

Key messages

Gloucestershire updates

- The government has given Gloucestershire County Council an additional £11.7m as part of the second tranche of financial support, bringing the total to over £27.7m. [More information about the national allocations is online here.](#)
- An update on Care Home cases of Covid-19 in Gloucestershire can be found below in the 'Your Questions Answered' section.
- The way deaths are presented and recorded has changed nationally - see below in the national updates section.
- Please read the narrative and caveats regarding data at the bottom of the bulletin carefully. If you have any questions please let us know.

National updates

- NOTE ON NATIONAL DATA - [Daily death reporting now includes all positive Covid-19 deaths.](#) See the [technical summary here.](#)
- The Government's daily figure now includes deaths that have occurred in all settings where there has been a positive Covid-19 test, including hospitals, care homes and the wider community.
- Today's figures have been revised retrospectively by PHE since the first death on 2 March to include additional data sources. This brings the total number of deaths in the UK to 26,097 from 2 March until 28 April, including 765 deaths reported in the 24 hours to 5pm on 28 April. **Currently this aggregated data isn't available at**

Daily stats

Total UK Tests - **818,539**

Total UK Cases - **165,221**

Total UK Deaths - **26,097**

Total Confirmed Cases in South West - **6,056**

Total Confirmed Cases in Gloucestershire* - **1,152**

Total Deaths in Gloucestershire** - **181**

Help hub stats

- I can offer help – **3295**
- I need help – **2534**
- Someone I know needs help – **980**
- My business can help – **325**

Key links

[National Guidance](#)

[General NHS advice](#)

[Latest advice and developments from Gloucestershire NHS](#)

[Gloucestershire's Community Help Hub](#)

[Council service updates](#)

[Make an adult social care referral](#)

[Business advice and support](#)

[Looking after your wellbeing](#)

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- [COVID-19 treatments could be fast-tracked through new national clinical trial initiative](#)
- [Major home testing programme for coronavirus will track levels of infection in the community](#) - 100,000 people will be sent self-testing kits to determine if they are currently infected.
- The number and percentage of care homes reporting a suspected or confirmed outbreak of COVID-19 is now available [here](#).
- [Coronavirus: Accessing food and essential supplies](#)
- [Coronavirus: getting tested](#) - updated information
- [Letter from the Secretary of State Robert Jenrick thanking town and parish councils for their work during the pandemic.](#)

Your questions answered

Are councillors included in staff or key-worker testing?

Testing is an area that is changing on an almost daily basis with new groups of people becoming eligible as the Secretary of State announces expanded testing policy intentions.

The information below is correct as of 11am 29 April 2020. The link to the national policy on testing can be found [here on the gov website](#)

In Gloucestershire, we are working closely with our partners across the system to optimise access to testing for all Gloucestershire residents who need it. There are currently two routes into testing available for Gloucestershire key workers:

- 1) There is a local drive through testing service available in Brockworth which is currently focussed on getting key health, care and other public sector employees who cannot work from home back to work safely with as few lost work days as possible.

2) The national programme is available to all key workers - [a list is available here](#). In addition, anyone over 65 with symptoms, anyone with symptoms whose work cannot be done from home (for example, construction workers, shop workers, emergency plumbers and delivery drivers) and anyone who has symptoms of coronavirus that lives with those identified above can be tested.

This is a self referral scheme details of which can be [found here](#)

Care home data

As of 27 April, GCC had been notified of 63 care home settings where there was one or more suspected or confirmed Covid-19 cases. Data reporting on care home cases and deaths is complex due to differences in the way data are handled nationally and locally. Please read the narrative and caveats carefully.***

Table 1: Notifications of Covid-19 in care home settings, by district

| | Total number of care homes with a suspected or confirmed outbreak | Total number of care homes | Proportion of care homes in a District that have a suspected or confirmed outbreak |
|-----------------|---|----------------------------|--|
| Cheltenham | 19 | 40 | 47.5% |
| Cotswold | 7 | 18 | 38.9% |
| Forest of Dean | 4 | 42 | 9.5% |
| Gloucester | 17 | 60 | 28.3% |
| Stroud | 7 | 51 | 13.7% |
| Tewkesbury | 9 | 19 | 47.4% |
| Gloucestershire | 63 | 230 | 27.4% |

Table 2: Number of possible and probable cases of Covid-19, by district

| | Total number of possible and probable cases of Covid-19 |
|----------------|---|
| Cheltenham | 75 |
| Cotswold | 29 |
| Forest of Dean | 9 |
| Gloucester | 84 |
| Stroud | 26 |
| Tewkesbury | 40 |

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| Gloucestershire | 263 |
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As of 28 April, the Care Quality Commission (CQC) started reporting on number of deaths in care homes (since 10 April). Sadly between 10 and 24 April there were 100 Covid-19 suspected deaths notified from care homes in Gloucestershire, with a total of 196 deaths from all causes notified. We are currently reviewing this compared to information from previous years. Comparison with other areas is not possible because due to the variety in number of care homes and number of residents in care homes between different areas.

While CQC numbers are more comprehensive than local reporting, they are not currently reported by district council. Table 3 uses local and PHE notifications of deaths in care homes which are available by district, however these numbers are lower than CQC reported figures as not all deaths are reported by this route. As of 29 April there were 60 deaths of care home residents who were suspected to have Covid-19 notified to GCC locally. However we do not have information at this time as to whether Covid-19 was a contributory factor in each of these deaths.

Table 3: Deaths of care home residents who were suspected to have Covid-19, by district

| | Deaths of care home residents who were suspected to have Covid-19 |
|-----------------|---|
| Cheltenham | 28 |
| Cotswold | <5 |
| Forest of Dean | <5 |
| Gloucester | 10 |
| Stroud | 7 |
| Tewkesbury | 11 |
| Gloucestershire | 60 |

*The above data reflects nationally published data [available here](#).

**This section contains information on deaths of patients who have died in hospitals in Gloucestershire and had tested positive for Covid-19 at time of death or where Covid-19 was mentioned on the death certificate. All deaths are recorded against the date of death rather than the date the deaths were announced. It is based on national NHS data [published here](#).

The data in this briefing is updated at 9am each day based on the figures released at 2pm the previous day.

***Information on care homes is available through several sources; local operational

structures, Public Health England (PHE) notifications and through Care Quality Commission (CQC) data. CQC identified 230 residential and nursing homes settings in Gloucestershire (as of 22 April). NB Care homes vary in size and in the characteristics of their residents.

The data provided is not a complete picture of all social care settings in the county, it only reflects the position in relation to cases of Covid-19 that the council has been notified of in settings in which they have customers, up to and including 17 April. These figures will form part of future data that will be published by the ONS, they are not additional. More detail in relation to cases or locations will not be provided as GCC do not receive details of each individual suspected or confirmed case.