

Report Title:	Gold update on COVID-19		
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Meeting:	Public Trust Board	Date	4 th November 2021

1. Suggested discussion points <i>[two or three issues you consider the Committee should focus on]</i>
<p>The community rate of infection has stabilised over the last few weeks and we have not seen a reduction in the numbers of those getting tested.</p> <p>The community rate, however is no longer a reliable predictor of infection rate and hence the demand on acute services.</p> <p>The number of inpatient Covid Patient still remains fairly static around c.60 pts (9%) but we still have one of the highest proportions of Covid inpatients in the Midlands region. ITU has seen small increases, but as overall inpatient numbers is fairly static.</p> <p>We have reduced our Red bed provision changing some beds on D17 back to amber. Both Amu's continue to have red bed provision and N5 still remains a red ward on the Sandwell site to support the flow of red patients across the organisation.</p> <p>Amber demand continues to rise to pre covid levels providing challenges on overall occupancy and flow.</p> <p>The Board is asked to:</p> <p>a) Note the contents of the report including the sustained increase in red demand across both sites</p> <p>b) Discuss the management of flow and infection management, including the uptake of vaccination in staff</p>

2. Alignment to our Vision <i>[indicate with an 'X' which Strategic Objective this paper supports]</i>									
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3. Previous consideration <i>[where has this paper been previously discussed?]</i>

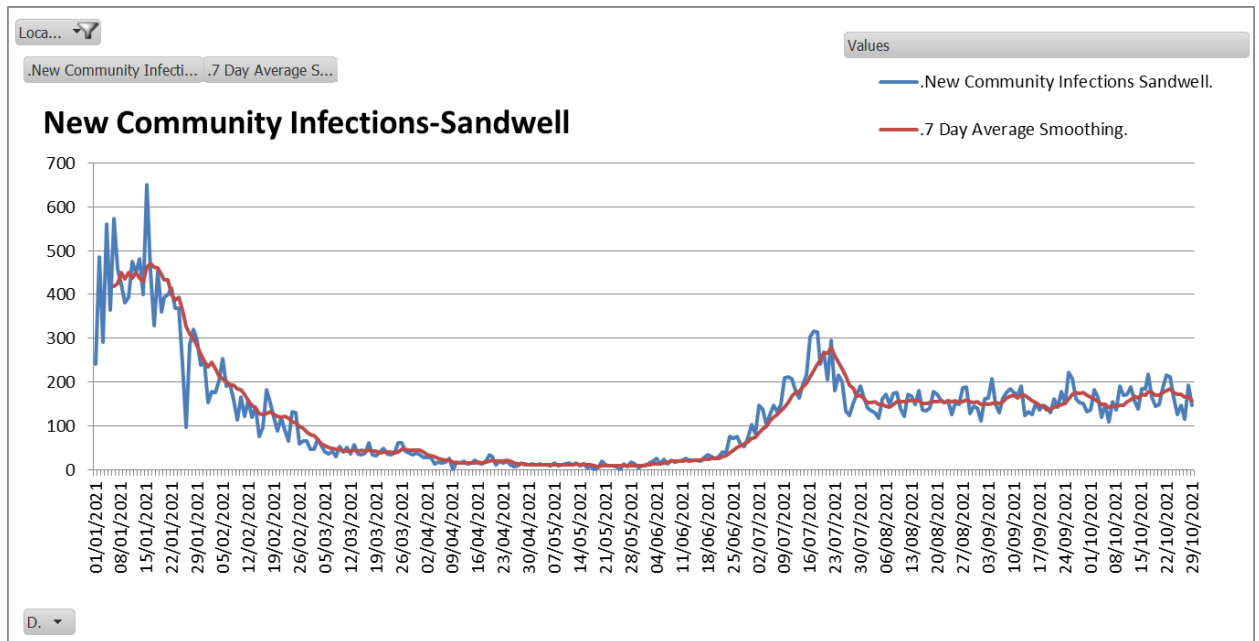
4. Recommendation(s)
The Board is asked to:
a. Note the contents of the report
b. Discuss the management of flow and infection management, including the uptake of vaccination in staff
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5. Impact <i>[indicate with an 'X' which governance initiatives this matter relates to and where shown elaborate]</i>	
Trust Risk Register	
Board Assurance Framework	
Equality Impact Assessment	Is this required? Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> If 'Y' date completed
Quality Impact Assessment	Is this required? Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> If 'Y' date completed

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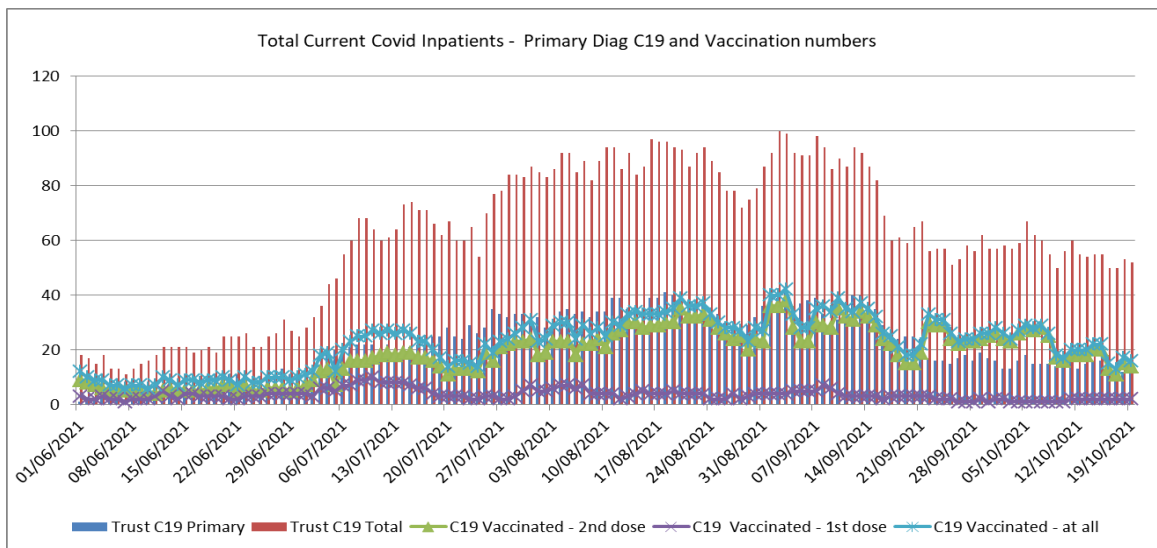
1. Community infection Rate

1.1 From the Graph below you will note a steady state position in community infection rates from within the Sandwell catchment area over the last 3 months.



2. Inpatients

The graph below shows we have maintained positive Covid inpatients for the last 2 weeks to relatively the same level with a combination of discharges and admissions. Most remain secondary presentations. Most admissions with a positive Covid result also still remained unvaccinated, although you can see the proportion of those with a double vaccine has now increased as the single vaccination status is reducing.



3. Infection Prevention and Control (IPC)

- 3.1 We have received and are currently implementing updated national IPC guidelines in relation to elective care and have updated our elective swabbing pathway to reflect these changes in line with other trusts in the region. We are still testing all patients who move to our community beds or care homes. If the discharge process is not carefully managed this causes some delays in these transfers.

4. Staff testing

- 4.1 LAMP testing continues to be rolled out across the organisation which is a once weekly saliva based antigen test with higher degree of accuracy. The organisation continues to promote the use of LAMP testing as a preventative measure to prevent covid infection and transmission but is there more work to be done with only 51% of the organisation registered and using LAMP testing.

5. Vaccination

- 5.1 Our Vaccination programme continues, we are at 85% nationally for staff who are doubly vaccinated. Despite constant communication and a personalised approach this percentage is not increasing.
- 5.2 The covid booster programme commenced on the 27th September but uptake is slow. The flu campaign also commenced at the same time offering staff the chance to be vaccinated for both covid and Flu at the same time or via separate appointments. This campaign continues until the end of the calendar year
- 5.3 We have commenced the 12-15 year old programme at schools and have completed 9 of the 17 schools so far, daily meetings are in place and we are working in partnership with Public Health, CCG, and children's services

6. Recommendations

6.1 Board is asked to:

- a) Note the contents of the report including the stabilised position from a Covid inpatient perspective.
- b) Discuss any concerns over the management of flow and infection management

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