

COVID Email Update (dyslexia friendly version) 6 April 2021

Good morning to you all, I hope you and your families are all doing okay.

I am on leave this week and Tim is kindly sending you this weeks Easter bulletin.

A story to share. 12 months ago, Elaine Crouch got hold of 150 easter eggs from Waitrose (who of course had no one to sell them to as we were in the first lockdown). Two lovely Waitrose staff wheeled them down to 5PS on an enormous pallet trolley, where the security staff and I 'borrowed' (stole) trollies from the post room to take them up to the 9th floor. The Repairs Team lent us two vans and two drivers, who delivered eggs to 6 primary schools and 4 community centres. Three hours later, I saw pictures on Twitter of Brecknock and Torriano schools popping our easter eggs into happiness hampers to distribute to low income families in the Kentish Town neighbourhood.

There have been so many examples like this, of everyone pulling together to make good things happen, in the last 12 months, and I'm proud that our service has lent its hands and hearts to that collective community effort. We owe a huge amount to our old friends in community organisations who have been the lighthouses throughout the pandemic, and to the new friends that we have made during COVID, both inside and outside the Council.

Updates for you this week:

QCCA Free Easter Activities

Queens Crescent Community Association is running free Easter activities for the next two weeks. This is on top of the Camden-wide Easter Holiday and Activities programme for children eligible for free school meals. Details of how to book below, places limited to book quickly



Webinar – Secondary Trauma and Family Work



Community Care are running what looks like an interesting webinar on secondary trauma or vicarious trauma. This relates to the emotional impact of frontline work on workers who help people. Free to join, 19 April 1-2.15pm. Booking link on the attached email.

Webinar – Working Well with Parents Who Have a Learning Disability

Delighted to confirm that the next webinar in our series will explore working well with parents who have a learning disability. We will be joined by two leading experts in this field, Professor Danielle Turney from Queen's University Belfast and Beth Tarleton from the Norah Fry Research Centre at Bristol University <http://www.bristol.ac.uk/sps/wtpn/forparents/>. The webinar will explore and challenge some of the attitudinal issues that may arise for parents with a learning disability, and practical ideas for how we can ensure best possible practice in our work with parents and their children. 11 May, 12.30-1.30pm, calendar invite to follow.

Training for Early Help Workers



On top of our webinars, there is a wide range of training courses on the Early Help Learning Pathway that you can attend, for free. Details of the courses coming up are on the attached email. Book via the L and D hub (icon on your laptop home screen).

Survey – Cultural Responsiveness Confidence – Last Call

Our staff Cultural Responsiveness Confidence Survey closes on 9 April, so there is still time to give your views and thoughts



here [FSCF Cultural Responsiveness Confidence Survey](#). The survey is anonymous and is for all FSCF staff, regardless of role. This is just one way that your views and experiences will influence the service's racial justice goals, so every response matters and every response counts.

Latest Camden COVID Data

I haven't shown you these graphs in a while, so here is the latest on the number of COVID cases in Camden and death due to COVID in Camden. Remember you can access this data any time at this link, if you want the most up to date information about COVID cases in the borough, or if you need to share that information with families you're working with

<https://ascpractice.camden.gov.uk/early-help-guide/family-early-help-covid-guidebook/covid-nhs-and-government-information/camden-covid-data/>

Cases in Camden

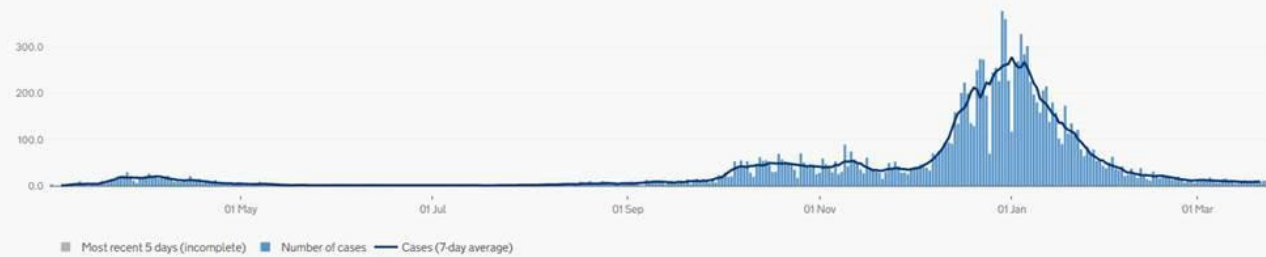
People tested positive

Daily	Total
2	13,938

Cases by specimen date

Number of people with at least one positive COVID-19 test result, either lab-reported or lateral flow device (England only), by specimen date. People tested positive more than once are only counted once, on the date of their first positive test. Data for the period ending 5 days before the date when the website was last updated with data for the selected area, highlighted in grey, are incomplete.

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Deaths in Camden

Deaths data are available for **nations, regions** and **local authorities**.

Deaths within 28 days of positive test

Daily	Total
0	261

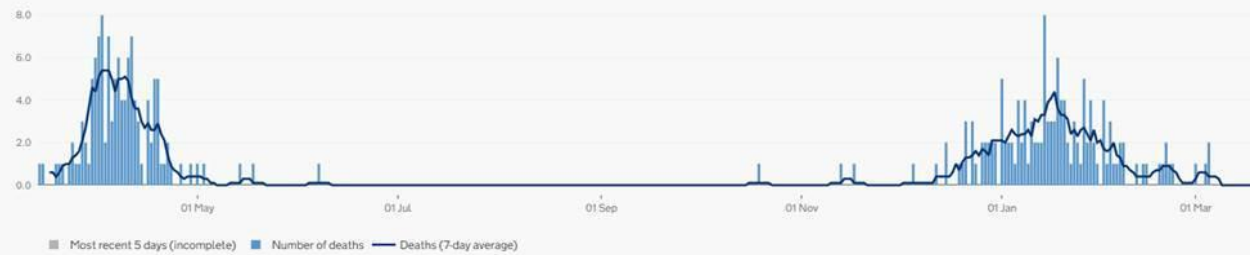
Deaths with COVID-19 on the death certificate

Weekly	Total
4	323

Deaths within 28 days of positive test by date of death

Number of deaths of people who had had a positive test result for COVID-19 and died within 28 days of the first positive test. Data from the four nations are not directly comparable as methodologies and inclusion criteria vary. Data for the period ending 5 days before the date when the website was last updated with data for the selected area, highlighted in grey, is incomplete.

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Everyone's Invited Website and Social Media Campaign

You may have seen the Everyone's Invited website and social media campaign on sexual violence and abuse, which has raised serious concerns regarding safeguarding in schools across London. The website invites victims of sexual assault or abuse to share their stories, with more than 8000 allegations now posted on the site. Many of the stories shared named the school involved. A link is now available on the website to report crimes direct to the Met.

Just one to be aware of, as it may affect families or young people you work with, or schools you are working in. If this does get raised by a family or young person, please talk it through with your line manager, who will contact Sophie Kershaw in social care if necessary (Sophie has been part of the London response work on this issue).

Free Camden Cycle Skills Courses Now Open For Booking

Free Camden Cycle Skills courses are back. Places available immediately on beginners and advanced courses. Adult training sessions this Easter Saturday-Sunday, Children on Tuesday-Wednesday after Easter. Training bikes can be borrowed. More information here <https://www.camden.gov.uk/cycle-skills-and-bike-maintenance-courses>

EU Settlement Scheme – Deadline for Application Approaching

It's less than 100 days until the deadline for applications to the EU Settlement Scheme that came about as a result of Brexit.



All EU, EEA and Swiss citizens and their family members, who were resident in the UK on 31 December 2020, should apply by 30 June 2021 so that they can continue to work, study, access free healthcare and benefits in the UK. The latest data suggests that the vast majority of EU citizens in Camden have applied and received settle/pre-settled status. However, if you are working with a family who may be affected by these changes, then there is lots of help and advice available. You can find more information here <https://www.camden.gov.uk/eu-settlement-scheme>. Applications can be made via the Government website here <https://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families>

The GLA has also made some [animated videos](#) on topics relevant to European Londoners and their families:

- Securing your child's rights and status in the UK
- Guidance for EU citizens on British citizenship
- Guidance on finding good immigration advice
- The UK's new immigration rules

Weekly Survey

This week's family needs survey, for you to raise any issues you're seeing and noticing for families and anything you might need yourself, is now open here [FSCF FAMILY NEEDS SURVEY W/C 5 APRIL 2021](#)

New information uploaded to the COVID Guidebook this week link here

<https://ascpractice.camden.gov.uk/early-help-guide/family-early-help-covid-guidebook/>

Social Restrictions – Latest Information The latest information on the gradual lifting of lockdown restrictions is now uploaded	Free Easter Activities and Food Programme Information about the programme of free activities and food for Camden children over the Easter holidays	
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We are now in week 55 of COVID and our capacity continues to hold steady.

To end this week with the spotlight on another contemporary Black pioneer of family welfare work, Ben Lindsey. Ben is an author, pastor, activist and founder of Power the Fight, an incredible organisation finding new ways to empower communities to end youth violence, including the quite brilliant Therapeutic Intervention for Peace project which looks to improve cultural competency in therapeutic spaces <https://www.powerthefight.org.uk/about-us/> . You can read about Ben here <https://www.studioluxmore.com/tragedy-collective-trauma-and-hope-power-the-fights-ben-lindsay-on-ending-youth-violence/> . We know, as Ben knows, that there is institutional and systemic racism in the UK (whatever national reports might say to the contrary) and our service will stay 100% committed to playing our part in dismantling it.

Stay safe and well, and as always shout if there is anything you need.

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