

COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL COMMITTEE FOR SOUTH LAKELAND
Meeting date: 5th October 2021
From: Executive Director – Corporate, Customer and Community Services

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH ACTIVITY - UPDATE

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 *This report draws attention to key Community Development and Public Health Activity undertaken by the South Lakeland Area Support Team and the Locality Public Health Manager.*

2.0 STRATEGIC PLANNING AND EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

- 2.1 *Community Development and Public Health Activity contribute to achieving the outcomes set out in the Council Plan 2018-2022 in particular;*

- *People in Cumbria are healthy and safe, and,*
- *Places in Cumbria are well-connected and thriving.*

The activity embraces the ‘New ways of working’ with a focus on

- *Working with partner organisations and communities to achieve shared aspirations, and,*
- *Exploring new ways to deliver services and maximise our resources.*

Additionally, Community Development and Public Health Activity addresses the overarching ambition of the Cumbria Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2019-2029 “To enable Cumbrian communities to be

healthy and to tackle health inequalities". By identifying and productively connecting unconnected local assets the Area Support Team and the Locality Public Health Manager are working to progress the Cumbria Joint Public Health Strategy which emphasises the importance of building five types of community assets, namely;

- ***Natural assets: A high quality natural environment that provides opportunities for engagement with the natural world.***
- ***Human assets: People with the skills, knowledge, and experience that give them the capacity to take part in society and have meaningful and fulfilling lives.***
- ***Social assets: A good social infrastructure, with networks and institutions that allow people to connect to each other.***
- ***Physical assets: A good physical infrastructure including housing, transport, and a commercial environment that promotes healthy behaviours.***
- ***Financial assets: Adequate financial resources that are fairly distributed.***

2.2 ***All activities undertaken are assessed to ensure that the equality and diversity impacts are understood and appropriately addressed.***

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

3.1 ***Members are asked to note the content of this report.***

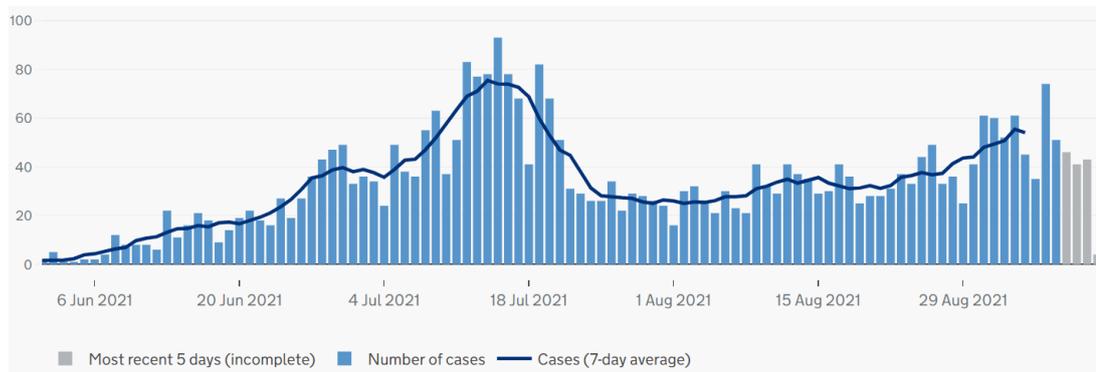
4.0 BACKGROUND

4.1 This report draws attention to key Community Development and Public Health Activity undertaken by the South Lakeland Area Support Team and the Public Health Locality Manager to progress the Council's Strategic aims, the Cumbria Joint Health & Wellbeing Strategy 2019-2029 and the Cumbria Joint Public Health Strategy in South Lakeland.

4.2 **COVID-19** remains the principal public health concern in South Lakeland. At the time of writing (13th September 2021) case rates are rising. The most current available complete data is to the 4th of September when the 7-day

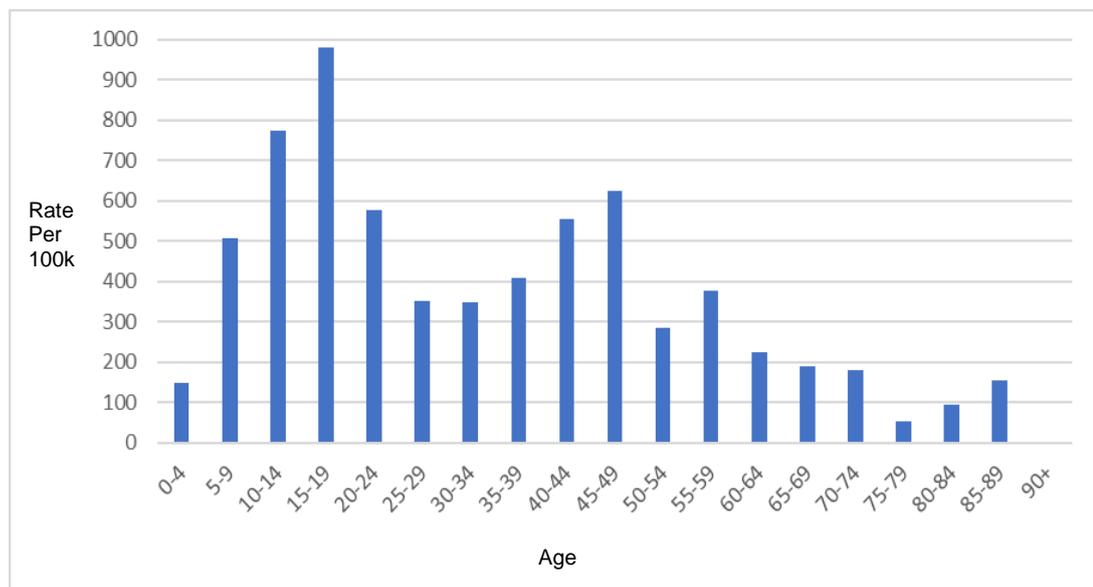
average cases was 54 per day, a week earlier (28th August) it was 41.3 and a week before that (21st August) it was 31.1 (Fig I).

Fig. I. COVID-19 Cases – South Lakeland



Case rates are not distributed evenly across age groups (Fig II). Case rates are defined as the rate of people with at least one positive COVID-19 test result, either lab-reported or rapid lateral flow test per 100,000 population in a rolling 7-day period. Rates will reflect both true prevalence and the extent to which any population is subject to testing.

Fig. II. COVID-19 Case rates per 100,000 – South Lakeland (7th Sep 2021)



Rates in South Lakeland are highest among 15 to 19yr olds (981) and 10 to 14yr olds (774), it may be fairly assumed that this is in part a function of extensive testing programmes in schools. While data on tests conducted by age is not available for this report Lateral Flow Tests (LFTs) reported in the last full week of the school holiday (23rd to 29th August) in South Lakeland totalled 6,111, in the first full week of school (6th to 12th September) 12,656 were reported. Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test data is incomplete for

the week 6th to 12th September however in the week 2nd to 8th September 4,228 PCR Tests were reported a notable increase on the 3,354 reported in the week 23rd to 29th August (Fig III & Fig IV).

Fig. III. Lateral Flow Tests Reported – South Lakeland

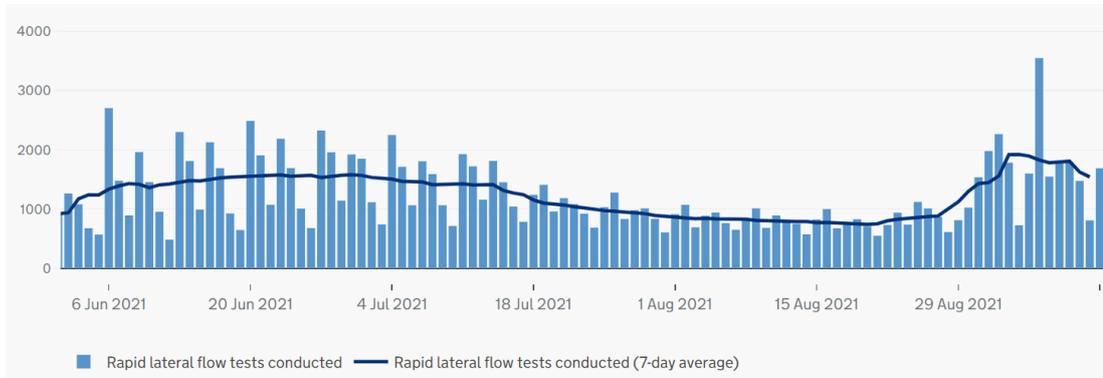
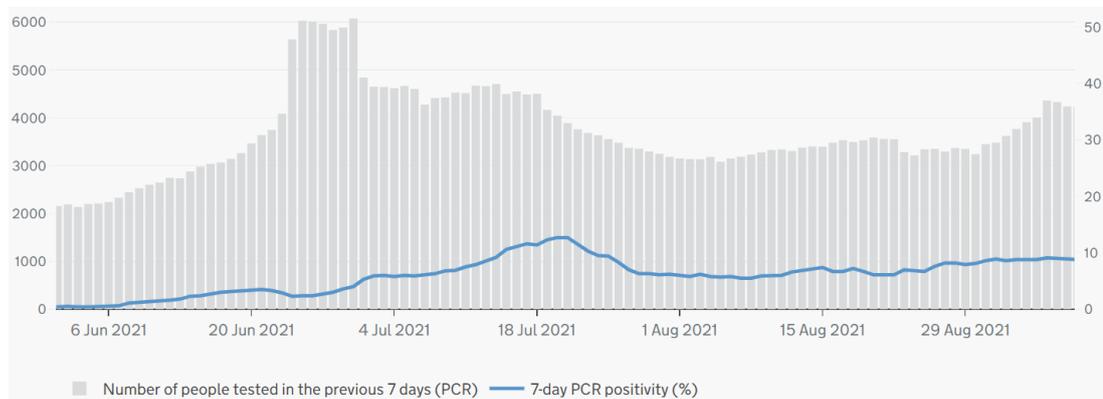
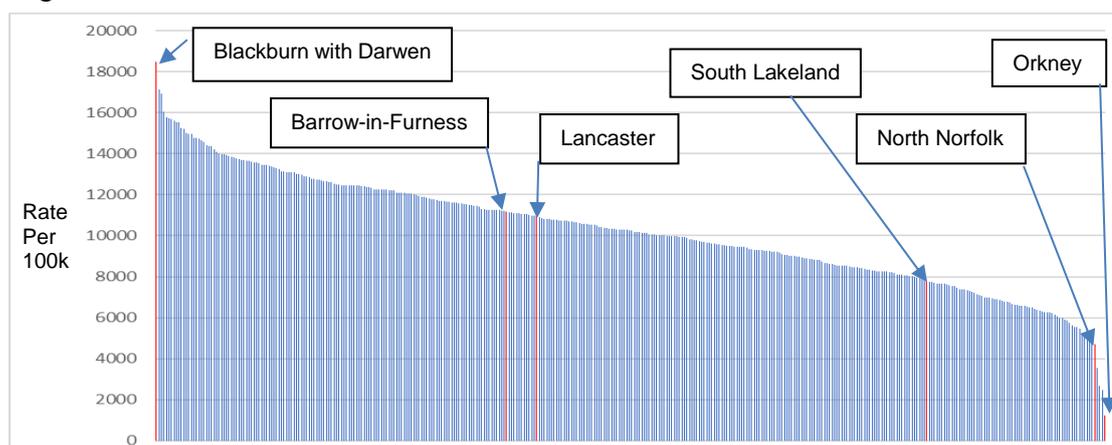


Fig. IV. Polymerase Chain Reaction Tests – South Lakeland



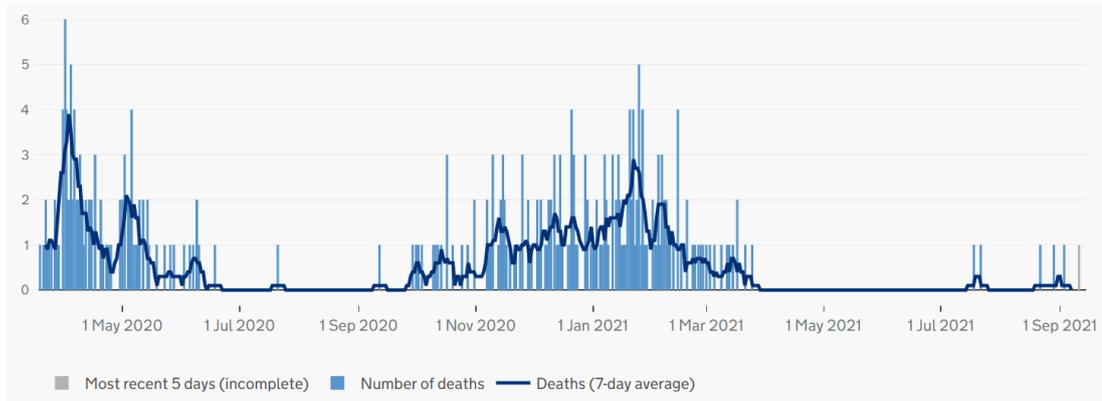
South Lakeland has recorded 8,157 cases and 280 deaths within 28 days of a positive test. The overall case rate (i.e. identified cases per 100,000 population) is 7,775.6 this places South Lakeland 309th of 380 UK local authorities ranked from highest to lowest case rate. The highest case rate being in Blackburn with Darwen (18,506.3) and the lowest Orkney (1,241), the lowest case rate of an English local authority is currently North Norfolk (4,718.2) (Fig IV).

Fig. IV. Overall Case Rates – UK Local Authorities



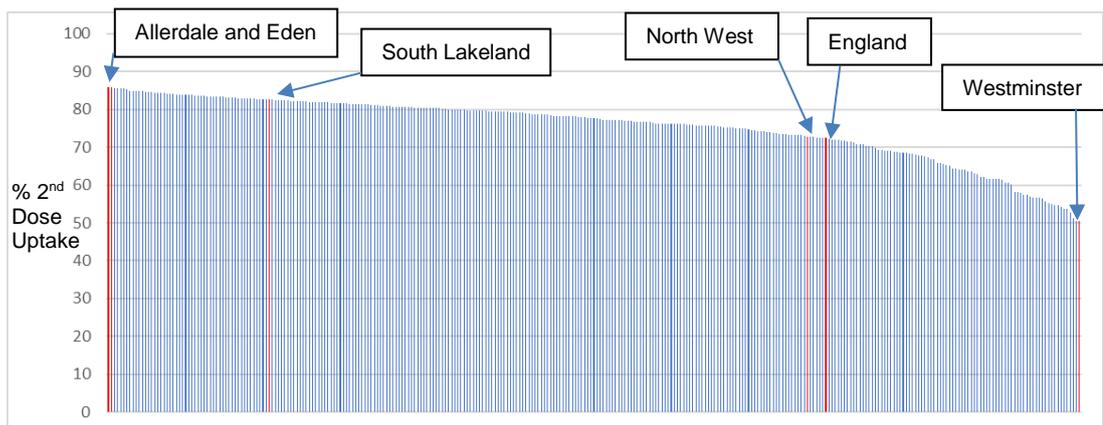
Of the 280 deaths recorded in South Lakeland within 28 days of a positive COVID-19 test 274 were in the period March 2020 to March 2021, 6 deaths have been recorded since the end of March 2021 (Fig V).

Fig. V. Deaths within 28 days of a Positive COVID-19 Test – South Lakeland



With the easing of social restrictions vaccination has become by far the most important population protection against infection, hospitalisation and death from COVID-18. Vaccination uptake across South Lakeland is relatively high with 88% of those age 16 years or older having had a first dose and 82.7% having had a second dose. South Lakeland ranks 50th highest for second dose uptake of 315 English Local Authority areas. Allerdale and Eden have jointly the highest second dose uptake (85.8%) with Westminster the lowest (50.4%). Second dose uptake for England as a whole is 72.4% and for the North West 72.8% (Fig VI).

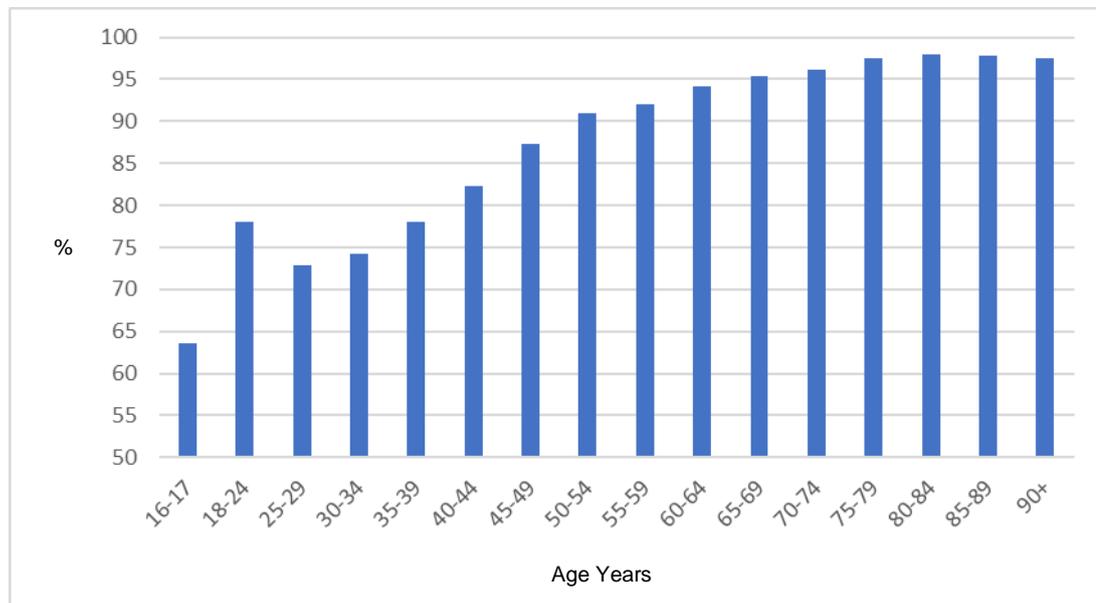
Fig. VI. Second Dose Vaccine Uptake – England Local Authorities



Vaccine uptake in South Lakeland varies by age with older residents, who have been able to access vaccination the longest, showing the highest rates of uptake. As all age 16 years or over now able to access vaccination it is instructive to consider first dose uptake. All age groups over 50 years have first dose uptake rates of above 90%, the lowest rates are amongst 16 to 17 years (63.6%). Over a quarter of those aged 25 to 34 years remain

completely unvaccinated (25 to 29 years 72.9% having had at least one dose, 30 to 34 years 74.3%) (Fig VII).

Fig. VI. Percentage having had at least one Vaccine Dose – South Lakeland



Promotion of vaccine uptake continues to be a priority; the Area Team and Public Health Locality Manager are working closely with NHS colleagues to address the concerns of those anxious about vaccination and to increase access, this includes a programme of training community vaccine champions and widening the opportunities to be vaccinated. All children age 12 to 15 are now able to be vaccinated and a programme of vaccination is to be rolled out through schools. COVID-19 vaccine Information and resources for children and young people are available at the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-vaccination-resources-for-children-and-young-people>

It should be noted that the data provided in this report, particularly the most recent, is subject to revision. What is provided here is that available at the time of writing. Source Gov.UK.

<https://coronavirus.data.gov.uk/details/testing?areaType=Itla&areaName=South%20Lakeland#main-content>

6.0 OPTIONS

- 6.1 Members are asked to note the content of the Community Development and Public Health Activity Report.

7.0 RESOURCE AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

7.1 There are no direct resource implications arising from the recommendation to note this report. (NG20/09/21)

8.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

8.1 The report is for noting and there are no legal implications arising. KS
17.09.2021

9.0 CONCLUSION

8.1 the Council's strategic aims and public health objectives is dependent upon robust community engagement and community development. With the support of officers members are ideally placed to ensure effective community development promotes public health and contributes to achieving these aims and objectives in South Lakeland. As a consequence engaged and empowered residents benefit from healthier, happier and more resilient communities.

Colin Cox
Director of Public Health
17/09/2021

APPENDICES

No Appendices

Electoral Division(s): All South Lakeland

Executive Decision

	No*
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Key Decision

	No*
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If a Key Decision, is the proposal published in the current Forward Plan?

		N/A*
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Is the decision exempt from call-in on grounds of urgency?

	No*
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If exempt from call-in, has the agreement of the Chair of the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee been sought or obtained?

		N/A*
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Has this matter been considered by Overview and Scrutiny?
If so, give details below.

	No*
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Has an environmental or sustainability impact assessment been undertaken?

		N/A*
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Has an equality impact assessment been undertaken?

		N/A*
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N.B. If an executive decision is made, then a decision cannot be implemented until the expiry of the eighth working day after the date of the meeting – unless the decision is urgent and exempt from call-in and necessary approvals have been obtained.

PREVIOUS RELEVANT COUNCIL OR EXECUTIVE DECISIONS
[including Local Committees]

No previous relevant decisions.

CONSIDERATION BY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

Not considered by Overview and Scrutiny.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

No background papers.

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