

Covid-19 daily update

Key messages

Gloucestershire updates

Testing - The national criteria for testing have been expanded. For the full list of people who are eligible for a test and how to access this, please see here www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested

In Gloucestershire, we have a local service managed by our NHS Trusts that is for health and social care workers.

Daily stats

Total UK Tests - **1,291,591**

Total UK Cases - **190,584**

Total UK Deaths - **28,734**

Total Confirmed Cases in South West - **6,571**

Total Confirmed Cases in Gloucestershire* - **1,243**

Total Deaths in Gloucestershire** - **194**

National updates

[Coronavirus test, track and trace plan launched on Isle of Wight](#) - Isle of Wight residents will be the first to get access to a new contact tracing app as part of action to minimise the spread of COVID-19.

[Coronavirus: getting tested](#) - Added unpaid carers to list of essential workers and those prioritised for testing.

Help hub stats

- I can offer help – **3,356**
- I need help – **2,663**
- Someone I know needs help – **1,035**

[Review into factors impacting health outcomes from COVID-19 -](#)

Review will analyse how different factors, including ethnicity, gender and obesity, can impact on people's health outcomes from COVID-19

Available data on health outcomes for NHS staff to be analysed, to develop a better understanding of how the virus affects frontline workforce

[Social distancing in the workplace during coronavirus: sector guidance](#) - Updated guidance for working in people's homes as a tradesperson, cleaner or nanny.

[Tax credits customers will continue to receive payments even if working fewer hours due to COVID-19](#)

New Urdu and Punjabi translations of the [Ramadan at Home radio advert](#)

On Friday afternoon, [ONS released a map](#) of covid-19 deaths by MSOA up until 17 April. Middle Super Output Areas (MSOAs) are a small area statistical geography covering England and Wales. Each area has a similarly sized population and remains stable over time. There are 75 MSOAs in Gloucestershire They are about twice the size of district council wards having an average population 8,447 and an average of 3,395 households. There boundaries are not coterminous with district council wards or county council electoral divisions. Please note that this was an additional new release by ONS that was not previously available at this level.

- My business can help – **328**

Key links

[National Guidance](#)

[General NHS advice](#)

[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

What measures are GCC taking in response to Gov UK issued guidance on [easing Care Act 2014 provisions](#) as a result of the Coronavirus Act? There are significant concerns about this nationally, as the new law allows councils to reduce their duties to provide care and support if they're not able to cope with the effects of the coronavirus pandemic. Concerns include regarding disabled people e.g. social care being withdrawn with no notice by [Glasgow Council](#).

The Care Act Easements were included in the Coronavirus Act but the implementation of them is very specific. GCC lawyers have written a set of guidance notes to be used and are part of a regional group that advise us. We plan to use our existing governance arrangements if we need to consider enacting any easement.

However, there is a prescribed process to do this which involves a review and recommendation by the principle social worker of any proposal to remove or restrict a service, a risk assessment, consultation with the cabinet members for adult social care, consultation with the CCG, a decision by the executive director of adult social care and communication with service users, organisations and carers. All of which must be documented, evidenced and recorded on the Covid 19 log.

We are working as usual, albeit in a different way and continue to accept and assess referrals, process blue badge applications and conduct financial assessments. We're working to the new discharge guidance with colleagues in the acute and community hospitals. The easements do not apply to the Mental Health Act, Deprivation of Liberty or Mental Capacity Act. Our safeguarding and DoLs teams are working.

We do not expect to be overwhelmed by demand for easements and there is no sign so far of that being likely. Nevertheless we have to be prepared. According to the CQC website, seven councils have used them so far. We are aware of the situation referred to in Glasgow but the Care Act does not apply to Scotland and their guidance is different, as it is in Wales and Northern Ireland.

*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.