

Response from Director of Public Health to supplementary public question asked at 3 March 2021 Adults and Health Select Committee meeting

Hospital admissions and deaths for the registered Surrey Heartlands Care Home population are shown in the table below. Please note that these number will include Surrey Heartlands patients that may be in care homes outside of the Surrey area.

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Total Care Home Hospital Admissions (Dec - Feb)	3881
Care Home COVID Admissions (Dec - Feb)	341
Proportion of Care Home COVID Admissions	8.79%

Care Home COVID Hospital Deaths - SUS (Dec - Feb)	133
Overall Care Home Deaths - National Mortality (Dec-Feb)	359

The figures listed are obtained from two data sources:

- The monthly hospital SUS data for inpatient admissions
- The national mortality dataset

Both datasets are matched to a list of care home patients based on the NHS number. The list of Care Home patients is obtained using a matching score of the patients address and postcode against that of the care home and only a score above 50% will be flagged as a care home patient. The data range is from Dec 2020 to Feb 2021 and has been captured on any activity that includes COVID-19 diagnosis. This may include admissions or deaths from other causes where COVID-19 was also diagnosed. All deaths recorded in the SUS data only represent the care home residents who died in hospital.

Care Quality Commission publishes data showing death notifications involving COVID-19 received from individual care homes. Data from the Care Quality Commission (CQC) shows that between 2nd December 2020 and 28th February 2021, there were 579 COVID-19 related deaths reported across 200 care homes in Surrey (of these 465 were COVID-19 confirmed and 114 were reported as COVID-19 suspected). These figures relate to deaths where the person's normal residence is a care home (regardless of whether the death occurred in hospital, in the care home or in another location). *It is important to note that many of the homes were completely closed during the December/January period and due to restrictions of visits by family and professionals deaths were reported by the Care Home managers and not necessarily confirmed as COVID-19 by GPs.*

The Care Quality Commission (CQC) has published [data showing death notifications involving COVID-19 received from individual care homes](#) between 10 April 2020 and 31 March 2021. This is accompanied by a [CQC Insight report](#) which draws from the data to make the key points and provides crucial context for understanding what this data says.

Vaccine deployment: "COVID-19 vaccination: a guide for social care staff" was published by Public Health England on 7th December 2020. Vaccine rollout commenced rapidly in Priority Group 1: *Residents in a care home for older adults and staff working in care homes for older adults.* On 14th January 2021, COVID-19 vaccine deployment programme commenced in priority Group 2: *All those 80 years of age and over and frontline health and social care workers.*

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