

- CORONA virus is '[stabilising.in](#) Oxon according to Public Health Director this morning (19/01)

2700 cases this week and ox rate is still 537 per 100,000, but Cherwell (worst affected) is down from 900 to 400 and the Vale has seen 28% drop, and still at lowest rate of 412 on Oxon.

Expected hospital cases will drop in 2/3 weeks, but complacency is still greatest problem.

- Adult social care is relieving hospitals : from Oct/Dec OCC's social care increased by 115% and delayed discharges are down to 11 days, with none in JR last week.
- TESTING : Gov grants to support testing in care homes : now 80% for hospitals and 20% for care homes

Launch of lateral testing on 10th January focus on mass testing working population (outside care homes) : working with TVP, F&R with military support
Question whether to extend to teachers? Pilot in early February

- COMPLIANCE monitoring is well organised - face-mask monitoring of retail

SCHOOLS are open – most on remote learning, but steep rise in 'children of 'critical care 'workers

Lap top roll-out

FREE MEALS Vouchers assured for Oxon children from competent management of the Winter Support Grant (£1.5 million)

COMMUNITY SUPPORT : local government now responsible for the extremely vulnerable to ensure welfare at home with max adherence to guidelines

COMMUNITY HUBS open with welfare (payments) now main request.

Prospect of more Gov funding in pipeline : possibly as much as £7.11 million which OCC will split 50 :50 with the city/District Councils. This spend will have to be reported directly to MDCLG

OTHER NEWS:

CPE (civil parking powers) have been approved by all City/District Councils. Expected to be operating by autumn 2021

LTCP - OCC's next transport strategy : VISION will be out for consultation in February to mid March setting new plan for transport transformation in line with Climate Action Framework:

- reduce need to travel
- secure high quality Gigabit connectivity
- discourage individual private vehicle use
- make Active Travel (cycling/walking) public transport and shared transport first choice

Detailed plans for transport schemes to be consulted WINTER 2021