

YOUR HEALTHWATCH

Dental services

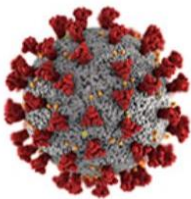


Healthwatch Brighton and Hove asked local people to tell us about their experiences of dental care from September to December 2020, and 56 people responded. You can [access our findings here](#).

We are receiving a large number of queries asking how to find an NHS dentist. Dental services remain under pressure and full services have not yet resumed and have once again been impacted by the current lockdown. We are working with NHS England, who commission dental services, to get better information and will share this with you as soon as we get this.

In the meantime, please email us with any questions and we will do our best to help office@healthwatchbrightonandhove.co.uk

COVID vaccine



A reminder that we have created a dedicated webpage on the [Healthwatch Brighton and Hove website](#) which is being regularly updated. Further information on the roll-out is provided later on in this bulletin.

We have been answering questions about the vaccine and roll-out and hope that you have found our advice helpful. If you have a question, or would like to share your experience of having the vaccine, please email us at office@healthwatchbrightonandhove.co.uk

HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE UPDATES

(1) NHS and care services across the county

[The Sussex Health and Care Partnership](#) has issued a statement on their website about NHS and care services across the county. Part of this states:

“ Due to the sharp increase in COVID-19 infection rates across our communities in Sussex in recent weeks, demand for NHS and care services across the county has risen significantly.

Staff across the NHS and local authorities are working tirelessly to ensure they continue to provide safe consistent care.

Hospitals, community teams, mental health services, social care, GP practices and the NHS111 service are incredibly busy, but remain open and there for you.

Your GP practice is open and continuing to provide online, phone and face to face appointments for those who need them.

NHS 111 can also be used 24/7 either by calling 111 or going online - 111.nhs.uk. You can access help, advice and even a time slot with the right health service for your needs.

Community pharmacies remain open in lockdown and can offer a range of medical advice and help for illnesses and injuries.

The current demand on NHS services does mean that we have had to make some temporary changes to the way we work.

Our hospitals are continuing to provide cancer care and other urgent operations and are working hard to continue providing other non-COVID-related treatments where it is safe to do so.

However, some routine, planned operations may be delayed. These decisions are never taken lightly, and we are sorry to anyone affected.

We are also having to focus on how people are supported to leave hospital when they are medically ready, and the current demand on services could mean some patients are discharged from hospitals into community settings which may not be their first choice. Our teams are talking to all patients and their families who are affected by this to help and support them in the best way possible.

While services are extremely busy, it is still very important that people seek NHS care if they need it.



You can read the full article by [clicking here](#).

(2) Updates from our local hospitals

You will have most likely seen media reports that The Royal Sussex County Hospital in Brighton has reported that all 66 of its critical care beds are full amid a surge in coronavirus cases with some media speculating that the hospital has 'run out of beds'. We thought it might be useful and reassuring for you to read the statement from Brighton and Sussex University Hospital Trust. It is as follows:



Our hospitals are very busy, but we have prepared for this. At the beginning of the pandemic, we put detailed plans in a place to ensure we can continue to provide the very best care for all our patients. These plans include increasing the number of critical care beds across our trust to support those patients needing this level of care.

“We currently have critical care beds available and understand demand for critical care will continue until infection rates fall. So, we ask for the public’s continued support in observing social distancing, the government’s hands, face, space advice and by staying at home.

George Findlay, chief medical officer at [Brighton and Sussex University Hospitals NHS Trust](#) (BSUH)



Healthwatch has sourced some additional information from the [BSUH website](#) about services and appointments which is shown below. This also includes information about Sussex Community NHS Trust Foundation and Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust, together with some useful resources to help you.

Brighton and Sussex University Hospitals NHS Trust

The Trust has responsibility for the Royal Sussex County Hospital, Royal Alexandra Children’s Hospital, Sussex Eye Hospital, Sussex Orthopaedic Treatment Centre, Park Centre for Breast Care, and the Princess Royal Hospital in Haywards Heath. In addition, the Trust runs services from a number of other centres from the Brighton General Hospital, Hove Polyclinic, Lewes Victoria Hospital, and a number of other satellite sites.



We are caring for a rapidly increasing number of patients with COVID-19, which is placing unprecedented pressure on our services. To ensure we can care for the high numbers of patients we are seeing, we have taken the difficult decision to postpone some routine planned procedures. This allows us to move staff between departments and support critical care and COVID-19 wards. We will contact all patients whose appointments need to be rescheduled.

We are also postponing or changing the way we provide many outpatient appointments. Some appointments will now be offered as virtual consultations. We will contact all patients whose outpatient appointments are affected. We are sorry we have had to take these steps and do understand the impact these decisions have on patients, families and carers. This decision is never taken lightly but will ensure we are able to treat patients who need urgent care quickly while maintaining the highest standards of safety for all our patients.

If you have been asked to come to the hospital for your appointment, please attend as normal. If you can’t attend or have any concerns, please contact your clinical team as soon as possible.



For further information, visit the Trust's Coronavirus information page.

www.bsuh.nhs.uk/coronavirus/

For information about attending your appointment, go to

<https://www.bsuh.nhs.uk/covid-safe-care/>

- You can watch two short videos which will tell you “*What to expect at your appointment*” and “*How we're providing COVID safe care*”.
- On this page you can also find answers to commonly asked questions about your appointment, or if you are attending for a procedure or surgery.
- There is also information to help you understand how telephone and video appointments work.

You can reschedule your appointment [online](#) or call the Outpatients booking line on [0300 303 8360](tel:03003038360) or email bsuh.outpatients.bookingcentre@nhs.net

You can also use these contact details if you need to find out more information about your referral and have not been contacted by the hospital yet.

If you have any questions you can't find on these webpages regarding your appointment then please use the contact details in your appointment letter, or call on [01273 664511](tel:01273664511) (Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton) or [01273 664973](tel:01273664973) (Princess Royal Hospital, Haywards Heath)

Additional links

[Government Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) page](#)

[BSUH outpatient appointments information page](#)

[BSUH visiting information page](#) - there are strict guidelines in place which you should familiarise yourself with before visiting the hospital. Visiting will only be permitted under these certain circumstances. Alternatives to visiting are available such as using digital services, but emails and letters can be sent to bsuh.letterstolovedones@nhs.net. Messages will be printed and laminated for delivery to the wards Monday to Friday.

[Charity donations](#)

[Maternity services](#)- information is available on your pregnancy, giving birth including where to give birth, self-referrals, and information leaflets that you can download.

Maternity Assessment Unit or Triage

Contact if ...

- You think labour has started
- Waters have broken
- Baby is moving less than usual
- Bleeding from your vagina
- Any other pregnancy concerns after 14 wks
- Concerns about baby or your after birth recovery, while still under midwife care



RSCH (MAU) 01273 664793
PRH (Triage) 01444 448669

Open 24/7

Sussex Community NHS Trust Foundation

The Trust are the main provider of Community NHS health and care across Brighton & Hove, East Sussex, High Weald Lewes and Havens and West Sussex working across a number of [hospital sites](#). The Trust provides Community Rehabilitation, caring for patients with urgent care needs helping to keep them out of hospital, working with patients, carers, and hospital staff to help a patient return home from a hospital stay as soon as possible, Health Promotion, and services for children and families. For a full list of services [click here](#)

Visitor information and guidance

- Due to the sharp increase in COVID-19 cases in Sussex the Trust has taken the difficult decision to [restrict visiting](#). From 1st January 2021 onwards, essential visitors only will be allowed at intermediate care units. All visiting is at the discretion of the nurse in charge. Visiting must be prearranged by calling the relevant unit.

[Information is also available to supporting you stay in touch.](#)

- The Patient Experience team is running a new personal messaging service that will enable friends and families to send messages, photos, grandchildren's drawings etc by email so that we can arrange for them to be printed off and handed to our patients. Please email sc-tr.messagestopatients@nhs.net or call 01273 242292 for further details.

Additional information

[Here is a link to advice for our patients who receive care in their own homes](#)

You can access NHS Diabetes Advice via Diabetes UK's support line on 0345 123 2399, Monday-Friday, 9am-6pm.

Recovering from COVID-19

- It can take a long time to recover fully from coronavirus. Many people report feeling unwell for several weeks, even months. The trust has put together some [advice to help people across Sussex in their recovery](#).
- Active at Home booklet [PHE - Active at Home booklet](#)
- Strength, balance and mobility [Useful tips for standing and balance](#) and [CSP Get Up and Go leaflet](#)
- Returning to usual activities [Guidance on returning to sport after injury or illness](#)
- Self-care [Guidance for dressing aids](#)
- Respiratory management [Managing breathlessness](#)
- Communication and cognitive difficulties
 - [Memory and cognitive difficulties](#)
 - [Guidance for memory difficulties](#)
 - [Top tips for communication](#)
- Swallowing difficulties - dysphagia

- [Top tips for eating and drinking](#)
- [Top tips for good mouth care](#)
- Food management and nutrition
 - [Top tips for eating well](#)
 - [Nutrition checklist](#)
- Fatigue
 - [Top tips for sleep](#)
 - [How to conserve your energy](#)
 - [Recovering at home, how to manage post-viral fatigue](#)
 - [Treated in hospital, how to manage post-viral fatigue](#)

Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust

Mental health and learning disability services are here for you. The Trust continues to provide face-to-face, telephone and online support to people under the care of their community services. Hospital services, including visiting, continue to run as usual.

For information on the Trust's response to COVID-19 please [click here](#)

If you have an appointment, the Trust's hospitals and clinics are running, however they are taking precautions in line with the rest of the NHS. Please attend your appointment as normal unless you have been contacted to make alternative arrangements or if you, or someone you live with, have symptoms of COVID-19.

If you have an appointment with Child and Adult Mental Health Services (CAMHS) please see their websites for specific information about appointments [Visit the Hampshire CAMHS website](#)

Useful information

There is a lot of information out there and we know that it can sometimes feel a bit overwhelming. It is important to acknowledge how you are feeling emotionally as well as looking out for your physical health. The Trust have pulled together some useful advice and guidance to help you do just that.

- [Looking after your mental health](#)
- [Advice for family, friend and staff carers](#)
- [Information for people with a learning disability](#)
- [Information for autistic people](#)

Information for service users

The Trust has put together some information responding to frequently asked questions. For individual arrangements relating to the service you use, please contact your care co-ordinator or lead practitioner for more information.

[Information for service users](#)

(3) Shielding patients

If you are shielding, you should receive the following [COVID-19 letter to clinically extremely vulnerable people](#). This letter is to let you know about the guidance that is in place for clinically extremely vulnerable people during the national lockdown.

If you, or a friend, family or neighbour are finding things tough, you are not alone. Whether it is food, money or loneliness, local services can help you. You can search the COVID-19 Brighton & Hove help directory: <https://covidbrightonhove.org.uk> which can provide you with help on the following:

How can we help you?

- [I need a coronavirus test](#)
- [Where can I buy a face mask?](#)
- [What's the situation with coronavirus right now?](#)
- [I need someone to do my food shopping](#)
- [I need free food or a food bank](#)
- [I need someone to get my medicine](#)
- [I need someone to talk to](#)

Help directory

- [Food and shopping](#)
- [Health and mental health](#)
- [Rent and housing](#)
- [Work, money and benefits](#)
- [Things to do](#)
- [Coronavirus vaccination](#)

[See more kinds of help](#)

If you are providing essential support to their friends and family who are in isolation then please read this government [coronavirus guide: How to help safely](#)

If you need support while outside your home, this government guide explains what you and the people helping you should do to limit the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19). [Getting help with daily activities outside your home during coronavirus](#)

(4) National lockdown: Updates to COVID-19 advice and information



For a reminder of what you can and cannot do during the lockdown please click [here](#). This includes a wealth of information on the following (you can click on these links to open them)

Contents

1. [Summary: what you can and cannot do during the national lockdown](#)
2. [Who this guidance is for](#)
3. [Hands. Face. Space.](#)
4. [Reducing the chance of catching or spreading the virus in your home](#)
5. [When you can leave home](#)
6. [Meeting other people](#)
7. [Exercising](#)
8. [Face coverings](#)

9. Support and childcare bubbles
10. If you break the rules
11. Protecting people more at risk from coronavirus
12. Going to work
13. Going to school or college
14. Universities
15. Childcare
16. Travel
17. International travel
18. Staying away from home overnight
19. Care home visits
20. Funerals
21. Weddings, civil partnerships and religious services
22. Places of worship
23. Sports and physical activity
24. Moving home
25. Financial support
26. Businesses and venues
27. Businesses and venues which can remain open
28. Healthcare and public services
29. Easy read, large print and translated versions

ADVICE THAT HAS BEEN UPDATED

Healthwatch England has updated its advice and information articles covering:

[Social distancing](#)

[Maternity support](#)

COVID-19 vaccination

(1) News on COVID-19 vaccines

A reminder that we have created a dedicated webpage on the [Healthwatch Brighton and Hove website](#). Information is being released all the time and we will be regularly updating this dedicated page as more information about the roll-out of vaccines is released.

The website explains how the vaccines are currently being rolled-out, and includes news and updates including:

- expansion of GP-led vaccination sites, including Brighton Racecourse opening
- announcement that the Brighton Centre will open as a large vaccination centre for the area
- that vaccinations for health and social care staff can now be booked.

Please visit the Healthwatch website [here](#) for more information.

You can also read some further information about the vaccine programme in the separate attachment that we have provided with this bulletin.

More than a third of over 80s in England have been vaccinated against COVID-19

having received at least one dose of the coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccine as of 10th January.

How do the vaccines compare? The BBC has produced this [helpful summary](#), but we have reproduced some data below.

Pfizer BioNTech	Oxford University / AstraZeneca	Moderna
<p>The big breakthrough came when Pfizer-BioNTech published its first results in November.</p> <p>They showed the vaccine is up to 95% effective.</p> <p>The UK is due to get 40 million doses.</p> <p>It is given in two doses,</p> <p>The vaccine must be stored at a temperature of around -70C.</p> <p>On 2 December, the UK became the first country in the world to approve the vaccine for widespread use.</p>	<p>The roll-out of the Oxford vaccine began on 5 January.</p> <p>It was approved late in 2020 after trials showed that it stopped 70% of people developing Covid symptoms.</p> <p>The data also showed a strong immune response in older people.</p> <p>There is data that suggests perfecting the dose could increase protection up to 90%</p> <p>The UK has ordered 100 million doses.</p> <p>It is given in two doses up to 12 weeks apart.</p>	<p>It protects 94.5% of people, the company says.</p> <p>The UK has pre-ordered 17 million doses which it should receive in the spring.</p> <p>It is given in two doses, four weeks apart.</p> <p>30,000 have been involved in the trials.</p> <p>It is easier to store, because it stays stable at -20C for up to six months.</p>

What other vaccines are being developed?

Other trial results are also expected in the coming weeks.

- Data on the Russian Sputnik V vaccine, which works like the Oxford one, [suggests it is 92% efficient](#)
- Janssen's trial [is recruiting 6,000 people across the UK](#), in a total of 30,000 volunteers worldwide, to see if two jabs give stronger and longer-lasting immunity than one.
- Wuhan Institute of Biological Products and Sinopharm in China, and Russia's Gamaleya Research Institute are all in final testing.

(2) Vaccinations now available to health and social care workers

The Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) recommended that health and care staff are among the first people to be offered the vaccine in order to prevent death and protect health and social care staff and systems.

With more locations and vaccines available, all health and care workers are invited to book a vaccination at one of the hospital-based vaccination sites across Sussex. Appointments are available for all paid or employed health and care staff working in Sussex, including:

- All NHS staff from primary (including general practice and general dental practice), community and secondary care.
- Staff of independent and third sector health and care providers
- Care and care home staff in public, private and not for profit sectors.

To receive your vaccination, **you must present photographic staff ID when you attend** along with confirmation of your appointment, which will be provided when you book. If you do not have photographic staff ID, you should bring alternative photo ID (e.g., passport, photo-card driving licence, or a national ID card) with a payslip or letter of authorisation from your employer.

You must have a booked appointment. Do not attend without one as you will not be vaccinated without an appointment.

For more information click [here](#)

The booking links below are open to health and care professionals in Sussex only:

- [Eastbourne District General Hospital](#)
- [Hastings Conquest Hospital](#)
- [Princess Royal Hospital, Haywards Heath](#)
- [Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton](#)
- [St Richard's Hospital, Chichester](#)
- [Worthing Hospital](#)
- Mill View Hospital, Hove (start date to be confirmed)
- Queen Victoria Hospital, East Grinstead (start date to be confirmed)

(3) High Street Pharmacies Deliver NHS COVID-19 Jabs

Life-saving coronavirus jabs will begin to be delivered at High Street pharmacies from today (15th January) as the NHS accelerates the biggest vaccination programme in its history.

Boots, Superdrug, and several independent stores will be the first of hundreds of community pharmacies to offer vaccinations protecting against COVID-19.

Two hundred community pharmacies are due to come online over the next fortnight as more vaccine supplies come on stream by the end of the month.

The first pilot sites will start vaccinations today with up to 70 more taking bookings for next week and hundreds opening by the end of the month. There are no sites in Sussex yet.

Read more by [clicking here](#)

(4) NHS COVID-19 Jobs volunteers needed

Two sites are looking for volunteers in the next few weeks, please see below for more information. **Volunteers do need to have a current DBS check.**

Brighton Racecourse Freshfield Rd, Brighton BN2 9XZ

Please see sign up here to see the dates available <https://ias.hereweare.org.uk/> please contact d.leach@nhs.net if you have any issues with signing up or queries about the shifts. The main role they are looking for will be support with marshalling the site (which means directing patients as to where to go for their injections, this role will either be done inside or outside so please let Danny know your preference).

Portslade Health Centre Church Rd, Portslade, Brighton BN41 1LX

Please email tory.lawrence@nhs.net to be added to the distribution list for the rota for this site. In particular, they are looking for people that can pick up new databases quite quickly to help with booking in patients.

LOCAL COVID NEWS

(1) A message from the Director of Public Health for our City



The number of confirmed cases of Covid-19 in Brighton & Hove has more than doubled since the current national lockdown started on 26 December.

Our local hospitals are also seeing significant increases in the volume of patients with Covid-19 which is putting extra pressure on the NHS. The continued high number of cases among the over 60s is concerning as they are the group most likely to need hospital care for COVID. We are now publishing data about hospital admissions with other statistics about [the rate of Covid the city on our website](#).

Stay at home.

It is vital that everyone follows the [Government's national lockdown rules](#) to stay at home.

You should only leave your home for good reason:

- Shopping for essentials such as food and medicine
- Meeting your support or childcare bubble
- Children can move between separated parents
- Working or volunteering where it is "unreasonable" to work from home
- Education, training, childcare, medical appointments and emergencies
- To avoid danger and harm, including domestic violence
- Exercise outdoors once a day

If you do leave home for one of these reasons, you should stay local unless it is necessary to go further, for example to go to work. Staying local means remaining in the part of the city where you live.

And if you experience any [Covid related symptoms](#) - even if very mild - please immediately [book a test](#) and you must [self-isolate](#) with your household

Alistair Hill, Director of Public Health

If you need support or advice during the pandemic the [Council](#) website has more information: [Brighton and Hove City Council Covid-19 pages](#)

A coronavirus help directory for Brighton & Hove is also available [here](#). Use this site to find support with food shopping, money, and work, COVID testing, and more. You can also use it to find help for friends, family, and neighbours.

For advice around attending school, college and universities please click [here](#). Answers to commonly asked questions are available [here](#).

(2) How and where to get a COVID test

Full advice from the Council is available [here](#).

You are advised to keep trying to book through the government [website](#) or by calling 119.

A walk-in coronavirus test centre in East Brighton park is open. Anyone wanting a test must book an appointment, as with the mobile drive-through test centre currently operating from Withdean.

- Click here to [get a coronavirus test](#).
- If you do not have access to the internet, you can call 119 to book or order a test.
- In the event that anyone with symptoms is unable to obtain a local test, it is not recommended that you travel long distances. Government advice is to try booking again in a few hours. A good time to try is 8.30pm when new slots are made available.

A test for suspected COVID-19 is free and NHS treatment for COVID-19 is free for all, including overseas visitors who are not usually entitled to free treatment from the NHS.

These websites contain all the information you need:

- [Brighton and Hove City Council](#) (including links to translated materials)
- [Coronavirus in children](#)
- This [government website](#) explains all you need to know about how to get a test.
- More information explaining how Test and Trace works can be found [here](#). [The council has updated their advice about obtaining a test for COVID-19](#)
- [Testing for coronavirus at home](#) - How to use your coronavirus home test kit.

Antibody testing is available for certain groups only.

You can get [a free at-home antibody test if all of these apply](#) you live in England , you are 18 or over and you work in paid adult social care.

More information can be found in these links:

[How tests and testing kits for coronavirus \(COVID-19\) work](#)

[NHS Test and Trace: how we test your samples](#)

[Testing for coronavirus before hospital](#)

LOCAL COVID DATA

(1) Local data on COVID and statistics published by the Council

Key statistics for Brighton & Hove

You can find key local data showing confirmed cases of COVID-19 and deaths related to COVID-19 on the [Brighton and Hove Council website](#). We have reproduced some of this data below. The Council also provides links to other available data which can be accessed [here](#). This includes the confirmed case rate trend, confirmed case rates trend by age, individuals tested and number of patients in hospital.

COVID-19 in Brighton and Hove

The number of confirmed cases of Covid-19 in Brighton & Hove has more than doubled since the current national lockdown started on 26th December. And numbers of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Brighton & Hove continue to increase.

Published data provides us with an average rate of new cases of COVID-19 per 100,000 people over two time periods:

- a) the last 7-days
- b) the average since March 2020

The two averages are therefore different. For information, the population of Brighton and Hove is estimated by the [ONS](#) to be 290,885.

In the last 7 days

In the seven days up to 9th January (based on data published on 14th January) we had 2,117 confirmed new COVID-19 cases in Brighton & Hove.

- This is equivalent to a weekly rate of new cases of 727.8 per 100,000 residents (calculated as follows: $2,117 / 290,885 \times 100,000 = 727.8$)
- This is higher than the rate for England, which was 622.3 per 100,000, and the South East which was 658.6 per 100,000
- This rate has increased from 688.9 as published in our last Healthwatch bulletin issued on 8th January.
- This weekly rate has increased from 101.4 as of 16th December 2020 and just 16.5 as of 2nd October 2020.

This data is published by the [Public Health England](#) and population data by the Office for National Statistics.

Average rate since February 2020

As of 14th January, the total number of confirmed cases across the city stood at 10,902.

- This is equivalent to a rate of new cases of 3,748 per 100,000 residents (calculated as follows: $10,902 / 290,885 \times 100,000 = 3,748$)
- This is lower than the rate for England, which was 5,035.5 per 100,000 and the South East which was 4,363.9 per 100,000
- This number has increased from 3,091 as published in our last Healthwatch bulletin issued on 8th January.
- This rate has increased from 1,630 as of 16th December 2020 and just 377.5 as of 2nd October 2020.

This data is published on the [government website](#).

People tested, and positivity rates

The number of individuals in Brighton and Hove who have had polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test in the 7 days up to 9th January 2021 stood at 13,986. The percentage of individuals who tested positive in the same time period was 16.2%.

Death rates

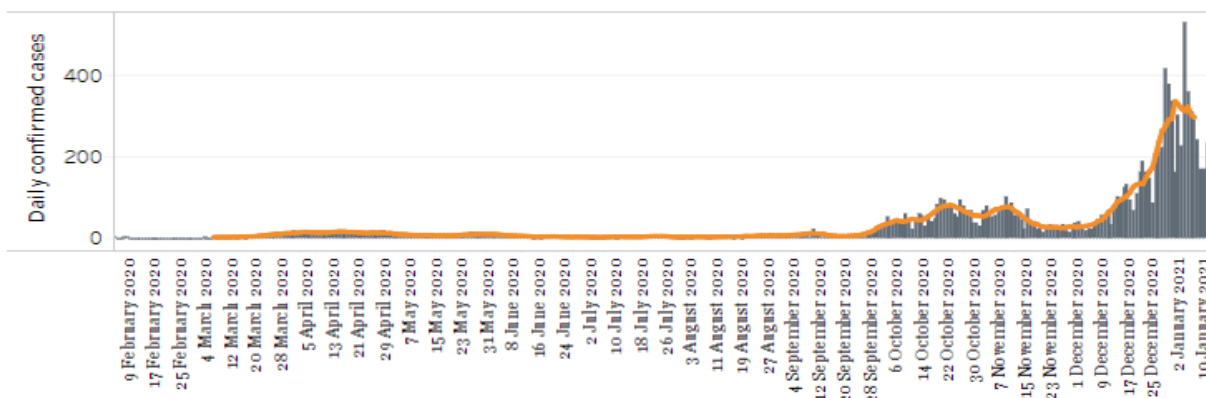
The number of deaths recorded up to 1st January 2021 with mention of COVID-19 on the death certificate stood at 219.

Number of patients in hospital

As of 15th January 2021, there were 188 inpatients with confirmed COVID-19 across the Royal Sussex County and Royal Alexandra Children's Hospitals. 36 patients were receiving intensive care. These figures relate to all patients and not just Brighton and Hove residents.



Confirmed COVID-19 cases in Brighton & Hove



Key

- 7 day daily average
- Daily confirmed cases

Confirmed cases up to 14 January 2021:
10,902

Confirmed cases (rate per 100,000 population) up to 14 January 2021:
3,748

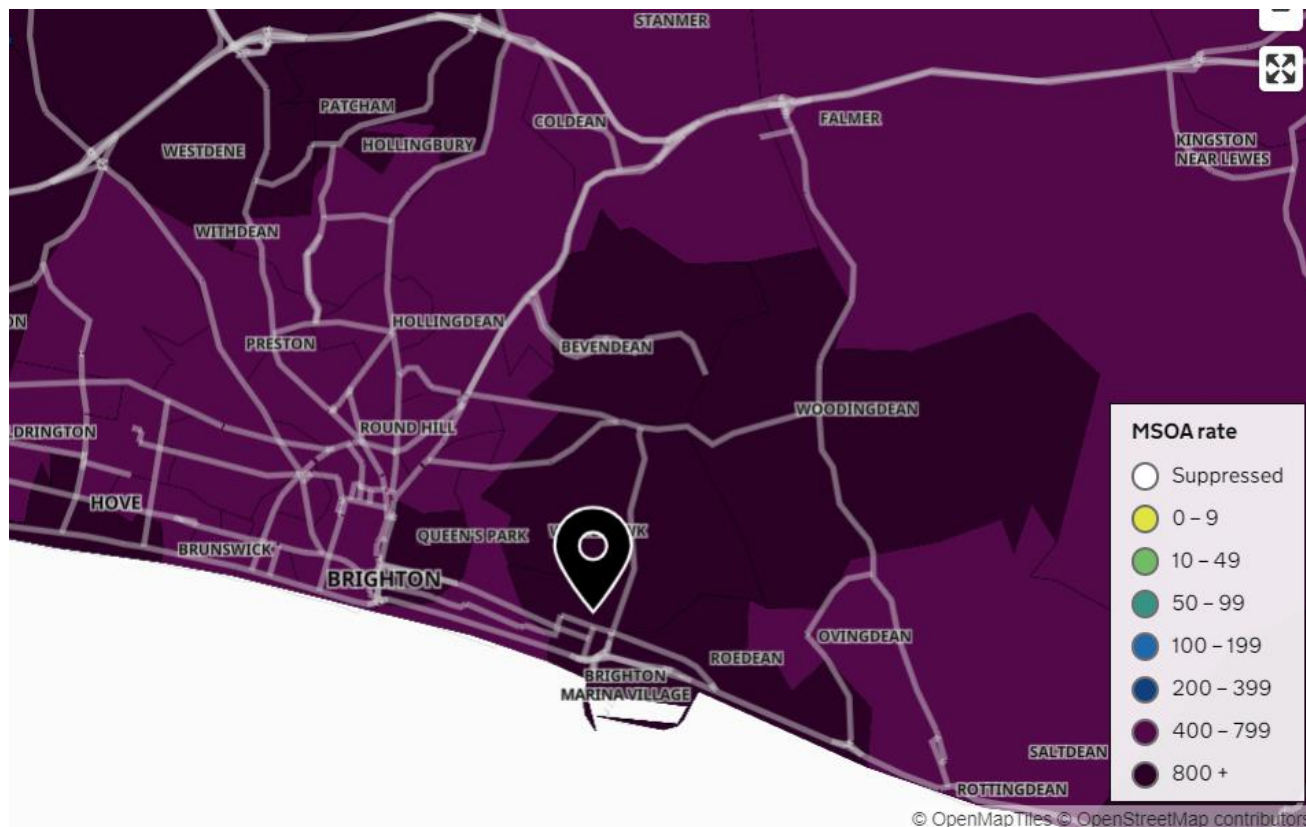
Confirmed cases in the 7 days up to 9 January 2021:
2,117

Confirmed cases (rate per 100,000 population) in 7 days up to 9 January 2021:
727.8

Most recent days subject to reporting delay. Last available data: 14 January 2021

Where are the highest rates of infection in the city?

This government [map](#) displays weekly data, including seven-day case rates and direction of change ending on 7th January 2021. This shows that the whole city is showing rates of infection of 400 per 100,000 people and above. Woodingdean, Bevendean, Roedean, Whitehawk, the Marina, Queens Park, Patcham, Westdean, Withdean, Hollingbury, Hangleton and parts of Hove have rates of 800 per 100,000 people and over.



Government data shows the number of confirmed COVID-19 cases in Brighton and Hove:

Date	No of confirmed cases	Total number of confirmed cases
13.1.21	6	10,902
12.1.21	103	10,896
11.1.21	232	10,793
10.1.21	169	10,561
9.1.21	169	10,392
8.1.21	242	10,223
7.1.21	289	9,981
6.1.21	307	9,692
5.1.21	358	9,385
4.1.21	528	9,027
3.1.21	224	8,499

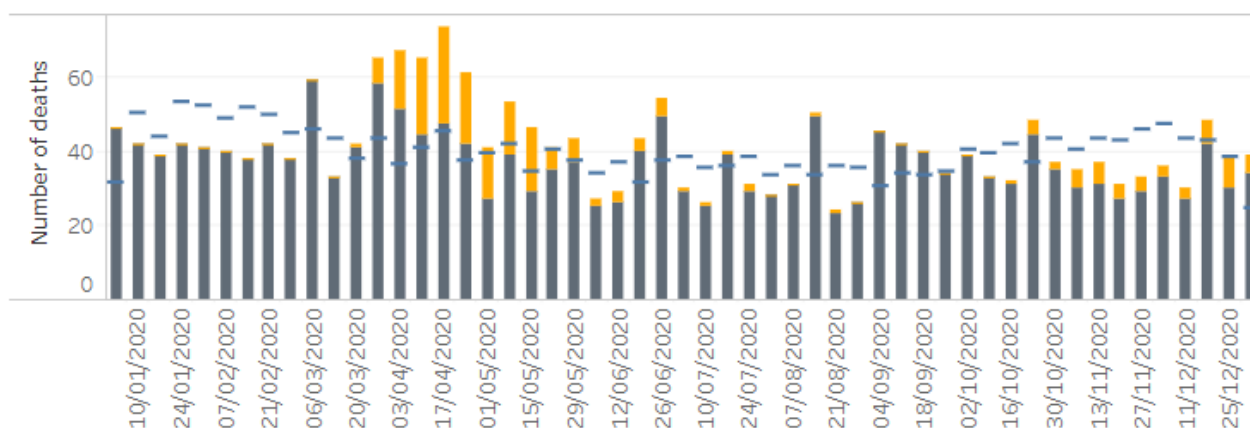
Deaths related to COVID-19 in the city.

The number of deaths recorded up to 1st January 2021 (registered as of 9th January) with mention of COVID-19 on the death certificate stood at 219. In the last 7 days up to 4th December, there were 5 new deaths recorded.

COVID-10 confirmed cases following a test conducted within the those carried out by commercial laboratories (data obtained from the [Brighton and hove Council website](#)).



Deaths in Brighton & Hove in 2020



Legend

- Covid deaths in week (2020)
- Non-Covid deaths in week (2020)
- 5-Year Average (2015-19)

Number of deaths recorded in 2020, up to 01 January 2021, with mention of COVID-19 on the death certificate:
219

Number of deaths recorded in the week up to 01 January 2021, with mention of COVID-19 on the death certificate:
5

Deaths shown occurred up to 01 January 2021 and were registered up to 09 January 2021.

Deaths recorded by NHS Trusts.

The total number of deaths recorded by **Brighton and Sussex University Hospitals NHS Trust** since the beginning of the outbreak is 219. Numbers across all NHS Trusts have increased in since our last bulletin. This data is published by [NHS England](#) and is available here: [COVID 19 total announced deaths 15 January 2021](#)

For interest (comparisons are not appropriate) other Sussex Trusts have recorded the following numbers of deaths:

- Brighton and Sussex University NHS Trust 287 (previously 258)
- East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust 377 (302)
- Surrey and Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust 392 (363)
- Sussex Community NHS Foundation Trust 32 (25)
- Western Sussex Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust 250 (152)

(2) Data on COVID in care homes

For Brighton and Hove the number of deaths in care homes linked to COVID-19, as of 8th January 2021, stood at 78. This is against a total of 219 COVID-related deaths in the city which had occurred up to 1st January and registered up to 9th January 2021 [This data is available on the Brighton and Hove website.](#)

NATIONAL COVID NEWS

(1) Rollout of coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccines

The UK government has set out how it intends to build up a supply of vaccines, and deploy them, in the [UK COVID-19 vaccines delivery plan](#) and the [vaccines delivery plan](#). Their aim is to deliver at least 2 million vaccinations per week by the end of January at over 2,700 vaccine sites across the UK, with tens of millions of people immunised by the spring. By the end of January, everyone in England will be within 10 miles of a vaccination site or, for a small number of highly rural areas, the vaccine will be brought to them via mobile teams.

This will be made possible by the rapid expansion of the programme, including:

- 206 active hospital sites
- 50 vaccination centres
- around 1,200 local vaccination sites - including primary care networks, community pharmacy sites and mobile teams.

The expansion of the programme will also mean all adults will be offered a vaccine by the autumn.

The government and the NHS have also mobilised a workforce of over 80,000 health professionals to help in the delivery of the programme across the different vaccination sites, with over 200,000 additional members of the public expressing their interest in helping with the non-clinical elements of the rollout such as administrative support, logistics, stewards and first aiders.

The Prime Minister set out his commitment to offer the first vaccine dose to all those in the top 4 priority groups recommended by the Joint Committee of Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) by 15th February. With these groups accounting for 88% of COVID-19 fatalities.

This would account for almost half of the priority groups in phase one, with all 9 high-risk groups for phase one of the programme being vaccinated by spring.

The UK has secured early access to 367 million doses of 7 of the most promising vaccines so far. To date, the government has invested over £230 million into manufacturing a successful vaccine. In the Chancellor's Spending Review, published on 25 November, it was announced that the government has made more than £6 billion available to develop and procure successful vaccines.

NATIONAL COVID DATA

(1) COVID-19 national data

National COVID-19 surveillance reports

The government publishes a series of [weekly summary](#) reports.

Death rates

There are 2 definitions of a death in a person with COVID-19 in England, one broader measure and one measure reflecting current trends:

- 1) A death in a person with a laboratory-confirmed positive COVID-19 test and died within (equal to or less than) 28 days of the first positive specimen date.
- 2) A death in a person with a laboratory-confirmed positive COVID-19 and either: died within 60 days of the first specimen date or died more than 60 days after the first specimen date, only if COVID-19 is mentioned on the death certificate.

Coronavirus deaths and cases give a sense of the spread of the epidemic. Deaths are counted where a lab-confirmed positive coronavirus test result is reported in any setting. This means that not all deaths reported here are caused by coronavirus.

In England, as of 14th January 2021, the number of deaths of people who had had a positive test result for COVID-19 and died within 28 days of the first test stood at 86,015.

In the South East the total number of deaths stood 10,465 cases.

Data on death rates are published on the [daily dashboard](#).

(a) Infection levels

The data reveals that as of 14th January 2021:

- the total number of lab-confirmed UK cases of COVID-19 stood at 3,260,258. This is the total number of people who have had a positive test result. The weekly rate per 100,000 people is 622.3.
- in the South East, the total number of lab-confirmed UK cases of COVID-19 stood 400,612. There were 60,462 in the last 7-days.

For up-to-date numbers of coronavirus (COVID-19) cases and risk in the UK, click [here](#).

(2) Government announcements

Below we have provided links to some announcements which may be of interest.

[UK COVID-19 vaccines delivery plan](#)

How the UK government was able to build up a supply of vaccines and how it is planning to deploy them.

[Government publishes plan for the largest vaccination programme in British history](#)

Government sets out UK COVID-19 vaccines delivery plan for vaccinating tens of millions of people by spring.

[COVID-19: guidance for arranging or attending a funeral during the coronavirus pandemic](#)

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): testing for people travelling to England](#)

You must have proof of a negative COVID-19 test to travel to England from abroad.

[Domestic abuse: get help during the coronavirus \(COVID-19\) outbreak](#)

Find out how to get help if you or someone you know is a victim of domestic abuse. Added a new section on the Ask for ANI codeword scheme. New information on Safe Spaces and Hestia's Everyone's Business Advice Line.

Healthwatch Brighton and Hove information and advice

The following Healthwatch COVID-19 guides are available (these are being regularly updated):

[Vaccinations for COVID-19](#)

[COVID-19 information and advice webpage](#)

[COVID-19 Vaccination webpage](#)

[Answers to Frequently Asked Questions](#)

[Maternity and pregnancy advice and information](#)

[Services open over Christmas and New Year, and tips for staying well during winter](#)

Top tips for [staying active and looking after your mental health](#).

Guides which provide information about:

- visiting a [dentist](#)
- [seeing a GP](#)
- [collection of prescriptions](#)

Plus, accessibility resources to help you communicate about COVID-19.

- **NEW:** [Beyond Words is providing free picture stories and illustrated guides to support people with learning disabilities and autism through the coronavirus pandemic](#)
- A series of videos aimed at encouraging people to continue to use health services if they are unwell. They are available in [English](#), [Arabic](#), [Farsi](#), [Kurdish](#) and [Sylheti](#).
- [Resources from Learning Disability England](#)
- [Signhealth has made their InterpreterNow remote BSL interpretation service available for free across all healthcare services](#)
- [Signhealth is providing a video of summaries of key coronavirus guidance in BSL](#)
- [Signhealth advice for testing](#)
- [Public Health England stay at home guidance](#), translated and in easy read
- [NHS guidelines translated into up to 50 languages by Doctors of the World](#) and find video advice [here](#)
- [Easy read information on COVID-19](#) from Mencap [About the NHS Test and Trace scheme](#)

[What to do if you are contacted by NHS Test and Trace](#)

The NHS have also created [easy read posters like this](#) so people know when and how to get a test for coronavirus.

- [Public Health England resources](#) in accessible formats
- [COVID-19 guidance for providers of services for people experiencing rough sleeping](#)
- The [handwashing rap](#), produced to help people who have a learning disability



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