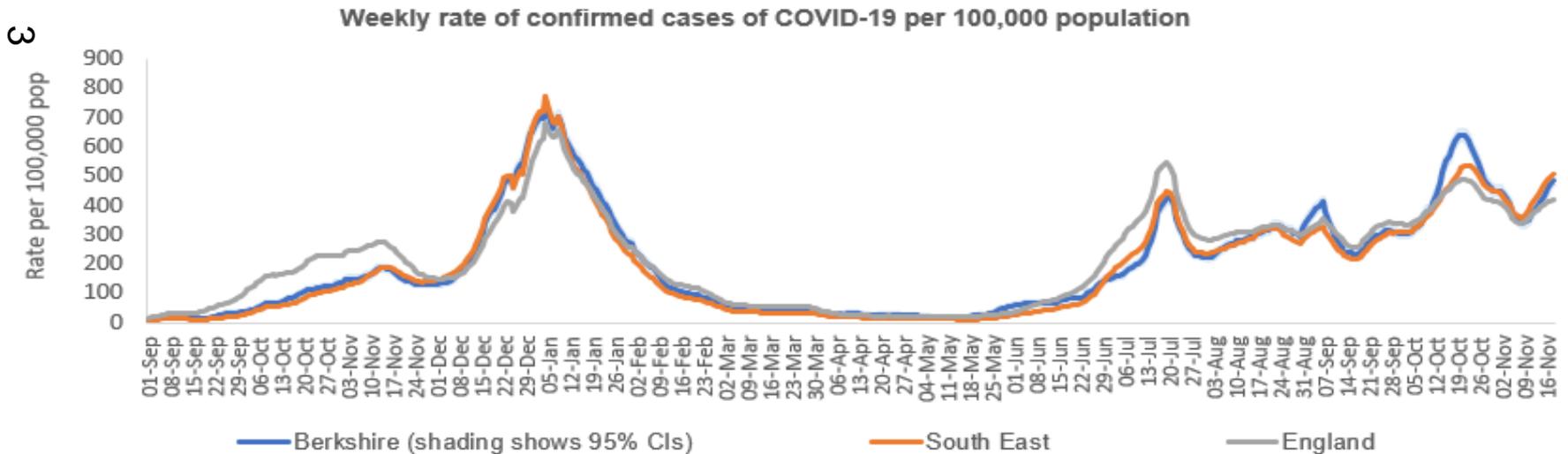
# Situational awareness

Berkshire's current weekly rate is 484.1 per 100,000 population (12<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> November). This is a 32% increase on the week before and a 20% increase the week prior to that.

There has been a total of 128,075 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Berkshire. 76% (97,237) of these cases have occurred since the beginning of January 2021.

## Weekly rate of confirmed COVID-19 cases per 100,000 population (7-day rolling average)

Data from the most recent 4 days have been excluded from the charts as these will be incomplete

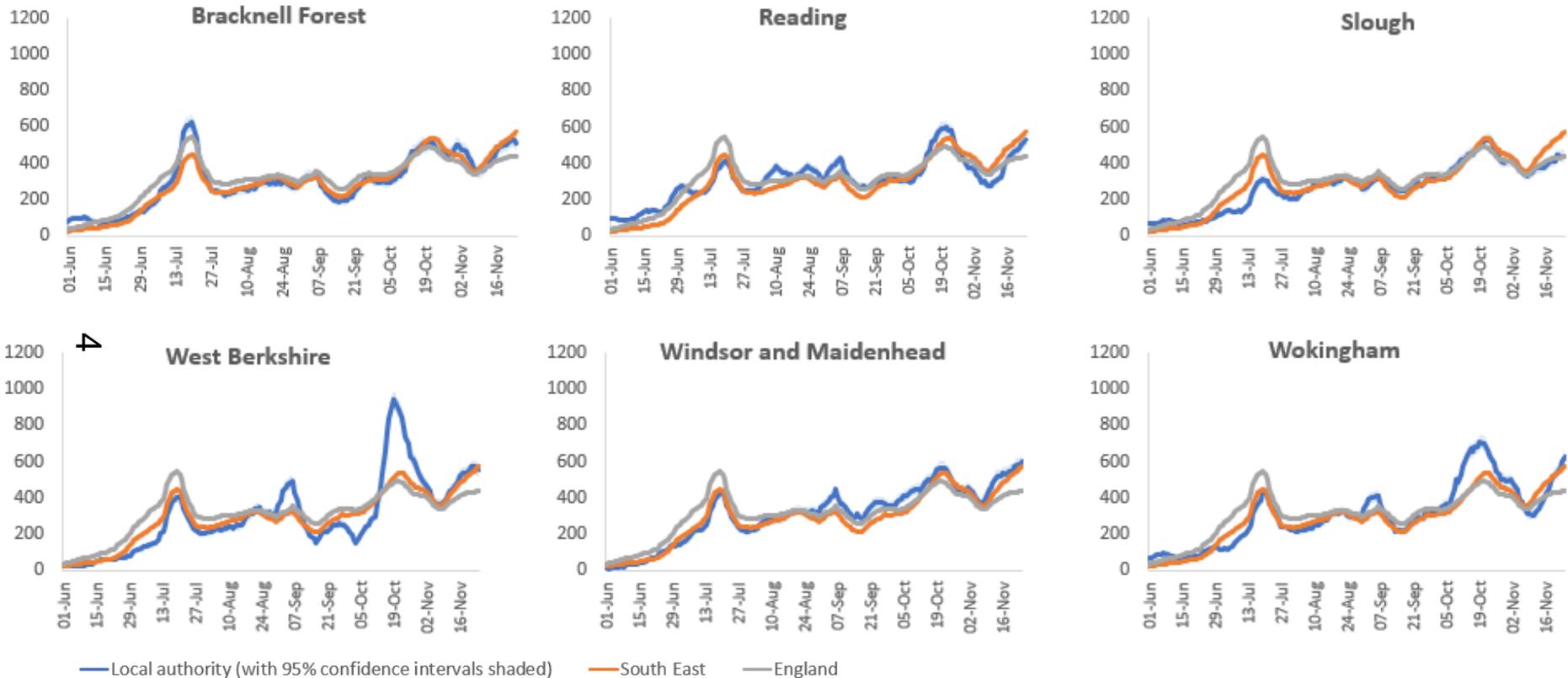


Source: PHE Second Generation Surveillance System (SGSS)

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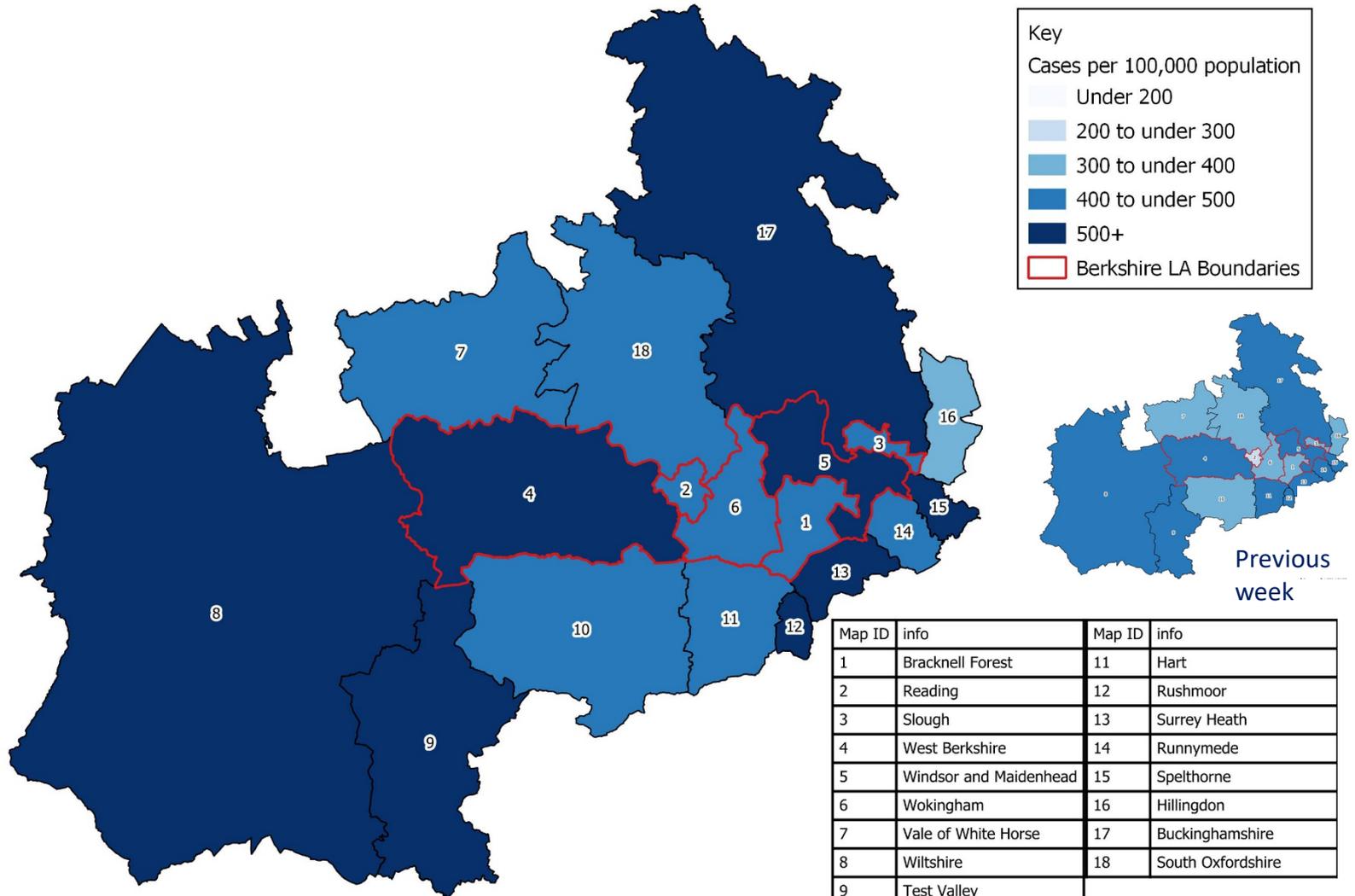


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# Situational Awareness

Weekly Rate of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases per 100,000 by Lower Tier Local Authority.  
 Data covers 7-day period from 12th to 18th November 2021 (Published 23rd November 2021)

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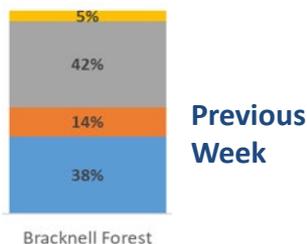
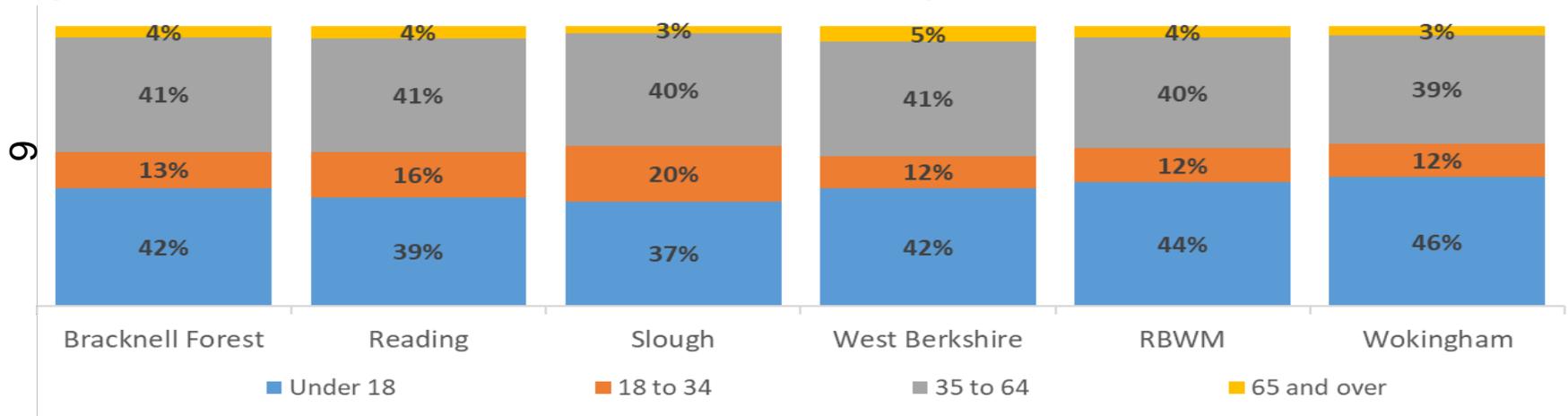
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# Epidemiology of cases in Berkshire local authorities

Over the last 14 days (10<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2021) there were 8,409 cases (up 32% on last week) confirmed for Berkshire residents:

- 3% of cases were confirmed through Pillar 1 testing and 97% through Pillar 2 testing
- 52% were female and 48% male
- 42% of Berkshire cases were from people aged under 18, 14% in the 18 to 34 age group and 40% were from those aged 35 to 64. 4% were aged 65 and over.

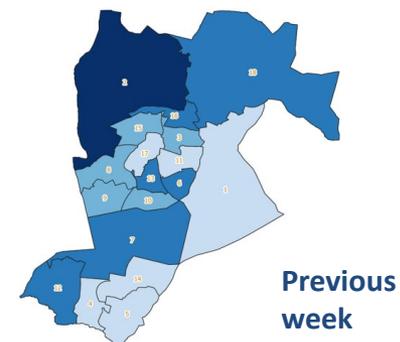
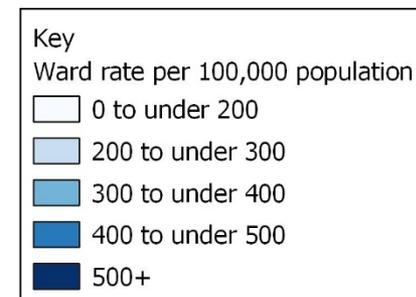
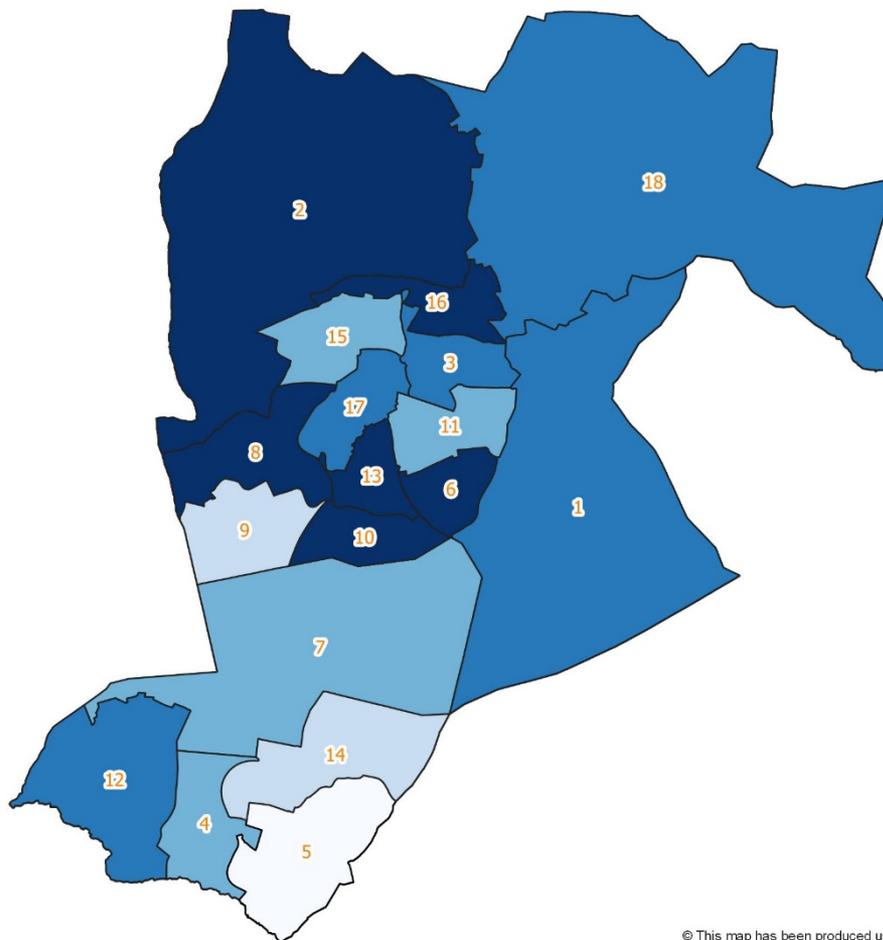
Age breakdown of confirmed COVID-19 cases over the last 14 days (10<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2021)



Source: PHE Second Generation Surveillance System (SGSS)

# Bracknell Forest

Weekly rate of confirmed COVID-19 cases by Ward in Bracknell Forest for the period 12th to 18th November 2021



Map ID	Ward Name
1	Ascot Ward
2	Binfield with Warfield Ward
3	Bullbrook Ward
4	Central Sandhurst Ward
5	College Town Ward
6	Crown Wood Ward
7	Crowthorne Ward
8	Great Hollands North Ward
9	Great Hollands South Ward
10	Hanworth Ward
11	Harmans Water Ward
12	Little Sandhurst and Wellington Ward
13	Old Bracknell Ward
14	Owlsmoor Ward
15	Priestwood and Garth Ward
16	Warfield Harvest Ride Ward
17	Wildridings and Central Ward
18	Winkfield and Cranbourne Ward

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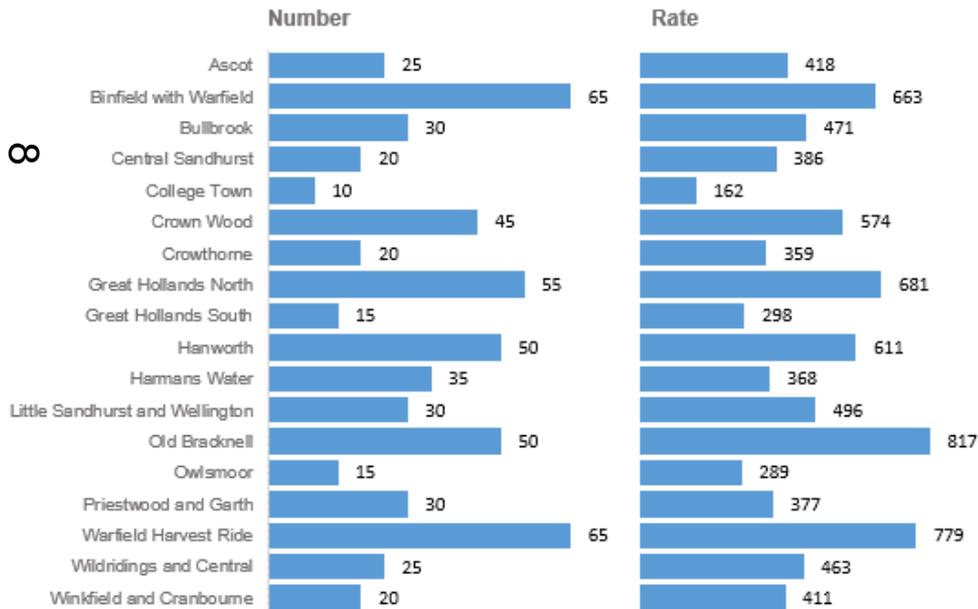
To see case, rate and trend information at an MSOA-level, go to <https://coronavirus.data.gov.uk/details/interactive-map>

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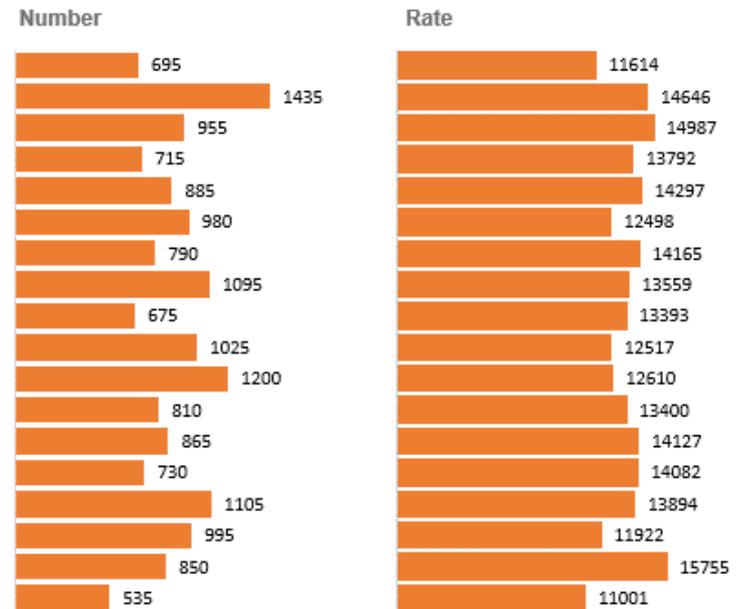
Data on confirmed COVID-19 cases are shown by Electoral Ward. Due to large numbers, this analysis now looks at a weekly period in the first graphs (blue).

Data relating to each Electoral Ward has been rounded to the nearest 5 in order to protect the identity of individuals. Caution should be taken with this information, as it will be based on small numbers and can fluctuate.

**Cases and weekly rate per 100,000 population for the latest week (12<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> November 2021)**



**Total cases and total rates per 100,000 population (since Mar-20)**



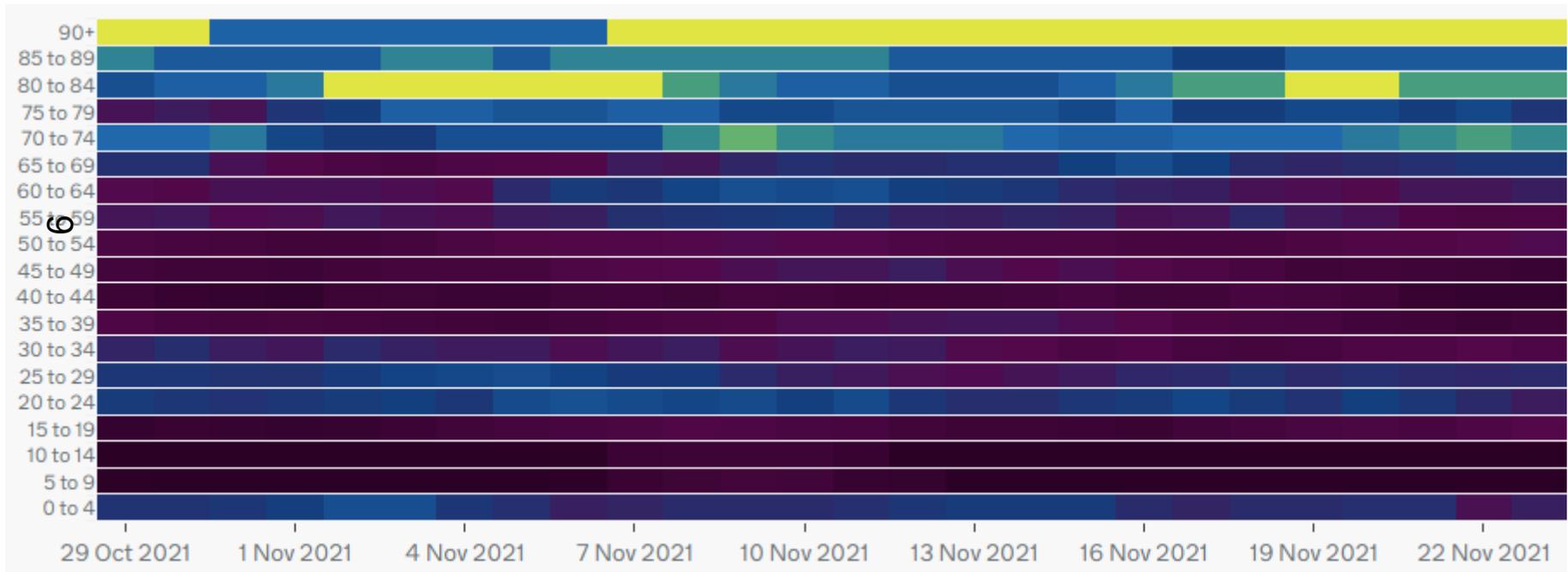
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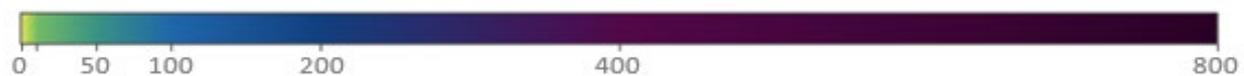
Weekly rates by age group in Bracknell Forest to 24 November 2021

Weekly case rates at 24 November show the highest rates in people aged:

- 5 to 9 at 1,401 per 100k (last week 1,044) and
- 10 to 14 at 1,097 per 100k (last week 1,190)



Weekly rate per 100,000 population



Information on case rates since the start of the pandemic can be found at: [Cases | Coronavirus in the UK \(data.gov.uk\)](https://data.gov.uk/cases/coronavirus-in-the-uk)

# Covid-19 Vaccinations in Berkshire

Nearly 705,000 people living in Berkshire have now received dose 1 of the Covid-19 vaccination and over 636,000 people have received both doses.

79% of people in Berkshire aged 18 and over have now received both doses of the vaccine.

**Estimated number of people who received dose 1 and 2 by LA and age group\* (8th December 2020 to 14<sup>th</sup> November 2021)**

LA	Under 18	18-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60-64	65-69	70-74	75-79	80+	Total	18+
Bracknell Forest	607	6,738	6,017	7,147	7,810	8,022	7,897	8,351	7,920	6,692	5,325	4,818	3,557	4,697	85,598	84,991
Reading	525	11,052	9,917	11,804	11,650	10,808	9,975	9,591	8,788	7,063	5,520	5,100	3,905	5,502	111,200	110,675
Slough	518	6,938	6,278	8,568	10,769	10,846	9,361	8,357	7,251	6,100	4,738	3,642	2,358	3,580	89,304	88,786
West Berkshire	841	8,437	6,795	8,007	8,795	9,580	10,533	11,953	11,270	9,733	8,243	8,346	6,456	7,880	116,869	116,028
Windsor and Maidenhead	728	7,575	6,260	7,503	8,766	9,990	10,350	10,841	10,210	8,509	6,930	6,966	5,624	7,909	108,161	107,433
Wokingham	723	9,471	7,448	8,752	10,887	12,629	12,399	11,986	11,414	9,605	7,564	7,828	6,197	8,324	125,227	124,504

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**Estimated population coverage for dose 1 and 2 by LA and age group\* (8th December 2020 to 14<sup>th</sup> November 2021)**

LA	Under 18	18-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60-64	65-69	70-74	75-79	80+	18+	40+
Bracknell Forest	2%	70%	71%	72%	76%	80%	83%	88%	90%	91%	93%	94%	95%	96%	83%	89%
Reading	1%	54%	57%	60%	62%	66%	73%	80%	83%	85%	88%	91%	92%	94%	69%	80%
Slough	1%	50%	51%	56%	63%	69%	74%	79%	82%	83%	85%	88%	90%	89%	68%	79%
West Berkshire	2%	73%	73%	75%	79%	84%	88%	91%	92%	94%	95%	97%	97%	97%	87%	92%
Windsor and Maidenhead	2%	68%	69%	70%	74%	79%	83%	87%	89%	90%	93%	94%	96%	95%	82%	88%
Wokingham	2%	71%	73%	75%	80%	84%	86%	89%	92%	93%	94%	95%	97%	96%	85%	91%
South East	2%	63%	63%	67%	72%	78%	83%	86%	88%	89%	90%	92%	94%	94%	80%	88%
England	2%	58%	58%	61%	67%	73%	79%	84%	87%	89%	91%	94%	95%	94%	76%	86%

\*The total population figure used to calculate vaccination coverage will include a small number of people who have been advised not to receive the vaccination for medical reasons. As of 22nd July, the underlying data changed from using mid-year 2019 estimates to mid-year 2020 so figures may differ from previous publications.

Source: [Statistics » COVID-19 Vaccinations \(england.nhs.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/covid-19-vaccinations)

# Hospital Activity and Deaths

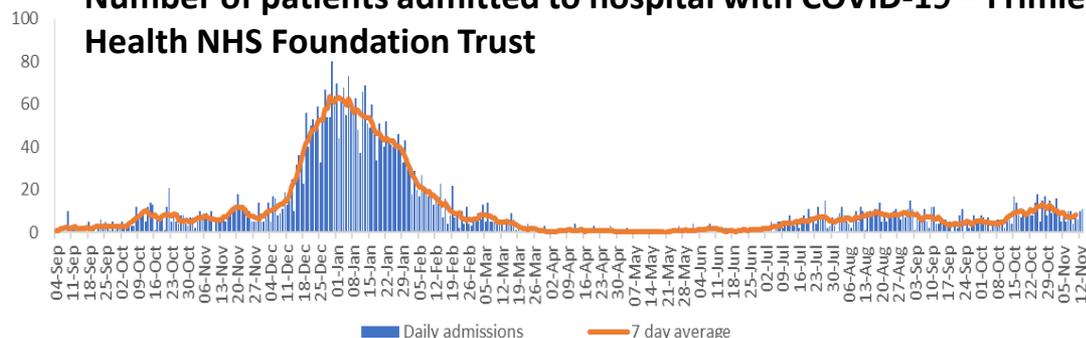
**Hospital activity** information is available at a Trust level. The latest activity for Frimley Health NHS Foundation Trust (FHFT) is shown on this slide.

The number of daily admissions for Covid-19 patients has continued to stay at low levels in FHFT hospitals.

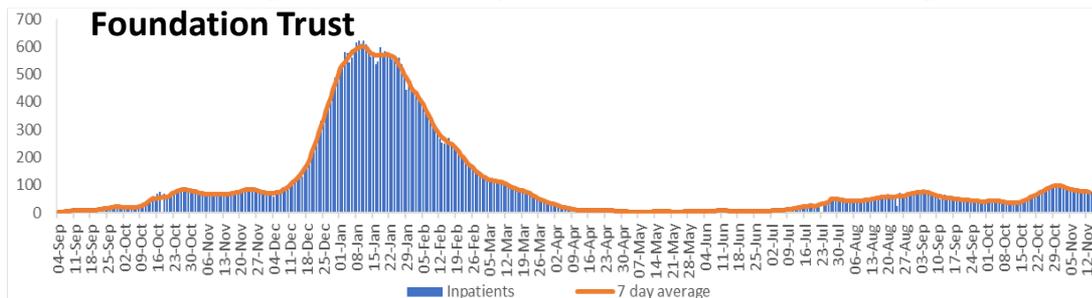
On 14<sup>th</sup> November, there were nine new COVID-19 admissions to the hospital.

On 16<sup>th</sup> November, 77 patients were in FHFT hospitals with COVID-19 and 10 were on mechanical ventilation.

**Number of patients admitted to hospital with COVID-19 – Frimley Health NHS Foundation Trust**



**Number of patients in hospital for COVID-19 – Frimley Health NHS Foundation Trust**



Source: <https://coronavirus.data.gov.uk/healthcare>

**Deaths.** There have been 203 COVID-19 related deaths during the pandemic for Bracknell Forest. There were no new COVID-19 deaths recorded in the last week (week ending 12 November 2021).

Since March 2020, Bracknell Forest's all-cause mortality rate has been 9% higher than the previous 5 year average, which equates to 157 additional deaths.

# Latest Issues

## **New Variant of Concern : Omicron**

Scientists in South Africa identified a new variant and shared this information widely and immediately earlier last week.

This variant has been confirmed as a Variant of Concern (VOC) and has been named Omicron.

Scientists are learning more hour by hour. It appears that Omicron spreads very rapidly, and can be spread between people who are double vaccinated.

There is also a very extensive mutation which means it diverges quite significantly from previous configurations of the virus, and as result, it might - at least in part - reduce the protection of our vaccines over time.

Vaccine producers are evaluating the effectiveness of their products on this VOC and where necessary, aim to update their vaccines urgently.

Currently 14 cases of the Omicron variant have been identified in the UK (as at noon today). We are not aware of any in Berkshire so far.

The Government have stepped up additional measures to buy time for the scientists to understand this VOC and help the NHS prepare for a challenging winter.

# Data thresholds

Data thresholds included in PHE's Situational Awareness Report:

## Positivity rate

This includes all individuals with a valid test result from a specimen taken in the 7-day period shown. This includes Pillar 1 and Pillar 2 test.



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## Weekly rate per 100,000 population (all ages)

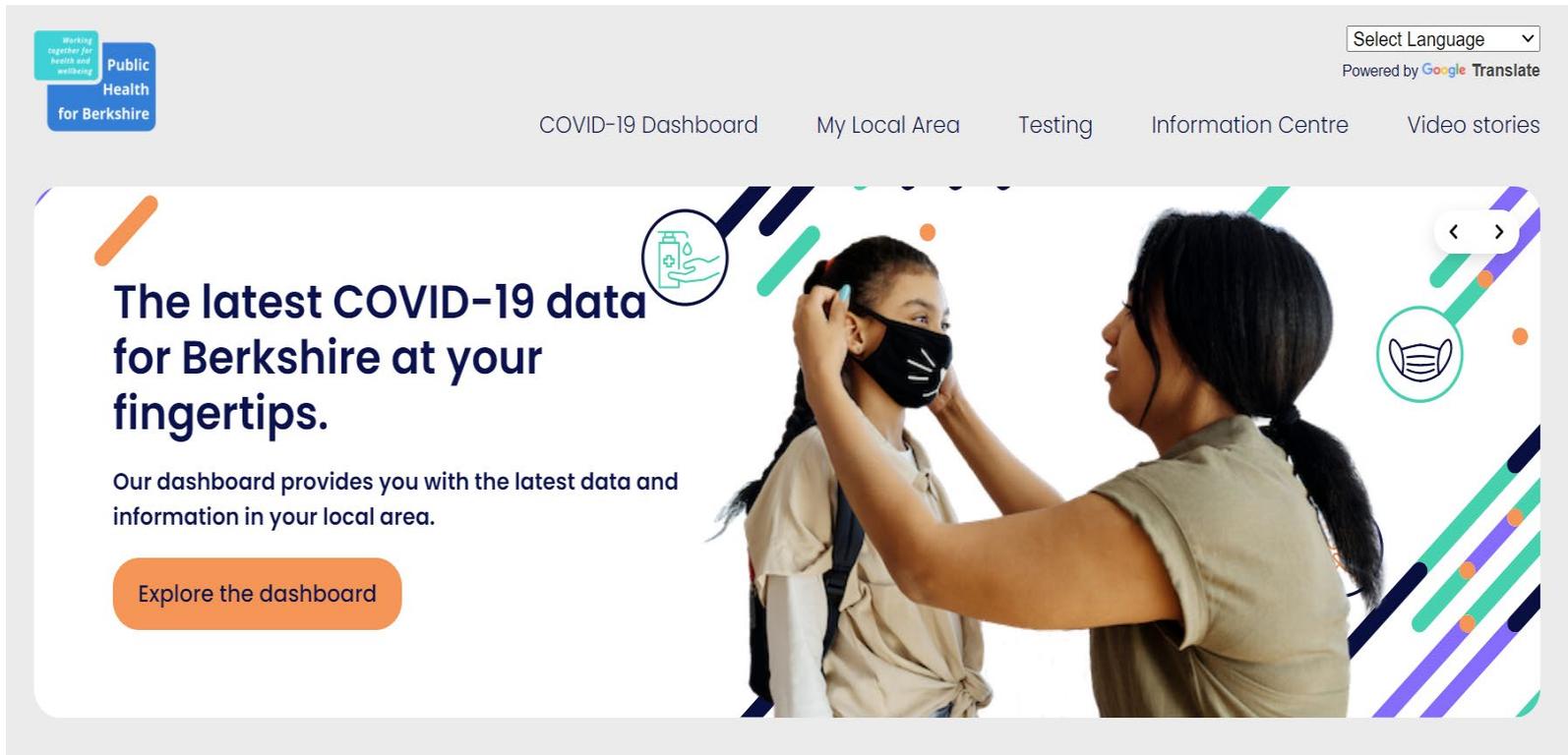


## Weekly rate per 100,000 population (aged 60 and over)



# For more information

For the latest Berkshire COVID-19 data (cases, NHS 111 triages and deaths) please visit our website: <https://www.berkshirepublichealth.co.uk/>



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Additional information on national, regional and neighbourhood-level data can also be found at the main government website: <https://coronavirus.data.gov.uk/>