

HSI22/028

GOVERNING BODY

Title of paper	Covid Incident Status Report		
Agenda item	4.	Date of meeting	4 th May 2022
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Purpose	For decision	<input type="checkbox"/>	Link to strategic objective	Operational service delivery
	To ratify	<input type="checkbox"/>		
	To discuss	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	To note/receive	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

Executive Summary

This paper provides the Governing Body with a summary of the current Covid position, including patients in hospital beds and Critical Care Units, alongside a Covid vaccination update.

Please note:

1. Summary of Covid Position.

Currently we are seeing a much-reduced number of cases per day across Hampshire as well as a direct result of reduced testing, infection rates also show a declining community prevalence.

The number of patients in hospital with covid continues to decline from early April peak of 670, down by almost 200 beds throughout this month. The number of patients in ITU beds with covid remains below the modelled predicted peak across HIOW. ITU cases currently sit at 5.

As at 25th of April the staff absence rate for HIOW was 4.6% for all staff absences, with sickness or self-isolation related to Covid-19 at 1.3% an improved picture from the snapshot a month prior which was around double.

Within Provider Trusts, the highest rates of absence have remained within HHFT, PHU and SHFT who all sit above the HIOW average. Sickness absence remains a pressure across Primary Care but is a slightly improved position from last month, 18 practices were reporting serious staffing shortages at the end of March, this is now down to 14.

2. Covid+ Patients in Hospital Beds

The number of beds occupied with a covid+ patients peaked in the first week of April at 670. We have seen a gradual and consistent decline for the remainder of this month, down to 485 beds on 27th, a reduction of 185 beds.

3. Covid+ Patients in Critical Care Units

The numbers of patients with Covid being cared for within ICU remain below levels seen at the end of 2021, and have been stable at 10 or fewer occupied beds for some months now.

4. Vaccination Update

The HIOV Vaccine Programme has now successfully delivered over 4 Million Vaccines to our population across from our 5 years olds and upwards. We benchmark favourably for delivery performance across the country and are currently in the top 10 for:

- Spring Boosters already at 35.4%;
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- Immunosuppressed 90% / 65% for 3rd doses and Boosters and for the percentage of unvaccinated population which currently stands at 12.7% against a National average of 16.7%

Our current challenge is to improve the uptake of vaccinations in our 5-11 year old age group that currently stands at 4.6% and ensure there is equitable access for all.

Recommendations	The Governing Body is asked to note and accept the Covid Incident Status Report and the issues raised
Publication	Include on public website <input type="checkbox"/>

Please provide details on the impact of following aspects	
Equality and quality impact assessment	No impact
Patient and stakeholder engagement	The report will be of interest to patients and stakeholders across the CCG
Financial and resource implications / impact	No impact
Legal implications	No impact
Principal risk(s) relating to this paper	Impact of Covid-19 (including delays) and workforce
Key committees / groups where evidence supporting this paper has been considered.	N/A

Covid Incident Report

27/04/2022



Current Summary of Covid Position

Case rates

1. Currently we are seeing a much reduced number of cases per day across Hampshire as well as a direct result of reduced testing, infection rates also show a declining community prevalence
2. Case rates per 100,000 population across our 4 local authorities (Pillar 1 testing) are:
 - Hampshire : 36
 - Southampton : 36
 - Portsmouth : 63
 - Isle of Wight : 27

Hospitalisation rates

3. The number of patients in hospital with covid continues to decline from early April peak of 670, down by almost 200 beds throughout this month
4. The number of patients in ITU beds with covid remains below the modelled predicted peak across HIOW. ITU cases currently sit at 5.

Staff sickness and Absence Rates – Primary and Secondary Care

5. As at 25th of April the staff absence rate for HIOW was 4.6% for all staff absences, with sickness or self-isolation related to Covid-19 at 1.3% an improved picture from the snapshot a month prior which was around double.
6. Within Provider Trusts, the highest rates of absence have remained within HHFT, PHU and SHFT who all sit above the HIOW average.
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Current Summary of Covid Position

Impact on Acute Occupancy – General Beds and ITU beds

7. The impact of Omicron, as well as general increase in NEL pressures, and the challenges in ensuring patients can be discharged on time has further increased occupancy rates across acute providers which are (at 24th April) **95%**
8. ITU core occupancy has remained close to or at 100% each day against our 90 core beds (27th April Jan, 88 occupied ITU beds, **98%** occupancy)

Impact on Elective Care

9. As a result, we have cancelled **408 cases** across HIOW from the period 1st to 26th of April on the day of treatment. Clearly, this has an impact on patient experience, and all patients are re-booked within 28 days.

Impact on Primary care

11. In HIOW, as at the 27th of April there are currently **14 practices** reporting red for staff shortages; 3 in the Isle of Wight, 0 in North and Mid Hampshire 3 in Portsmouth and 8 in Southampton and South West Hampshire. Numbers have fluctuated over the week, but absences remain high. There are 20 amber rated practices, with mitigating actions in place for 17 of the 34 red and amber rated practices. 109 out of 143 practices are currently rated green.

Impact on the Ambulance Service

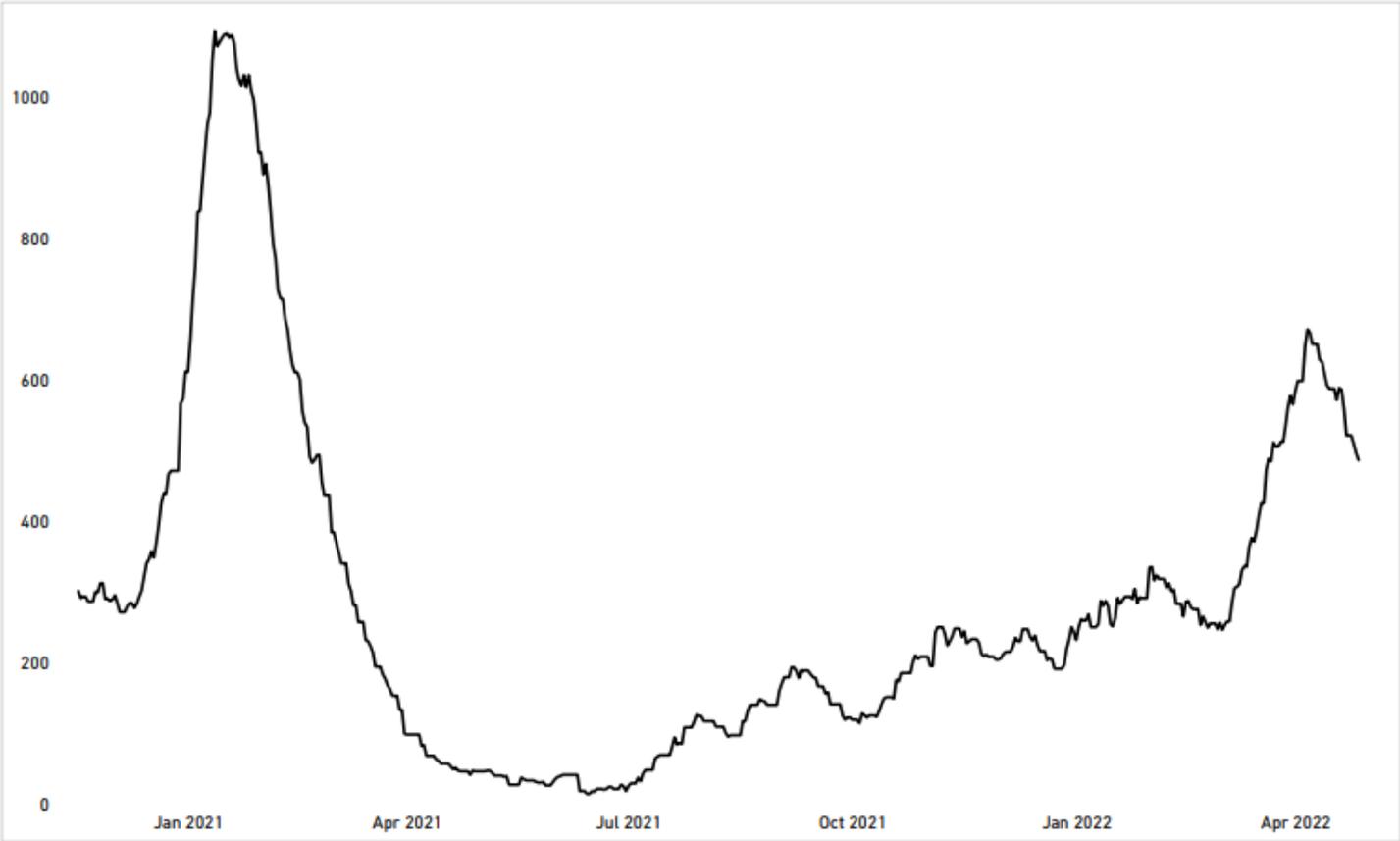
12. SCAS declared a critical incident on 6th April due to the level of demand with a large volume of calls being received throughout the day and into the night and increased challenges in releasing some of the ambulances from busy acute hospitals. This impacts on SCAS ability to get crews back on the road to respond to patients. The critical incident was stood down on 7th April and the critical incident declared in Portsmouth and subsequent response led to less pressure on SCAS.

13. Staff sickness is continuing to be a challenge but the numbers of staff absent with Covid has reduced in particular over the last 2 weeks. This continues to affect both call answering and response times with recovery plans for all performance areas now agreed.



Covid+ Patients in Hospital Beds

Covid-19: DOS Profile HIOW: Total Hospital Confirmed Cases



All

Date	Hospital Confirmed C19 Cases (SITREP)
27 April 2022	485
26 April 2022	495
25 April 2022	508
24 April 2022	520
23 April 2022	520
22 April 2022	520
21 April 2022	558
20 April 2022	585
19 April 2022	587
18 April 2022	570
17 April 2022	586
16 April 2022	586
15 April 2022	586
14 April 2022	591
13 April 2022	607
12 April 2022	624
11 April 2022	627
10 April 2022	649
09 April 2022	649
08 April 2022	649
07 April 2022	665
06 April 2022	670
05 April 2022	646
04 April 2022	597

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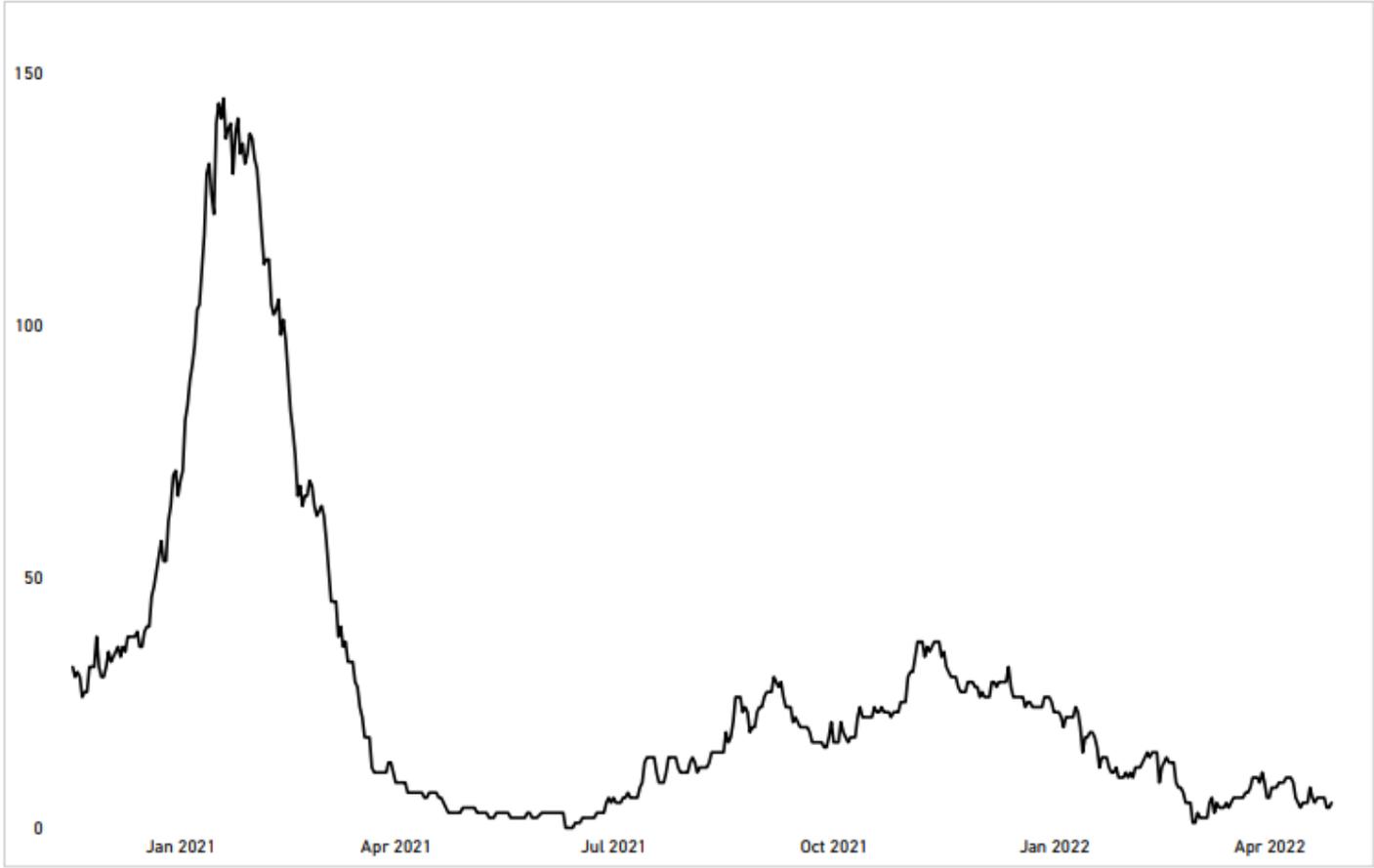
Our activity trend shown here is moving generally in line with our modelled scenarios that would suggest a period of reducing pressure into the summer

Currently circa 15.5% of all beds in our 4 main acutes are occupied by a covid+ patient



Covid+ Patients in Critical Care Units

Covid-19: DOS Profile H1OW: Critical Care Occupancy



Date	Confirmed COVID patients in CC beds today
27 April 2022	5
26 April 2022	4
25 April 2022	4
24 April 2022	6
23 April 2022	6
22 April 2022	6
21 April 2022	6
20 April 2022	5
19 April 2022	6
18 April 2022	8
17 April 2022	5
16 April 2022	5
15 April 2022	5
14 April 2022	4
13 April 2022	5
12 April 2022	6
11 April 2022	9
10 April 2022	10
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06 April 2022	9
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Our current challenge is to improve the uptake of vaccinations in our 5-11 year old age group that currently stands at 4.6% and ensure there is equitable access for all. To address this we are holding outreach clinics in Children's Centres across HIOW and planning Super Sunday Vaccination Events at our Mass Vaccination centres throughout May. The children's vaccines are also available in some of the Community Pharmacies, making access on the High Street easier for parents.

During the Summer months we will continue our Evergreen offer to anyone without an up to date vaccine, and a second dose to our 5-11's. It is expected to be significantly quieter over the summer so the number of vaccine sites reduce temporarily to eliminate vaccine wastage. However, informed by our Equalities analysis and funded support programme, our Roving Services offered by Solent NHS Trust will continue to support harder to reach groups and target areas of low uptake and through an initiative championed in St Mary's IOW, our Opportunistic Vaccinators in our Hospitals will offer vaccines to Inpatients, those being discharged and clinic attendees- it is hoped this will continue the great work in vaccinating those in pregnancy and those with immunosuppression as well as patients being discharged to Care Homes, ensuring their vaccination status protects them during the coming months.

We are now preparing for the Autumn campaign, full details of which are awaited but it is expected to offer a further Booster to Cohorts 1-9 which includes those over the age of 50, the Clinically Extremely Vulnerable, Health and Care Workers and those with an underlying Health Condition over the age of 16.

