

Lighthorne Parish Council 8th December 2020
County Councillor's Report

Covid 19 Update as at 4th December 2020

The move to Tier 3 was certainly a surprise to all of us in Warwickshire but at least we are now out of Lockdown 2 not that it feels much different. As you will expect Covid 19 is occupying most of our time at the County Council.

On a positive note there has been contact between Warwickshire County Council with Nadhim Zahawi MP the new minister for Vaccines at the end of last week who advised they planned to vaccinate up to 2 million people before the end of the year.

Latest figures released show that for our area the seven day rate/100,000 is now down to 66.9/100,000 and the over 60's day rate is currently 62.4/100,000 with 26 cases over the last seven days. However, this really does highlight the importance of looking after family members and also provides evidence that we need to be in a lower tier to protect and support our local businesses.

The situation regarding the open 366 SWFT Hospital Beds has seen a slight increase of Covid inpatients with 31 (24) confirmed cases of COVID-19 and five (5) patients in ICU (last week's figures in brackets). There are 52% of SWFT hospital beds occupied by Non-COVID-19 patients which demonstrates that other procedures and treatments are continuing. However there are 8% beds occupied with confirmed COVID-19 patients and 23% beds occupied with suspected COVID-19 patients and a spare capacity of 16% beds.

The cumulative deaths across our area from the start of this second wave (28th August 2020) has sadly increased by a further three to 18, with 10 occurring in care homes, seven in hospital and one at home, out of a total of 285 all cause deaths in the area for this new second wave period.

The cumulative total of deaths across Warwickshire for Wave 2 is now 42 from a total of 1290 all cause deaths. The cumulative total of Covid-19 deaths in Stratford district is 186 since the start of the pandemic and in Warwickshire 642; over the same period there have been 4978 non Covid-19 related deaths in Warwickshire and 1306 non Covid-19 deaths in Stratford on Avon District.

Warwickshire County Council is continuing to press the government to re-evaluate our Tier 3 allocation which hopefully will be reduced to Tier 2 at the first opportunity.

I am sorry that I will not be with you tonight but I am afraid the after effects of the chemotherapy that I am currently receiving causes me to suffer from fatigue and other side effects. However, please email me if you have any issues regarding matters concerning the County Council and I will respond to your queries as soon as possible.

May I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and hopefully 2021 will be better for all of us than this past year.

Cllr Chris Williams
Member for Kineton and Red Horse Division
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