Key messages

Gloucestershire updates

- The Mobile Testing Unit will be provisionally staying in Gloucestershire, at the Oxstalls Tennis Centre, until **Thursday 21 May.** This is delivered by the military under the Department for Health and Social Care Pillar 2 scheme.

- Training which is already available for care home staff is being extended to mental health/ learning disability/physical disability homes. They will also have access to extra training regarding PPE and cleanliness which is being provided by our NHS and CCG partners.

- An update on Care Home cases of Covid-19 in Gloucestershire can be found below in the 'Your Questions Answered' section. Please read the narrative and caveats regarding data at the bottom of the bulletin carefully. If you have any questions please let us know.

National updates

- [How tests and testing kits for coronavirus work](#) - The different types of tests and testing kits for COVID-19, and the specifications for manufacturers.

- [Government announces roadmap taskforces](#) - New ministerial-led taskforces have been set up to plan how closed sectors can reopen safely.

- [Procurement Policy Notice (PPN) 02/20: Supplier relief due to COVID-19 - additional sector guidance for state funded schools](#)

Daily stats

Total UK Tests - **2,094,209**

Total UK Cases - **229,705**

Total UK Deaths - **33,186**

Total Confirmed Cases in South West - **7,155**

Total Confirmed Cases in Gloucestershire* - **1,330**

Total Confirmed Cases in:

- Cheltenham - 317

- Cotswold - 151

- Forest of Dean - 107

- Gloucester - 383

- Stroud - 195

- Tewkesbury - 177

Total Deaths in Gloucestershire** - **214**

Help hub stats

- I can offer help – 3393

- I need help – 2871

- Someone I know needs help – 1128

- My business can help – 336

Key links

[National Guidance](#)

[General NHS advice](#)

- [Procurement Policy Notice (PPN) 02/20: Supplier relief due to COVID-19 – additional post-16 educational sector guidance](#)

- [Coronavirus: business support grant funding – guidance for local authorities](#) - Added guidance on the Local Authority Discretionary Fund.

- [Coronavirus: guidance on phased return of sport and recreation](#)

- [Coronavirus: construction update Q&A](#)

- [Holiday entitlement and pay during coronavirus](#)

[Latest advice and developments from Gloucestershire NHS](#)

[Gloucestershire's Community Help Hub](#)

[Council service updates](#)

[Make an adult social care referral](#)

[Business advice and support](#)

[Looking after your wellbeing](#)

[Support for children and families during Covid-19](#)

Your questions answered

Care Homes Update

Suspected or confirmed outbreaks

As of 13 May 2020 GCC had been notified of 77 care home settings where there was one or more suspected or confirmed Covid-19 cases. Table 1 shows the breakdown of notifications by district level, with the most notifications occurring in Cheltenham and Gloucester.

Table 1: Notifications of Covid-19 in care home settings, by district

	Total number of care homes with a suspected or confirmed outbreak	Total number of care homes	Proportion of care homes in a district that have a suspected or confirmed outbreak
Cheltenham	20	40	50.0%
Cotswold	9	18	50.0%
Forest of Dean	8	42	19.0%
Gloucester	20	60	33.3%
Stroud	9	51	17.6%

Tewkesbury	11	19	57.9%
Gloucestershire	77	230	33.5%

NB *Care homes vary in size and in the characteristics of their residents.*

Outbreak data is also being reported publicly here: https://www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/covid-19-number-of-outbreaks-in-care-homes-management-information. The figures here are slightly lower than our local figures due to a time lag.

The number of cases (confirmed or suspected) has not been reported due to limitations in data accuracy which means comparison is not possible. This information is being used for operational purposes. As testing in care homes increases we will review whether including this information will give additional strategic insight.

Covid-19 deaths

CQC publish figures on deaths where Covid-19 was suspected in the notification from the care home, as well as all cause mortality (since 10 April 2020).

(NB: It is probable that not all deaths due to Covid-19 will be notified as such, conversely Covid-19 may be mentioned but not have been a contributory factor in a death)

Sadly between 10 April and 8 May there were 184 Covid-19 suspected deaths notified from care homes in Gloucestershire, with a total of 329 deaths from all causes notified. There has been a decline in care home deaths since the week ending 24 April 2020.

While CQC numbers are more comprehensive than local reporting, they are not currently reported by district council. Table 2 uses local and PHE notifications of deaths in care homes which are available by district, however these numbers are lower than CQC reported figures as not all deaths are reported by this route.

As of 13 May 2020 there were 65 deaths of care home residents who were suspected to have Covid-19 notified to GCC locally, however we do not have information at this time as to whether Covid-19 was a contributory factor in each of these deaths.

Table 2: Deaths of care home residents who were suspected to have Covid-19, by district

	Deaths of care home residents who were suspected to have Covid-19	Care home beds	Rate per 1,000 care home beds
Cheltenham	30	1,395	21.5
Cotswold	<5	899	N/A

Forest of Dean	<5	730	N/A
Gloucester	12	1,247	9.6
Stroud	7	1,199	5.8
Tewkesbury	12	590	20.3
Gloucestershire	65	6,060	10.7

There is variation in the number of care homes, number of residents and acuity of residents between districts. The table below shows the rate of deaths per care home bed per district. However this does not take into account acuity of residents or differences in Covid-19 outbreaks between areas. As noted above this does not include information on all deaths or any differences in reporting Covid-19/non-Covid-19 between areas. In addition it is worth noting that the number involved are small.

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*The above data reflects nationally published data available here.

**This section contains information on deaths of patients who have died in hospitals in Gloucestershire and had tested positive for Covid-19 at time of death or where Covid-19 was mentioned on the death certificate. All deaths are recorded against the date of death rather than the date the deaths were announced. It is based on national NHS data published here.

The data in this briefing is updated at 9am each day based on the figures released at 2pm the previous day.