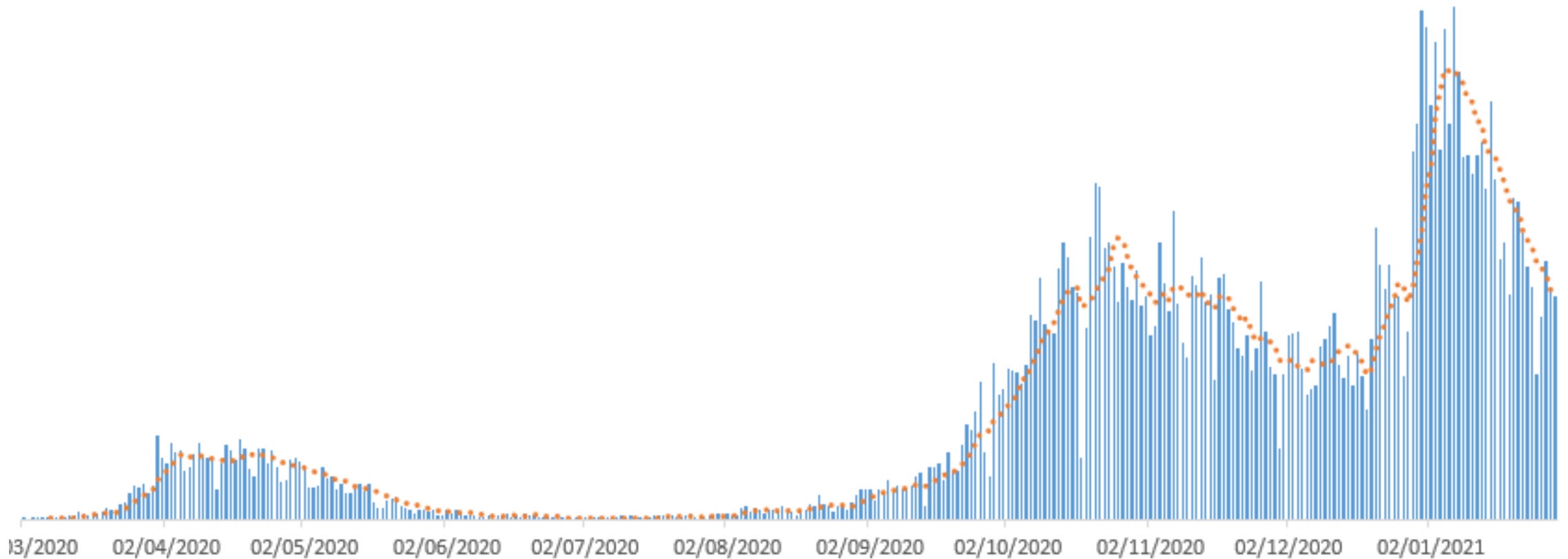

**Welcome to the Community Resilience
Virtual Briefing
19 February 2021**

Topics to cover

- Virtual briefing to complement the weekly email briefing
- Covid overview and compliance
- Vaccination programme update
- Community testing
- Welfare support update
- Highland Council key service data and compared to other Scottish Councils
- Key contacts
- Ideas for future briefings please

Trend in daily positive cases (Scotland)

Number of reported daily new positive cases and 7-day rolling average



Note: includes people testing positive from UK Government regional testing centres, mobile testing units and home kits from 15 June

Trend data - Highland

Trend data by NHS Board | Local Authority

What information would you like to see?

Positive cases

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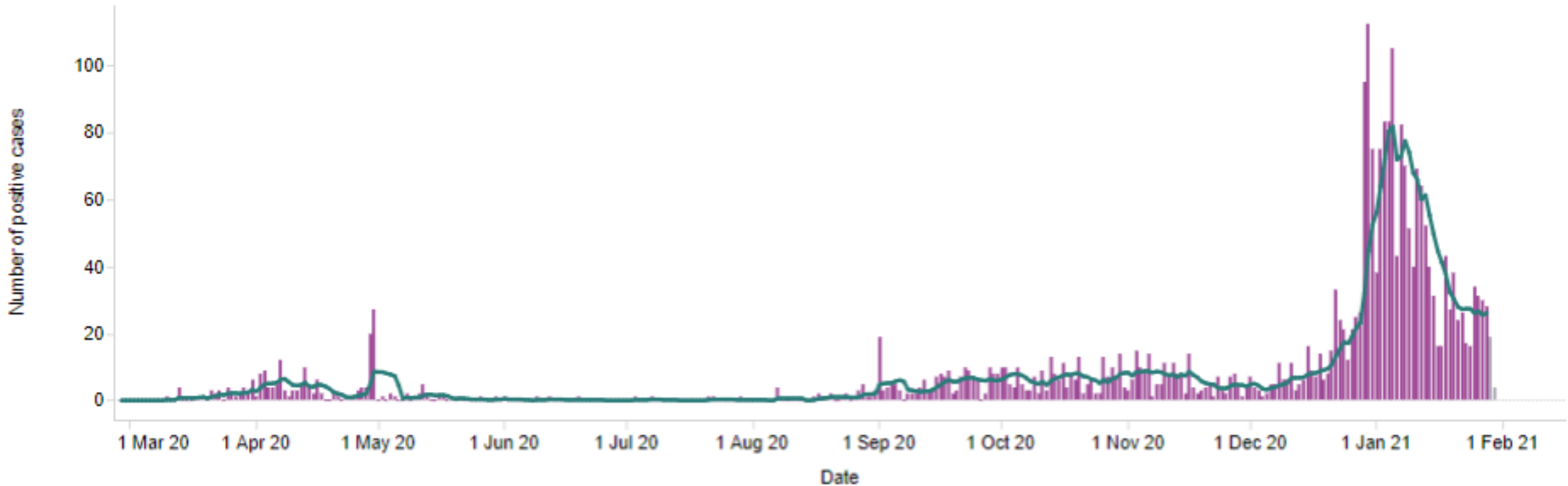
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Daily figure

7 day moving average

Most recent data incomplete

Positive cases by specimen date in Highland



Data position @ 01/02/2021

Cases by neighbourhood

7 day positive rate per 100,000 population

Suppressed* | 1 to 49 | 50 to 99 | 100 to 199 | 200 to 399 | 400+

* For neighbourhoods with fewer than 3 cases, we do not show a 7 day rate to protect patient confidentiality.

7 day positive cases in Highland based on people tested between 22 January 2021 and 28 January 2021

7 day positive cases	7 day positive rate per 100,000 population	7 day test positivity rate
182	77.2	4.4%

Local Authority: Highland
Neighbourhood: Invergordon

22 January 2021 to 28 January 2021

Number of positive cases over 7 days: 33
Population: 4,416

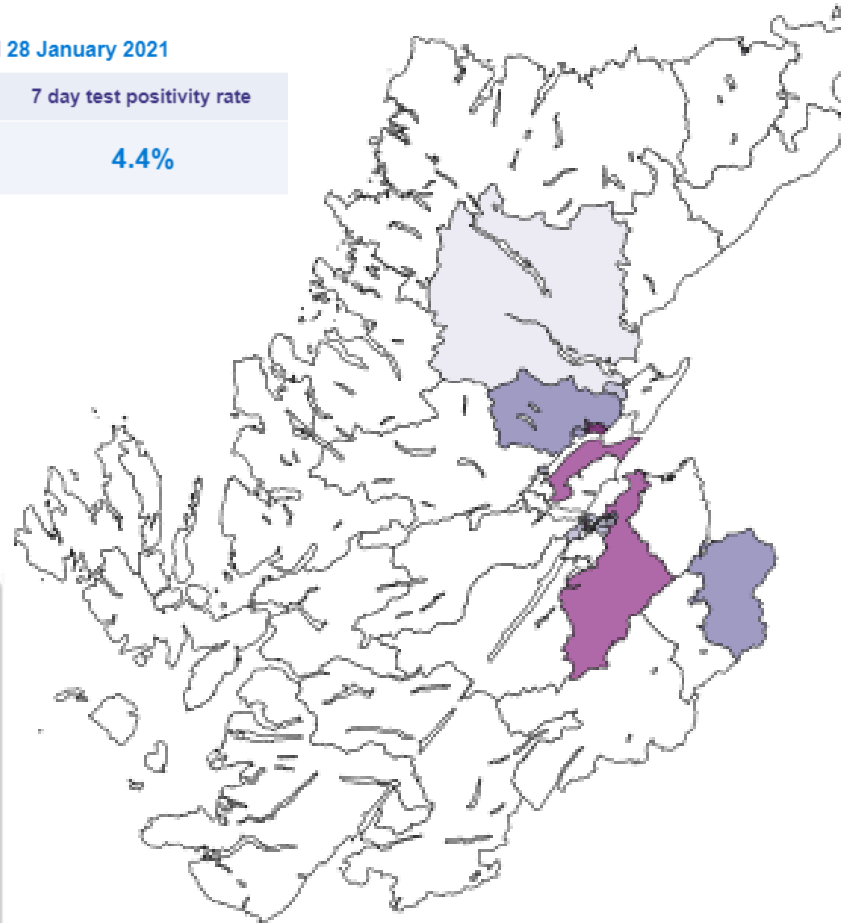
7 day rate category: 400+
7 day rate per 100,000 population: 747.3

Local Authority: Highland
Neighbourhood: Inverness East Rural

22 January 2021 to 28 January 2021

Number of positive cases over 7 days: 28
Population: 5,594

7 day rate category: 400+
7 day rate per 100,000 population: 500.5



Neighbourhoods in Highland

- Invergordon
- Inverness East Rural
- Black Isle North
- Inverness Ballifeary and Dalneigh
- Thurso West
- Ross and Cromarty East
- Aliceo
- Inverness Drummond
- Inverness Muirton
- Inverness Drakes
- Inverness Culloden and Balloch
- Balnloch and Strathspey North
- Inverness Central, Raignore and Longman
- Inverness Kinnyles and South West
- Inverness Incha
- Tain
- Dingwall
- Inverness Westhill
- Sutherland South
- Wick South
- Wick North
- Thurso East
- Sutherland North and West
- Sutherland East

Highland update

- 56 deaths registered with Covid on the death certificate in Highland since 11th January 2021. 54 deaths registered in all of 2020.
- Covid positive tests are slowly declining.
- Infection rate has reduced to 61.5/100,000
- Need to remain vigilant and follow Government guidance – F.A.C.T.S.

Highland update

Environmental Health Team Covid compliance activity

Month	NHSH HPT referral	covid related complaint	covid related enquiry	Total
Sep-20	24	61	43	128
Oct-20	56	83	47	186
Nov-20	56	29	58	143
Dec-20	90	34	61	185
Jan-21	95	39	49	183
1.2.21 to 14.2.21	20	11	10	41
Total	341	257	268	866

Vaccination programme update

Vaccination of remaining cohorts has been requested by Scottish Government within the timeframes set out below:

Priority group	Target for when the first dose will be completed
Staff and care home residents	5 February
Front line health and care staff	5 February
All those 80 years of age and over	5-February
All those 75 years of age and over	Mid-February
All those 70 years of age and over	Mid-February
Extremely clinically vulnerable individuals	Mid-February
All those 65 years of age and over	Early-March
All individuals aged 16 years to 64 years with underlying health conditions and unpaid carers	Early-May
All those 60 years of age and over	Early-May
All those 55 years of age and over	Early-May
All those 50 years of age and over	Early-May

Vaccination programme update

- Those aged 18-49 expected to be vaccinated by September
- For NHS area as a whole, over 70,000 people have been vaccinated as at 12.2.21.
- Roll out to the shielding cohort and those aged over 70 years is well underway
- GPs had some housebound patients to complete and that was expected by 15th February
- Still on track for those aged 50 years and over to be vaccinated by early May
- Vaccination uptake remains extremely high.

Vaccination programme update

- As at 10th February first dose vaccinations have reached: 87% of Care home staff, 93% of residents, 84% of front facing Health and Social Care staff, 89% of over 80's and 80% of over 75's.
- The numbers vaccinated increase daily, any slight variation of age group reached by location is due to our GP led model and the vaccine they have and the need to avoid wastage
- If vaccine supply increases the pace of the roll out will increase too
- Some weather issues last week but roads and traffic teams have been outstanding and responding quickly
- GP led model for Highland but also standing up some mass vaccination centres to complement GP practices

Supporting the vaccination programme

The Council is:

- deploying school nursing staff
- identifying and getting ready premises (property and HLH staff involved and being co-ordinated by MoD)
- providing a mobile centre – the 'Jabernaut'- to go on location, with welfare and other vehicle support and drivers. Should be ready this month. SAS coach also successfully trialled this week in Culloden.
- transport support offered to GPs for those shielding to attend centres
- British Red Cross identifying all volunteer capacity for marshalling – if insufficient in any locality we will contact your group to see if you have volunteers to help
- sharing practice with other Councils

Vaccination programme update

If you have any queries, issues or complaints on behalf of constituents can be emailed to:

NHSHighland.Feedback@nhs.scot

This ensures NHSH can log enquiries and can track them to make sure they respond promptly, as well as helping them to identify any themes that may need to be addressed.

Community Testing

- Currently we have local testing facilities for people with Covid symptoms – and new service this week in Gairloch, Kingussie, Fort Augustus, Lairg Fire Stations where testing kits can be collected and posted. Already in place in Thurso
- There is a new Scottish Government Programme to build on a number of pilots in other areas and roll out wider community asymptomatic Lateral Flow Testing. Two fold approach
 - Mobile testing units intended to provide a local, rapid and flexible response to a known outbreak
 - Establishing testing sites in larger communities where there are persistently higher incidences and/or to support hard to reach groups
- Scottish Government will make funding available
- The Council is to discuss with NHSH how this might be implemented in Highland. Further information to be shared when we have it.

Welfare Support Update

Self-Isolation Support Grant - £500 taxable payment

	Number of Successful Applications	Amount Paid
Self-Isolation Support Grant	109	£54,500

Welfare Support Update

Self-Isolation Support Grant - £500 taxable payment Expanded from 16 February 2021

Self-Isolation Grant (Highland)	Monthly household income is no greater than	Monthly individual income is no greater than
Single with no children	£1,654.23	£1,543.75
Couple with no children	£2,019.61	£1,543.75
Single with one child	£2,824.63	£1,543.75
Couple with one child	£3,190.01	£1,543.75
Single with two children	£3,460.72	£1,543.75
Couple with two children	£3,826.10	£1,543.75
Single with three children	£4,255.10	£1,543.75
Couple with three children	£4,620.48	£1,543.75

Welfare Support Update

Fuel Support Fund - £60 payment per household

Funded from humanitarian and welfare Covid-19 Grant Funding

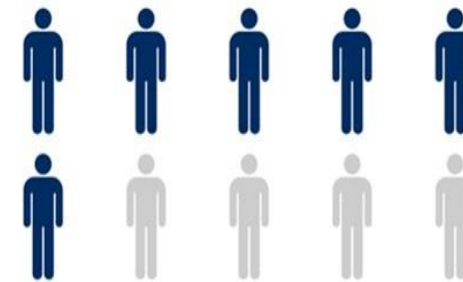
This £60 non-repayable Grant is available in the following circumstances

- One grant per household
- For those who are finding it difficult to pay for their fuel and who are in receipt of council tax reduction
- May also be available in other circumstances to help with domestic fuel costs.
- Apply online at www.highland.gov.uk/fuelsupportfund or call the Council's Welfare Support Team (0800 090 1004) to complete the form and check other financial support that may be available

Welfare Support Update Pensioners

Pension Credit Gateway	
Warm Home Discount	£140
Cold Weather Payment (each 7 day period below zero)	£25
TV Licence	£157.50
Carer Addition	£38.75 weekly
Council Tax Reduction & Housing Costs	
Health costs (Eg Hospital Travel/Glasses)	
9/10 claims are successful	

Overall Pension Credit caseload and expenditure figures for financial year ending 2019



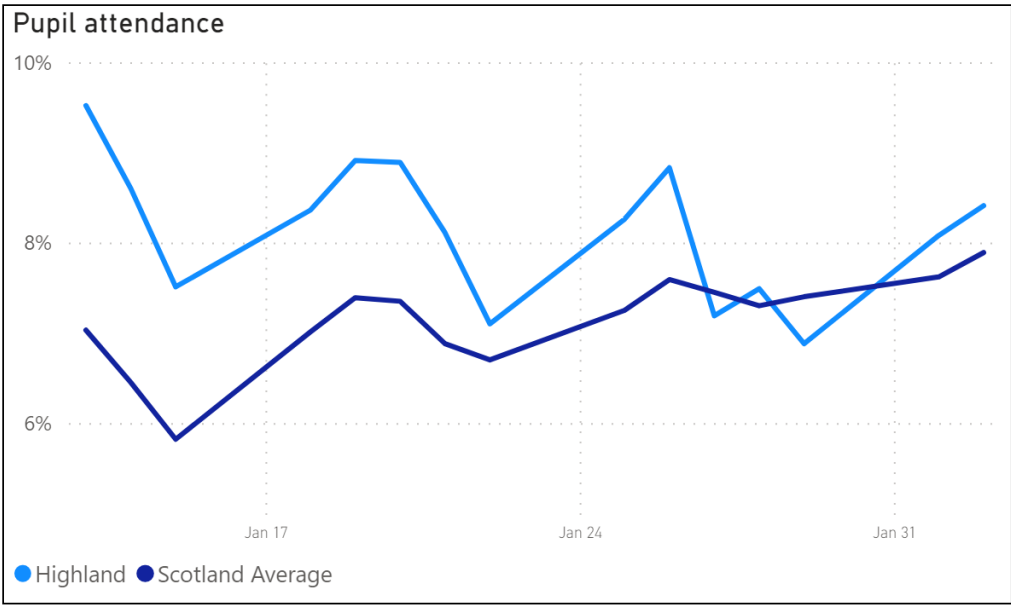
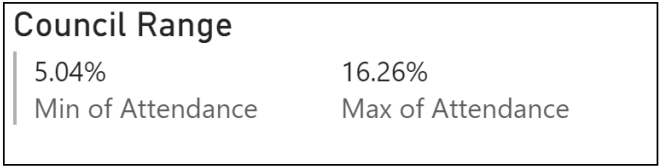
6 out of 10 of those entitled to Pension Credit claimed the benefit



76% of the total amount of Pension Credit that could have been claimed was claimed

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Latest Daily Pupil attendance



Family Group Comparison - Pupil Attendance during Lockdown



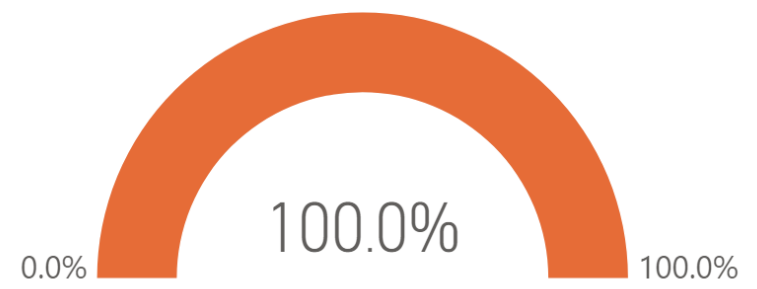
No of children who had face to face contact with a social worker in the last 2 weeks

Scotland	Council Average	Highland
2180	68	102

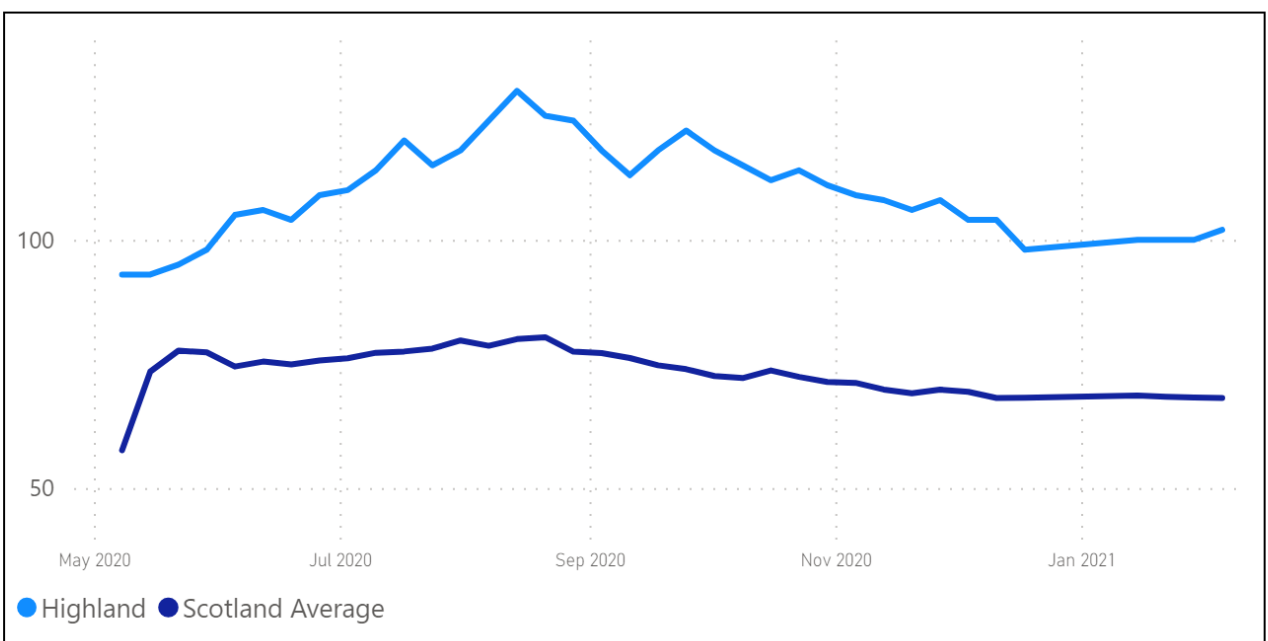
Council Range

90% Min %
102% Max %

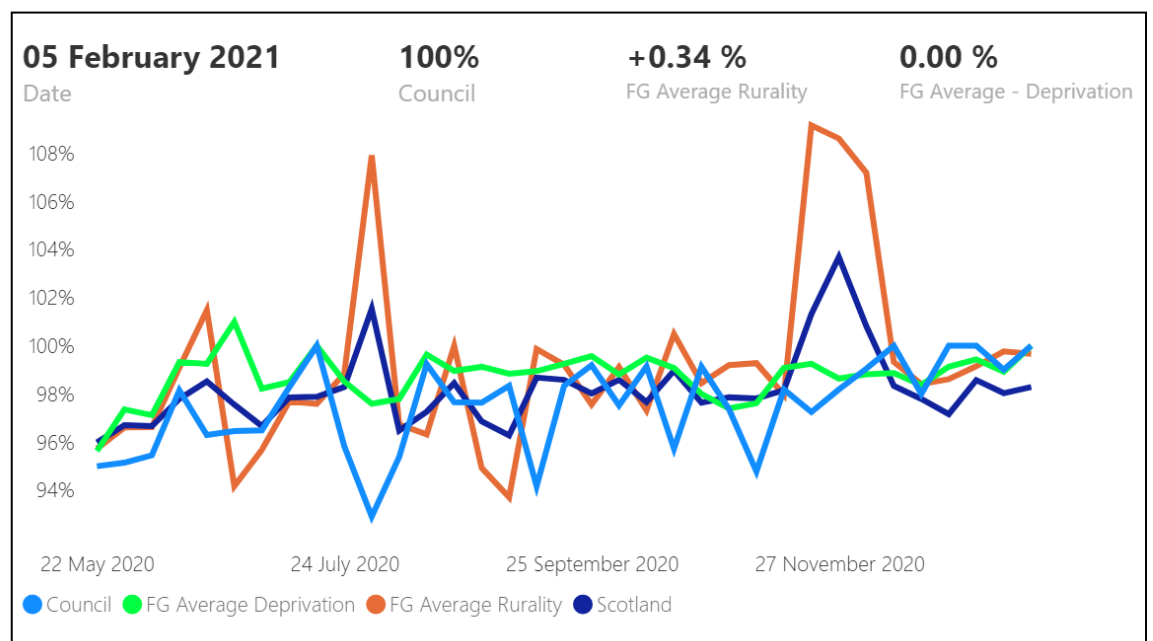
% of CP Plans Face to Face



Number of Children who had Face to Face contact - Comparison with Scotland Average



Family Group Comparison - Face to Face contact as a % of children on CP Register





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Current Average monthly Homeless Applications

Scotland
2555

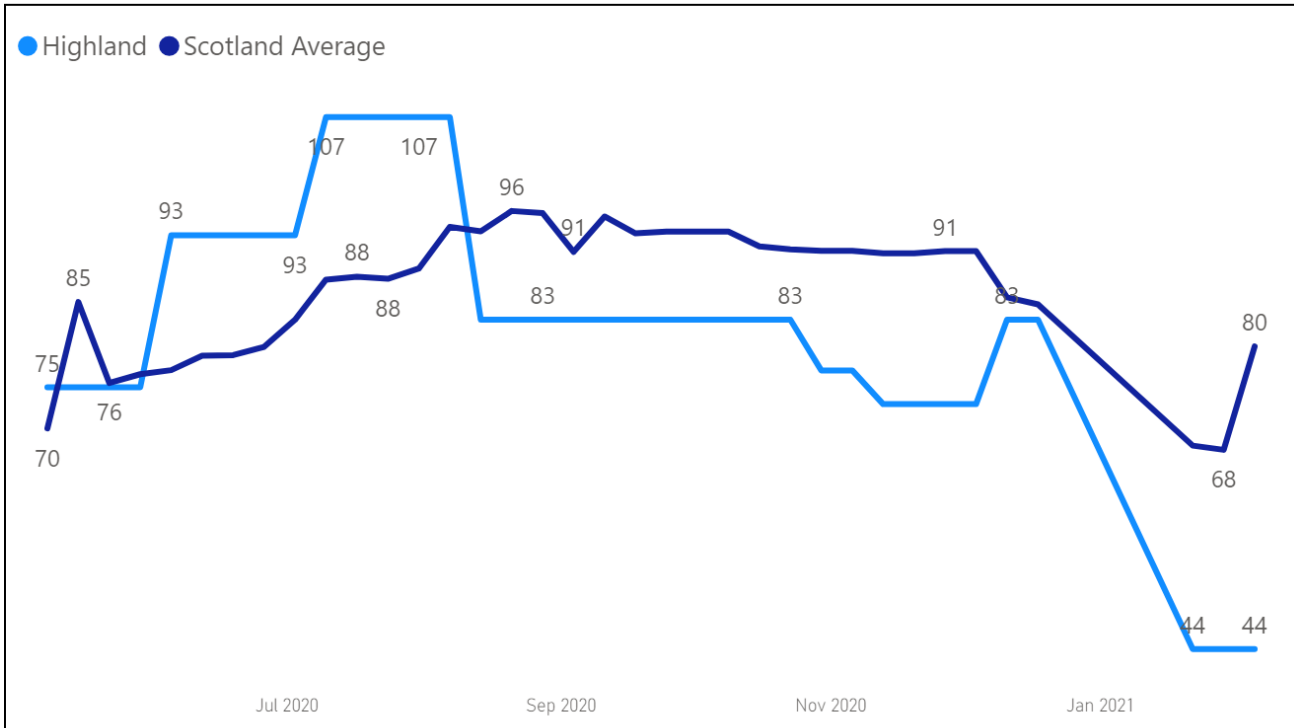
Council Average
80

Highland
44

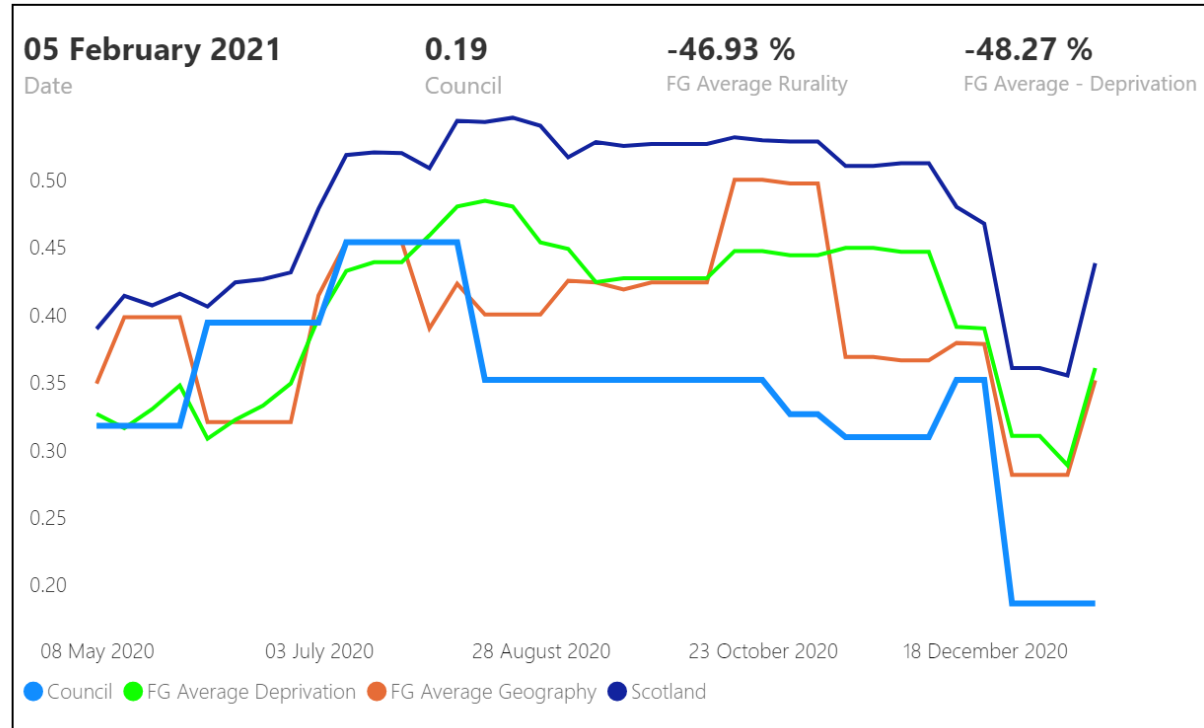
Council Range

4	603
Min	Max
0.10	0.95
Min per 1000 p...	Max per 1000 pop

Average monthly Homeless Applications



Family Group Comparison (Applications per 1000 pop)





Absence statistics - 5th February data return captures data from w/c 25th January

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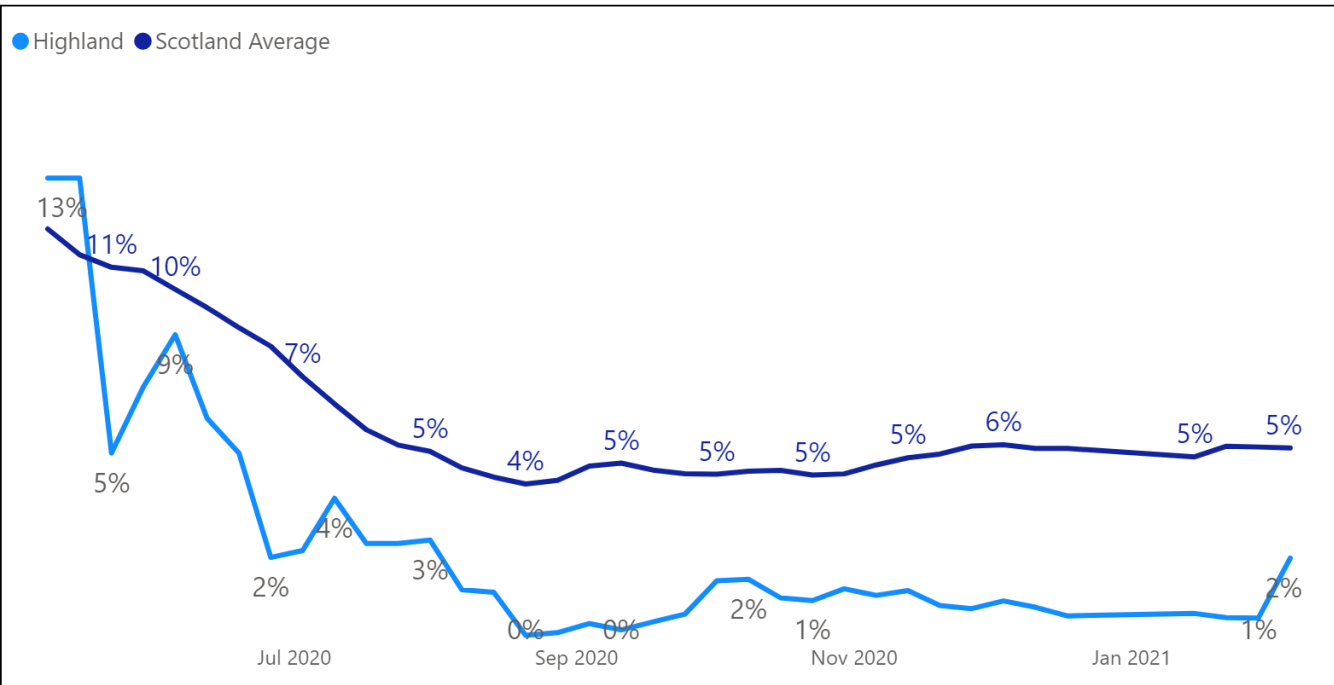
Scotland
5.4%

Council Average
5.4%

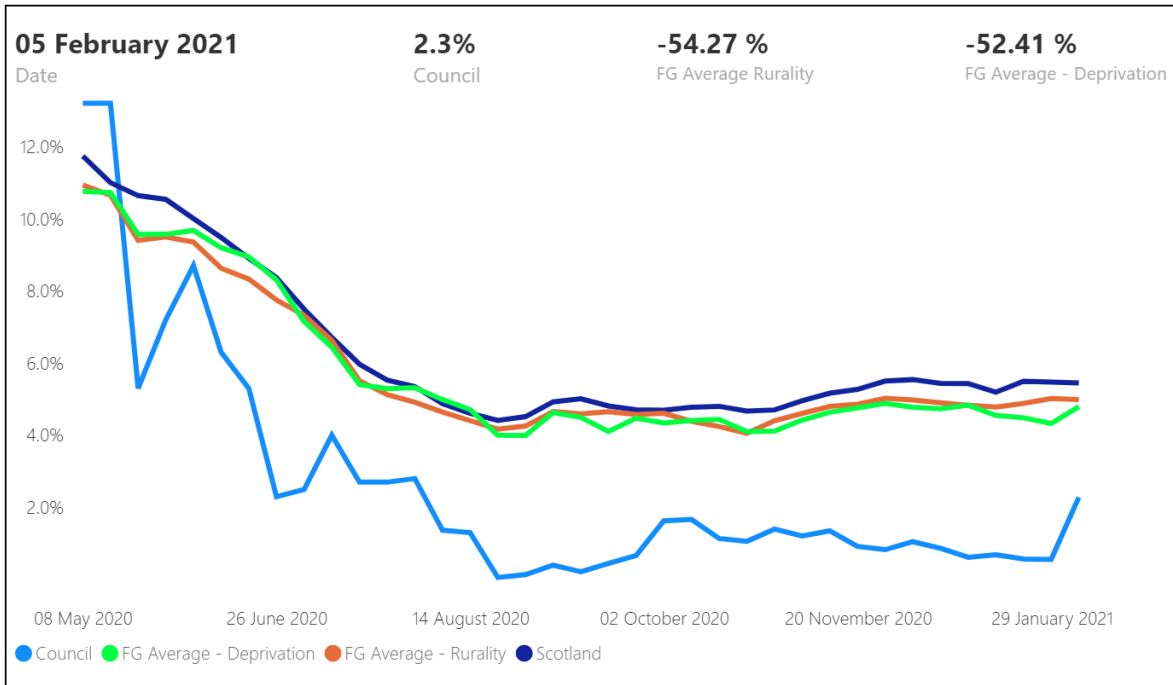
Highland
2.3%

Council Range
 1.9% 11.8%
 Min Max

% Absence - current & pre-covid



Family Group Comparison



Contacts

- For local resilience support – your Ward Manager or policy6@highland.gov.uk
- For welfare advice and referring people - Welfare.support@highland.gov.uk
- For the vaccination programme [**NHSHighland.Feedback@nhs.scot**](mailto:NHSHighland.Feedback@nhs.scot)

Please respond to policy6@highland.gov.uk if there are any items you'd like to see included in future briefings.

We plan to review the virtual after 3 months, and are keen to hear your views on how helpful this information is and what would make it better.

Thank you and stay safe