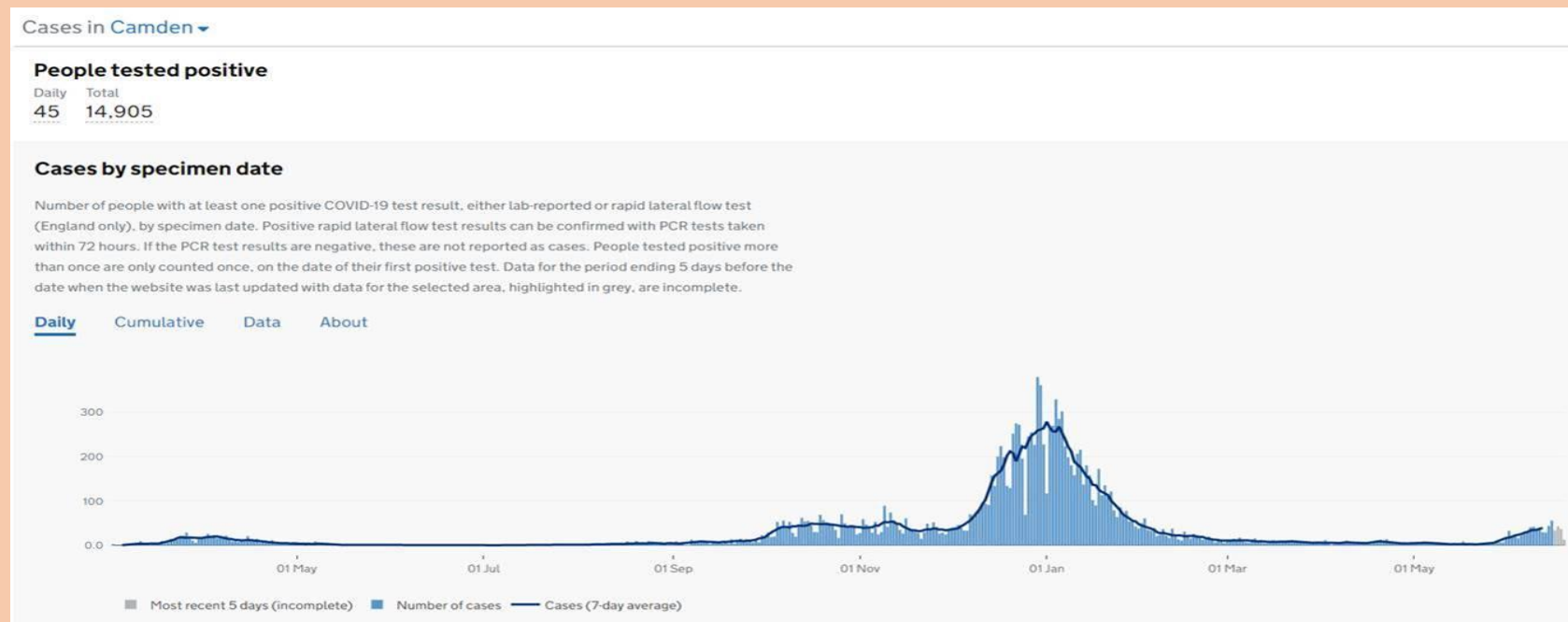


COVID Email Update 21 June 2021 (dyslexia friendly version)

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

As expected, the Government postponed the lifting of the final stage of lockdown until 19 July, subject to review. I know this will have brought mixed emotions, all depending on our own unique family circumstances. I've agreed with our SMT that we'll continue with our bubble rota until that final stage of lockdown is lifted, and as ever we'll be guided by what Public Health tell us nearer the time. COVID cases have risen in Camden as they have in many other parts of the country, so it's as important as ever that we stay vigilant, keep doing our pre-visit checks before we see families, and keep updating our individual risk assessments every 20 working days, to help keep you as safe and well as possible.



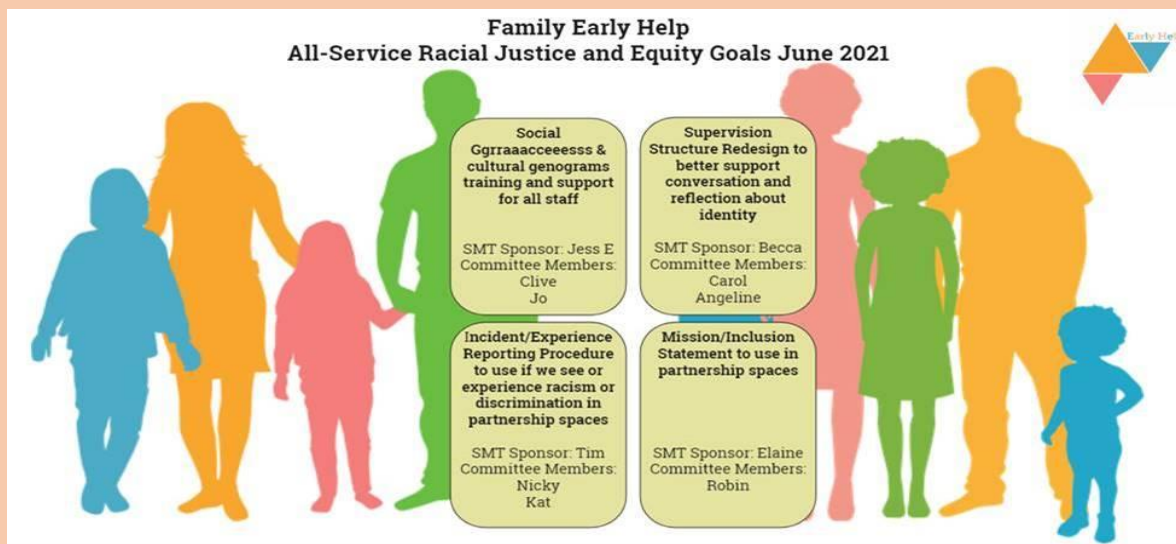
Brief updates for you this week:

Update on Our Racial Justice Goals

Our Racial Justice and Equity Organizing Committee met for the first time last week. We reviewed the goals submitted by EHC, FSEH, FIF and TT.

There were 4 goals that every team said they wanted to work on. Rather than each team doing something about those 4 goals individually, we're going to work on them collectively as a service. The 4 collective goals are below. The Committee will coordinate action on these goals, and each SMT member is a goal sponsor who is accountable for making it happen. It was brilliant to see goals turning into plans and actions. Committee members Clive, Carol, Angeline, Kat, Nicky, Jo and Robin will be sharing updates on the Committee's activity to your team meetings and there will be lots of opportunities for everyone to get involved and influence the work. As well as our collective goals, FIF, TT, EHC and FSEH will also be working on goals that are unique to their team, and sharing their learning.

The Committee is open to everyone in the service, so if you'd like to join please do drop me a line anytime



Vaccinations Now Available for People Aged 18 and Over

A reminder that vaccinations are now available for all people aged 18 and over. You can find more information about booking vaccinations on the Guidebook here <https://ascpractice.camden.gov.uk/early-help-guide/family-early-help-covid-guidebook/covid-nhs-and-government-information/vaccinations/#main>

Webinar - Wishes and Feelings? Exploring Meaningful Participation of Children in Our Work

Delighted that our next webinar will be with Dr Jo Dillon, exploring the vitally important topic of children and young people's participation in decision-making, assessments and plans. Jo has a long history of researching how children's voices are heard in decisions made about them, and how children can feel agency and influence in the work. This webinar will explore Jo's research and practical ideas and tools to help us to help children meaningfully participate. 6 July, 11am, all welcome and calendar invite to follow.

Advice for Renters

Advice for Renters offers legal advice and a range of support services for private tenants. You can find information about them, and other support services regarding renting and tenancies, on the Guidebook here <https://ascpractice.camden.gov.uk/early-help-guide/family-early-help-covid-guidebook/homes-housing-and-council-tax/>

Young Parents Together Group Is Back

IEYS's brilliant Young Parents Together group is for mums and dads who are under 26 years with a child/ren under 5 years, and the group is starting to meet again from tomorrow. The group meets every Tuesday, 1-3pm at Harwood Childrens Centre. If you're working with a family who might be interested in participating, email camdensurestart@camden.gov.uk, mentioning the Young Parents Together group in the subject line and include the following info:

- Child full name and date of birth
- Mums full name, email address and telephone number

- Dads full name, email address and telephone number
- Any other useful information

I've added the details above onto the Guidebook here <https://ascpractice.camden.gov.uk/early-help-guide/family-early-help-covid-guidebook/help-for-under-5s/new-parents-and-young-parents/#main>

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 21 JUNE 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/>

More Supports for Renters	New Parents and Young Parents	
<p>Advice for Renters link added to renters section, offering information, advice, guidance and legal support</p> <p>https://ascpractice.camden.gov.uk/early-help-guide/family-early-help-covid-guidebook/homes-housing-and-council-tax/</p>	<p>A new Guidebook section with information on antenatal and postnatal support groups, and Young Parents Together Group</p> <p>https://ascpractice.camden.gov.uk/early-help-guide/family-early-help-covid-guidebook/help-for-under-5s/new-parents-and-young-parents/#main</p>	

We are now in week 66 of COVID and whilst our capacity continues to hold steady, our step ups to social care and our step downs from social care have increased in recent weeks. Both impact our work in lots of ways but particularly reflect the complexity you're all holding at the moment, which also speaks to the complexity that the families we're helping are holding too. I'm really conscious of

this and I'm making sure Eve and Martin are aware of it too. We're also keeping a really close eye on thresholds, with lots of joint audits with children's social care.

We'll do all we can, in every space we have, to support you and hold you in the work – your own supervision time is so important so you can unpack the work you're doing and how it's feeling for you.

I'll end this week with a link to a Critical Alphabet that a friend from the Design Justice Network Scotland shared last week. It's designed to support critical thinking and reflection on a range of justice and equity themes. Pick a letter and reflect on the question it poses (replace the word 'design' with 'service' and it works just as well). <https://criticalalphabet.com/> and uploaded to the Guidebook here <https://ascpractice.camden.gov.uk/early-help-guide/family-early-help-covid-guidebook/black-lives-matter-resource-repository/resources-for-daily-practice/#main>

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

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