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#### Background context

- During the week from Friday 02 October to Thursday 08 October 2020 there were 631 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in people living in Bury
- This is a rate of 331.9 cases per 100,000 people per week
- This was an increase of 115 cases per week compared to the week before. We are seeing a consistent rise in the rate of cases and cases are doubling roughly every two and a half weeks
- The majority of cases remain in working age adults.
- We have seen a sharp increase in the numbers of cases aged 65 and over the last week.
- In terms of ethnicity, out of 631 cases, 448 (71%) were in people who described themselves as British and 52 (8.2%) were in people who identified as Pakistani.
- 52% of cases this week were female.
- Cases remain spread across the whole of Bury. Numbers of cases are highest in Sedgley and have increased further this week with 80 new cases. In terms of ethnicity and age, cases there were broadly representative of Bury as a whole, although with slightly higher numbers of cases among children.
- In the week to 08 October there were 1637 contacts of confirmed cases identified in Bury. This was an increase of 764 contacts per week compared to the week before.
- 1454 (88.8%) of contacts identified in the most recent week are identified in the data available to Bury Council. Of the contacts for which data is available, 961 were identified as completed for follow-up or in progress, representing 58.7% of all contacts identified. This was a decrease of 3.3 % from the week before

#### Schools in Bury

- There is a constant stream of staff and students currently isolating as either cases or contacts
- There has been no obvious school based outbreaks to date, mainly isolated cases

- The impact of cases has meant there is approximately between 1000 and 1500 school children off at any given day

#### Testing in Bury

- We now have 5 testing sites up and running with plans for two more to open shortly, we have locally led walk in sites at Chesham Fold and the Mosses Centre, which are both open 5 days per week 10-3pm.
- We have 3 test centres run by the department of health and social care with bookable appointments at Whitefield library (6 days per week 8-8), Radcliffe old leisure centre car park and the Metro Christian Centre (both 7 days per week 8-8), with two more planned in Ramsbottom and Prestwich over the next few weeks.

#### Track and Trace in Bury

- Our local test track and trace system has been allocated 754 cases since 8<sup>th</sup> September
- It is now being passed on average 20-30 cases per day to follow up (7 days a week)
- 92% of cases which are taken up by the local system are successfully contacted (Important to note that not all cases are taken up due to internal capacity)

#### Engagement in Bury

- A comprehensive and sustained communications and engagement plan is in place and a new weekly briefing has been developed to help communities to understand the rules and what they need to do to protect themselves and others.

#### Future position

- On 12<sup>th</sup> October a national 3 tier system was outlined to start from 14<sup>th</sup> October
- The categories are medium (tier 1), high (tier 2) and Very high (tier 3).

- As of 14<sup>th</sup> October Bury along with the whole of Greater Manchester has been placed in tier 2 – which has resulted in no additional measures
- There are ongoing discussions nationally if GM should be moved into tier 3
- If Bury does move in to tier 3 this will mean
  - o You are not allowed to meet socially with anybody who is not part of your household or your support bubble indoors or in certain outdoor locations.
  - o You cannot meet in private gardens or pub gardens, but you are allowed to meet in parks, beaches, countryside or forests, as long as you are not in a group of more than six.
  - o Pubs and bars will be closed unless they are serving substantial meals and only serving alcohol with meals.
  - o Local areas can also introduce additional measures to these at their discretion (the Liverpool City region have decided to close gyms, leisure centres, betting shops and casinos)