

Outbreak management update

Health & Wellbeing Board

17th November 2021

COVID-19 Stockton-on-Tees data dashboard



Up to 14 November 2021

Number of new cases

New cases in the last 7 days (8 to 14 November)

803 ↑

New cases in the previous 7 days (1 to 7 November)

714

Number of new cases per 100,000 population

Stockton-on-Tees (8 to 14 November)

406.9 ↑

Tees Valley (8 to 14 November)

386.1 ↑

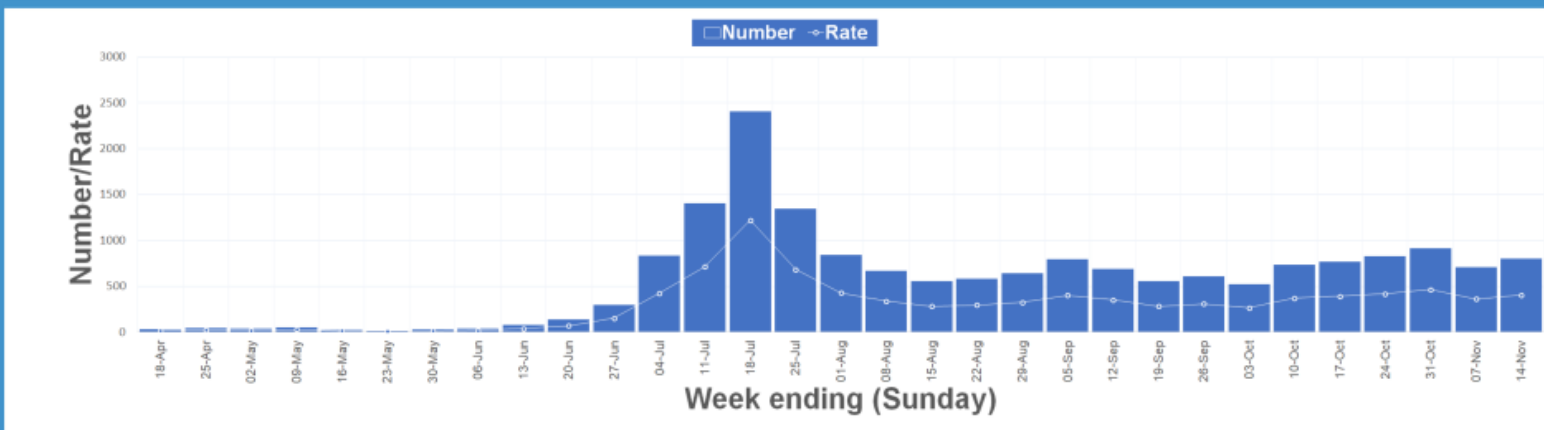
North East (8 to 14 November)

372.1 ↓

England (8 to 14 November)

385.5 ↑

Weekly COVID-19 cases / 7-day rate in Stockton-on-Tees (April 2021 to date)



Number of COVID-related deaths

Source: <http://coronavirus.data.uk>

In the last 7 days (30 October to 5 November)

5 ↑

In the previous 7 days (23 to 29 October)

3

Since the start of the pandemic

544

NHS vaccine roll-out (% of over 12s that have received their first dose)

Source: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics>

Stockton-on-Tees

82.1%

North East

82.2%

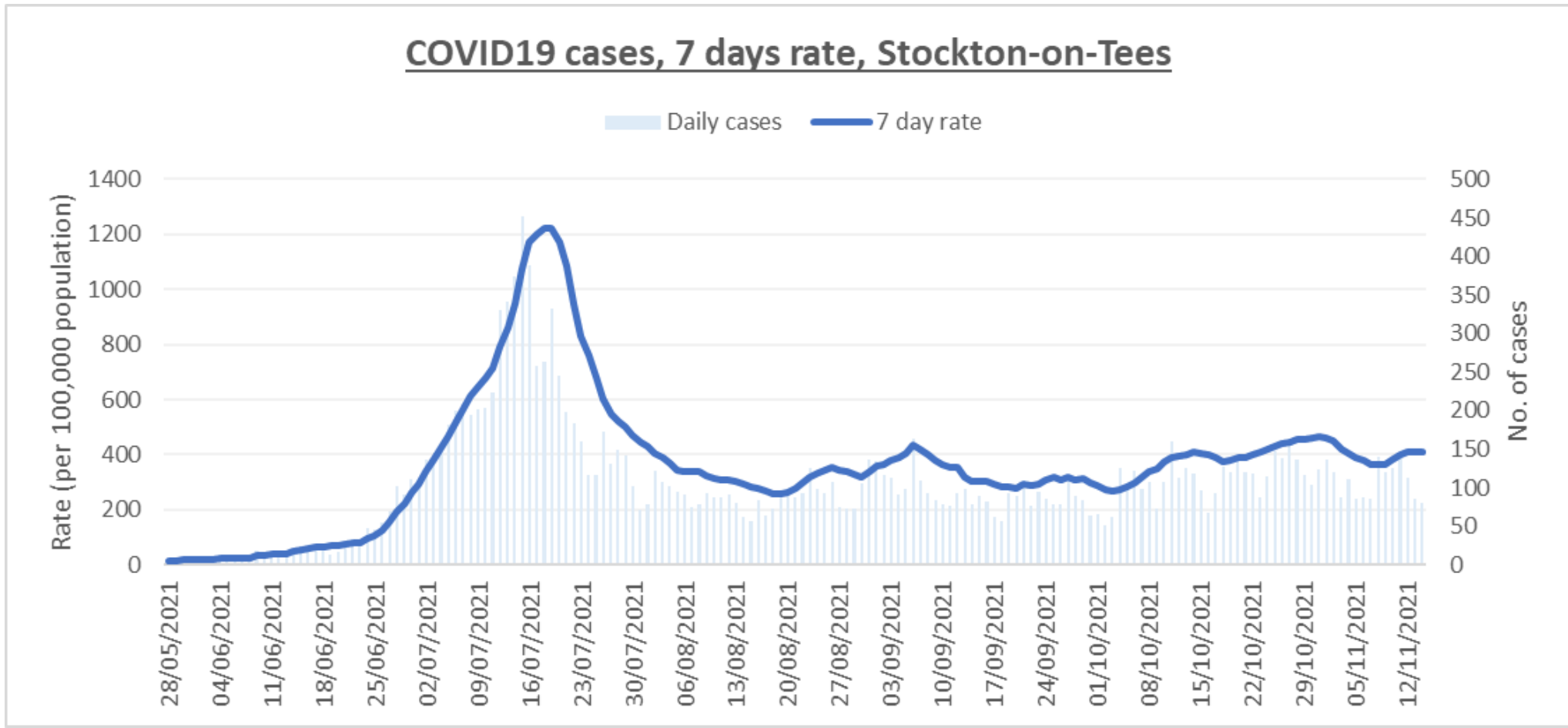
England

77.5%

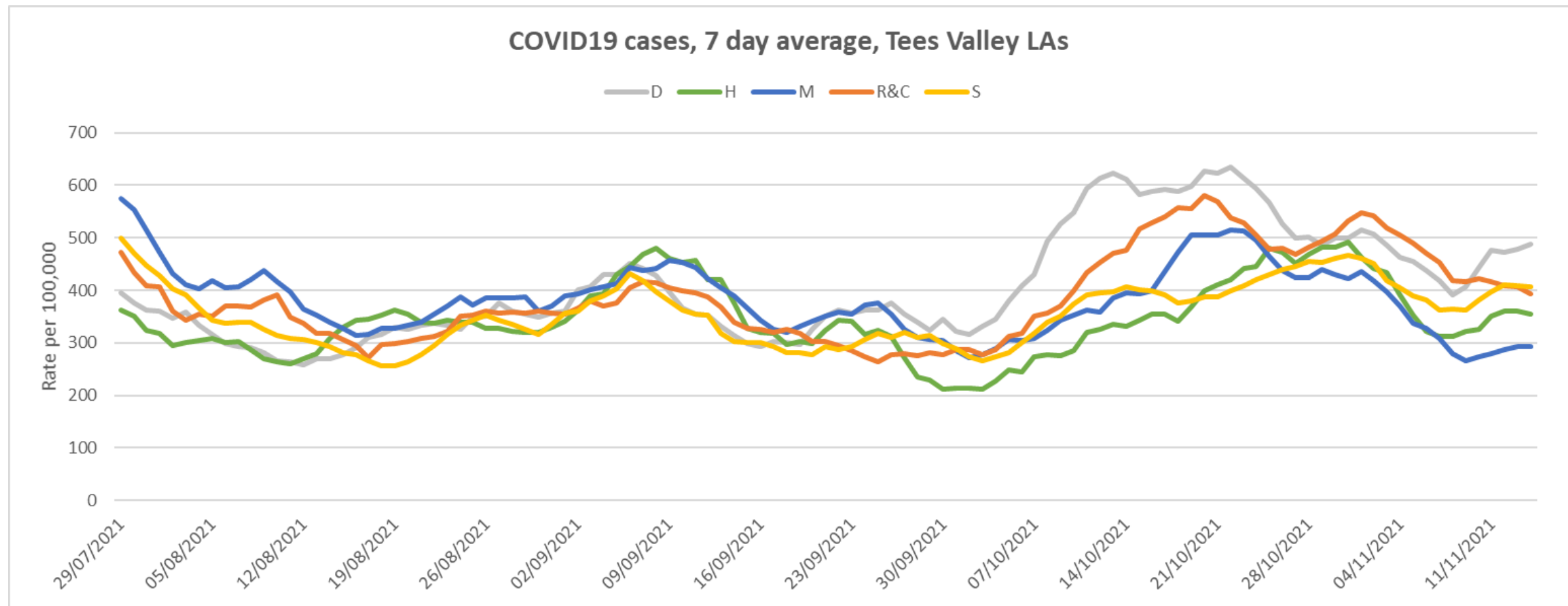
Visit <https://coronavirus.data.gov.uk/details/interactive-map> for the COVID-19 interactive map.

<https://www.stockton.gov.uk/coronavirus/thelocalpicture>

Infection rates

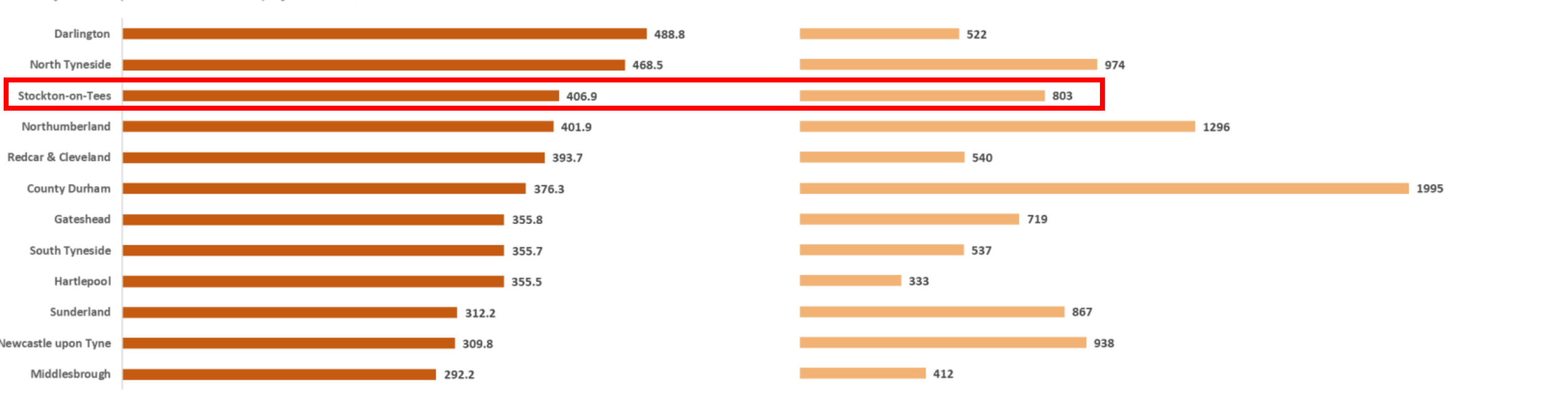


Tees Valley

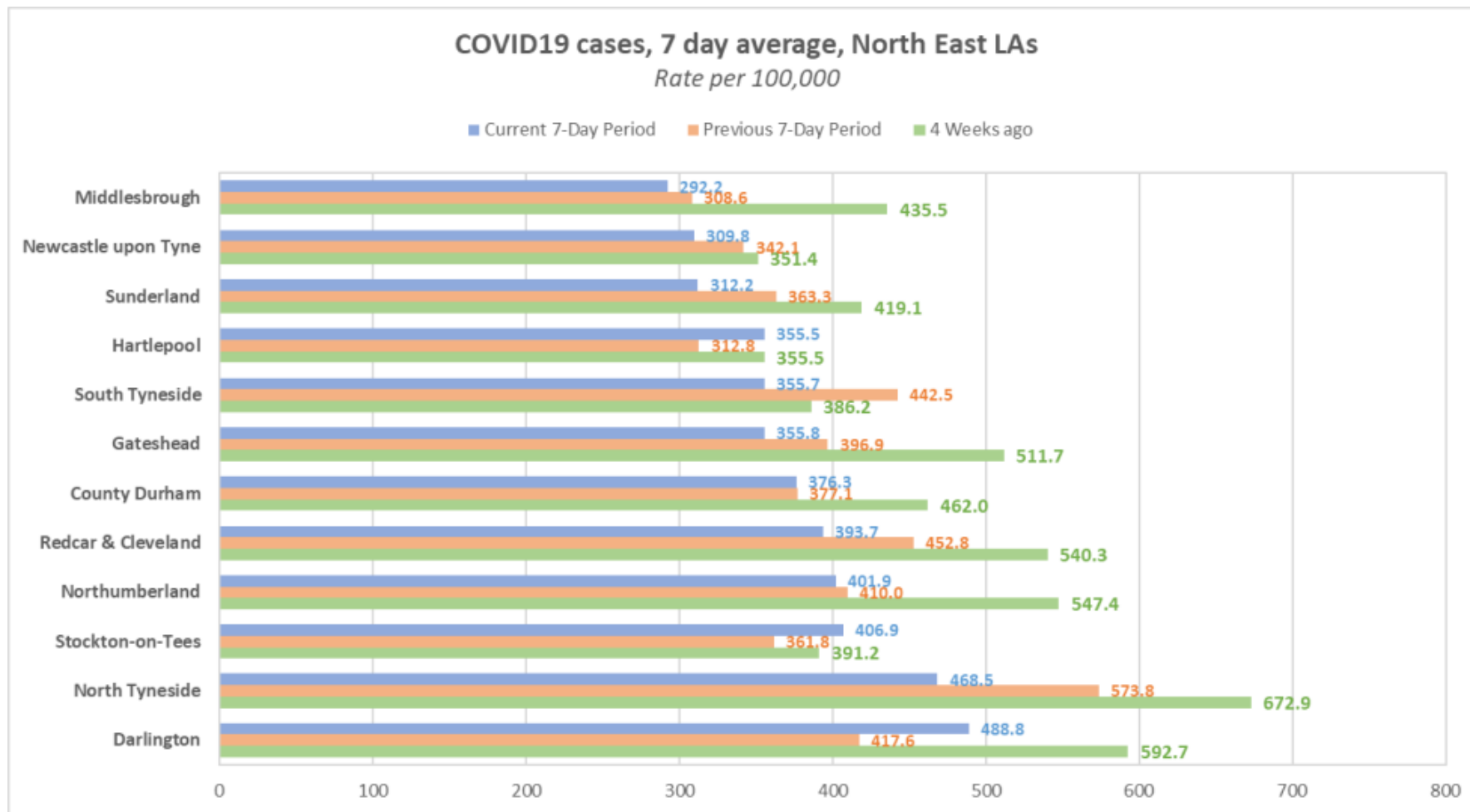


North East

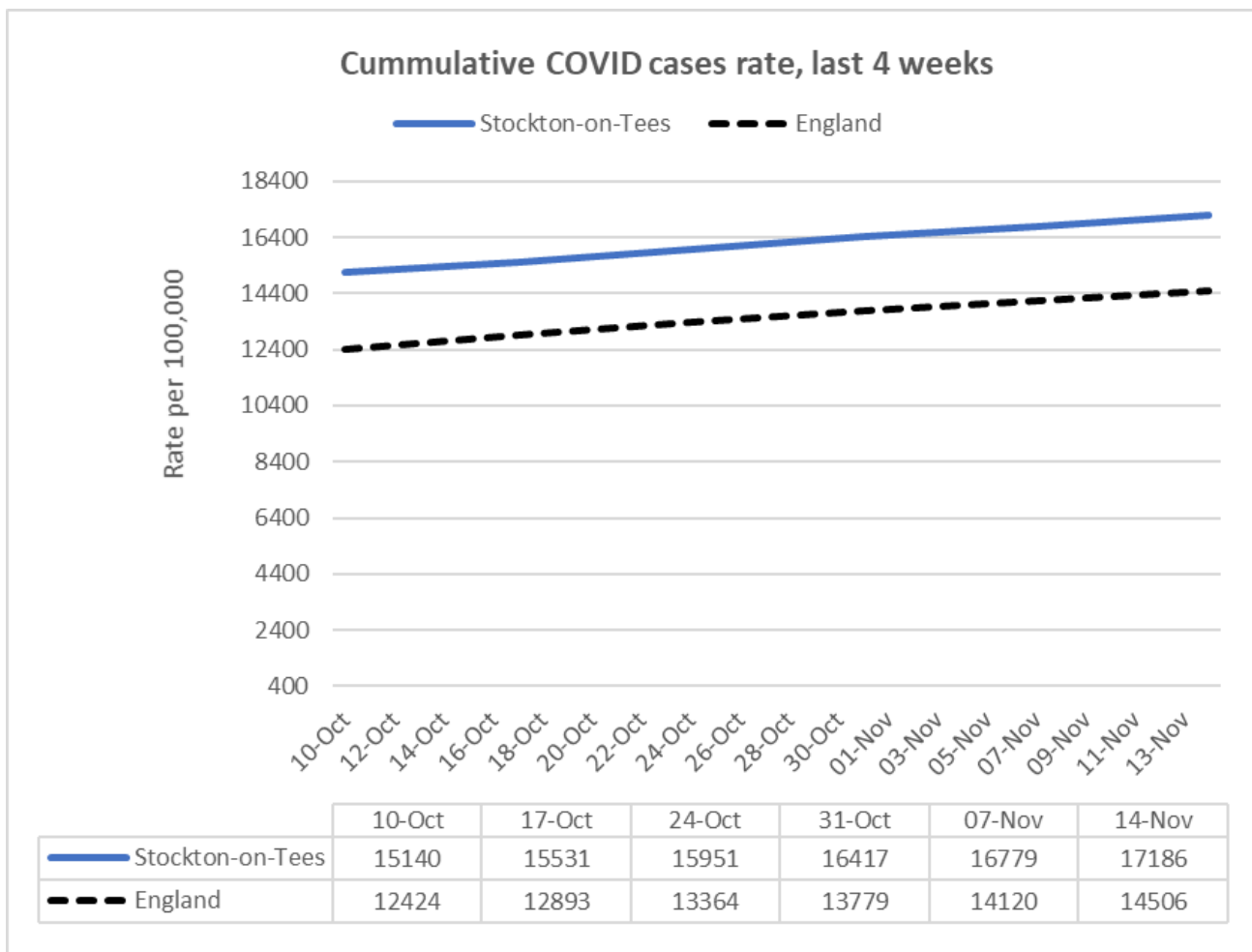
7-Day Cases (PHE - Pillars 1 & 2) by UTLA



North East



England



Key information

- Stockton-on-Tees currently has the third highest 7-day infection rate in the North East.
- All North East LAs (bar South Tyneside and Stockton-on-Tees) have seen a decrease in rate compared to 4 weeks ago.
- Vaccination uptake in Stockton-on-Tees is higher than the national average.
- There have been 5 COVID-related deaths registered in Stockton-on-Tees in the most recent 7 days.

Transmission

- Ongoing community transmission, particularly 10-19 age groups but now across adults
- Outbreaks in education settings, some care homes and enquiries from workplaces
- >60s rates increased but below other age groups, ongoing impact on hospitals locally
- Further increase in outbreak response activity after half term drop
- Ongoing support to settings particularly care sector

Vaccination update

- Healthy 12-15 yr olds vaccination continues in schools, national booking route now opened up (vaccination centres):
 - Ongoing delivery through childhood imms teams in schools – ongoing work & discussions to support roll-out locally
 - Ongoing challenge re: capacity, particularly balance with booster programme rollout (imminent expansion to <40s) - also 16-17yr old 2nd doses
 - Need for further rollout to account for emerging inequality in uptake; and discussion re: vaccinating communities rather than separate age cohorts in future
- Phase 3 (Covid booster) – good uptake from population and H&SC staff
- Ongoing good local walk-in offer
- Ongoing work to address inequalities in uptake e.g. prisons

Testing

- Ongoing LFT provision through testing sites, community collect (all libraries), targeted testing e.g. food banks
- Testing uptake has dropped nationally
- Further national direction awaited re: future testing beyond December but plans in place until then

Outbreak management

- System-wide pressure across health and social care
- Intelligence sub-group to explore previous / potential work on those coming into social care / A&E to inform thinking on prevention
- Contact tracing: continued strong performance for completion including more hardest to contact
- Transition of PCR testing site from Dairy Car Park to Thompson Street Car Park worked well (w/c 8/11/21)

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Schools recommendations

- Additional voluntary measures recommended to schools w/c 8th Dec
- Rationale:
 - Persistent high rates particularly in children & young people – impact on education & business continuity
 - Rates increasing in adult population
 - Rates in children significantly increased in other LAs – unpredictability / vulnerability to increase
 - Transmission happens outside school setting too but recommendations offer opportunity to influence setting where children spend much of their time
- Basic recommendations minimising impact on school business:
 - Face coverings in communal areas (secondaries)
 - Remote staff / Governor meetings where possible
 - Careful consideration of communal events in-line with risk assessment and school context
 - Daily contact testing for 7 days
 - Also reinforced key messages / support available

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Schools recommendations

- Positive response by schools to-date; Heads session held 16/11
- National guidance changed 11/11/21 - reflects SBC position re: face coverings in communal areas (secondary) – rest of Autumn term
- To be reviewed after 2 weeks

Communications & engagement

- Get your **Covid and flu** vaccines inc. booster (tailored messaging and engagement work)
- Hands, face, space, fresh air
- Testing, isolation and support for cases
- Support to NHS work on Winter pressures