

# Policy and Sustainability Committee

**10.00am, Tuesday 6 October 2021**

## Adaptation and Renewal Update

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### 1. Recommendations

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- 1.1 Note the Council's latest Covid-19 position following the statement from the First Minister on Tuesday, 14 September 2021 and associated Scottish Government guidance.
- 1.2 Note the Covid-19 Response Dashboard at Appendix 1.
- 1.3 Note the decisions taken to date under urgency provisions from 23 July to 24 September 2021 at Appendix 2.
- 1.4 Note the closure summary for the Adaptation and Renewal Programme.

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## Adaptation and Renewal Update

### 1. Executive Summary

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- 1.1 The City of Edinburgh Council continues to respond to the Covid-19 global pandemic and adhere to all Scottish Government guidelines on the reopening of services. Scotland now has limited restrictions remaining, including the wearing of face coverings and a limit to numbers within venues - depending on the event.
- 1.2 Current guidance suggests a gradual return to office working, with home working to continue where possible. Planning is currently underway in relation to the “Our Future Work” and announcements in relation to a return to offices are anticipated in the coming weeks.
- 1.3 This is the twelfth report to Committee and includes the latest Covid-19 dashboard, of which the last version was circulated to members on 23 August 2021. The report also details decisions taken in the period 23 July to 24 September 2021 by the Council Incident Management Team (CIMT).
- 1.4 As requested previously by the Committee, there is an update on the reopening of Community Centres contained within the report. The report also covers both continuing and new pressures on services which are directly and indirectly impacted by Covid-19.

### 2. Background

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#### **Responding to Covid-19**

- 2.1 The Chief Executive continues to chair the bi-weekly CIMT meeting and, in consultation with the Leader and Deputy Leader, takes urgent decisions as required. A list of these urgent decisions since the last report is at Appendix 2.
- 2.2 As restrictions evolve and change depending on the pandemic, CIMT will continue to respond, plan and communicate to the organisation the new ways of operating.

### **First Minister's Update on Restrictions**

- 2.3 On 14 September 2021 the First Minister provided an update on current measures in place for schools, the vaccination of 12 to 15-year olds and the vaccine booster programme.
- 2.4 It was advised that given the current high level of infection, secondary school pupils must continue to wear face coverings in class until the October holidays - pending further review at the end of term.
- 2.5 The vaccination programme for 12 to 15-year olds began on 20 September 2021 with drop-in clinics available from this date. From 27 September 2021 formal invitation letters will be sent to this age group.
- 2.6 The vaccine booster programme is intended to lengthen the protection that vaccines offer. This will run parallel to the flu vaccine programme and is aimed at all adults over 50; frontline health and care workers; younger adults with certain health conditions putting them at higher risk and to adult household contacts of people with suppressed immune systems.

## **3. Main report**

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### **Covid-19 Dashboard**

- 3.1 The Covid-19 dashboard at Appendix 1 reflects the direct and indirect impacts of Covid-19 across the short, medium and longer term. It contains a wide range of information which highlights how Covid-19 continues to impact Edinburgh and more specifically Council services. Content for the dashboard continues to be kept under review based on the emerging situation and feedback received.
- 3.2 This monthly dashboard is supplemented with a weekly bulletin dashboard that provides the latest position on key data relating to the pandemic. This continues to be circulated to Elected Members every Thursday.

### **Decisions taken from 23 July to 24 September 2021**

- 3.3 A full list of decisions taken under urgency provisions by the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader and Deputy Leader, from 23 July to 24 September 2021 is at Appendix 2. Matters requiring a decision under urgency powers by the Chief Executive are discussed at CIMT, which continues to meet twice a week, or at the weekly Corporate Leadership Team meeting.

### **Service Resumption**

- 3.4 A data gathering and prioritisation exercise was conducted with Directorates to facilitate ongoing phased resumption in line with indicative dates for the easing of restrictions, corresponding to the Scottish Government route map and the Strategic Framework. The data has been analysed and reviewed by the Service Resumption

officer working group, led by the Service Director: Operational Services. This group includes officers from a range of key functions, including though not limited to: Facilities Management, Property, Communications, Business Support, Resilience and Health and Safety.

- 3.5 The Service Resumption Group considers weekly service resumption applications from service managers to access office space or resume a service and the data is used to ensure space is allocated according to priority and availability. Regular updates are provided at the CIMT meetings.

### **Community Centres and Libraries Update**

#### **Community Centres**

- 3.6 The Task Group led by the Interim Executive Director of Education and Children's Services continues to meet regularly to coordinate, plan and review the phased reopening. Each successive phase of centre re-opening has been achieved with the support of Management Committees.
- 3.7 The Scottish Government's "careful, cautious and sensible approach" to move beyond level 0 has been adopted to govern safe public, staff and volunteer use of space and services. Management Committees and officers are working together to ensure that the Scottish Government guidance is applied consistently in community centres, while extending the use of the centres by members of the community.
- 3.8 A Task Group meets three times weekly to plan and support building reopening. So far 26 community centres are open: Jack Kane, South Bridge, Royston, Wardieburn, Ratho, Clovenstone, Pentland, Goodtrees, Cameron House, Carrackvale, Magdalene, Sandy's, South Queensferry, West Pilton, Craigentenny, Gilmerton, Kirkliston, South Side, Valley Park, Inch, Gorgie Memorial Hall, Northfield, Juniper Green, Braidwood, Wee Moredun and Balerno.
- 3.9 The Task Group are working with the Management Committees of Leith, Rannoch, Tollcross and Bingham community centres as they look to restart activities within the centres in September and October 2021.
- 3.10 Gate 55 remains in use as a Symptomatic Test Centre (STC). While this is ongoing the venue may not be used for any other purpose.
- 3.11 Remedial actions are in progress at St Brides' and Wardie to allow building reopening. The aforementioned Task Group is liaising with two centres (Munro Centre and Colinton Mains) who may wish to access the Council's guidance and support in relation to health and safety, assessment, signage and guiding around Covid-19 available to centres in the Community Centre programme.
- 3.12 The Fort's Management Committee (MC) resigned during the pandemic and the Task Group is assisting in the process of transition.

## **Libraries**

- 3.13 18 libraries are open for an appointment-based service, with a mobile library service in operation at Ratho as alternative service provision while the new Library and Nursery hub is developed.
- 3.14 In line with the Scottish Government's 'careful, cautious and sensible approach' an extended service offer, alongside an incremental extension of opening hours, will continue over September and October 2021. This will see the requirement to make a booking for browsing removed (except for bus pass applications and public computers), the introduction of dwell time; group and 121 activity; study space and public access to toilets. Promotion of the service is taking place to align with a fines and charges amnesty running to the end of December 2021.
- 3.15 The proposed changes in larger libraries such as McDonald Road and Blackhall have supported the creation of dual function spaces to support additional use of the library as an Asymptomatic Test Centre (ATC), and thereby reduce disruption across the library service.
- 3.16 The full resumption to pre-Covid opening hours is planned to be in place by December 2021.
- 3.17 Muirhouse will open its Edinburgh College Granton Campus library service by the end of October 2021 and the Muirhouse staff team will be running activities and services from schools and partner locations throughout the community. For example, Bookbug sessions will start on 6 September 2021 from West Pilton Neighbourhood Centre.
- 3.18 Granton has some health and safety issues requiring building adaptation, which are in the process of being resolved. At Balerno library a Contact and Collect service will start from 4 October 2021 onwards. Corstorphine's planned asset works are complete and subsequent cupola paint work and internal reconfiguration will see the library opening from 25 October 2021 onwards.
- 3.19 A pilot digital library offering supported People's Network (PN) free public computing and internet will open in South Neighbourhood Office to coincide with the refreshed PN offer citywide and to be launched in January 2022.
- 3.20 Four libraries - Oxfgangs; Sighthill; Newington and Leith are currently in use as Symptomatic Test Centres and this requirement from Scottish Government is likely to continue for the foreseeable future. A review will be conducted to see if there are feasible alternative venues for the test centres, but members are asked to note that demand for testing remains high at all testing sites and there remains a need to ensure robust testing infrastructure in the city to contain the virus.

## **Enhanced Outbreak Response**

- 3.21 In partnership with NHS Lothian and neighbouring authorities, the Council continues to operate an Enhanced Outbreak Response at this time. This leads on all aspects of testing in the city and supports the NHS vaccination programme. A briefing has been circulated to members, updating on the Council's activities to support the vaccination programme. As at 23 Sept 2021, 78.8% of over 18s in the city have received both doses of the vaccination.
- 3.22 As cases of Covid-19 have begun to reduce in Edinburgh, the number of Asymptomatic Testing Centres (ATCs) has been reduced from three back to two. However, as case numbers remain significant the team has continued to utilise five Mobile Testing Units (MTUs) operated by the Scottish Ambulance Service (SAS), which are being deployed throughout the city to supplement the ATCs.
- 3.23 For example, for the week beginning 27 September 2021 the MTUs will be deployed at Craigmillar Medical Practice, Captain's Road Local Office, Tynecastle Football Stadium, Edinburgh University (Keir Street Car Park) and James Pringle in Leith.
- 3.24 Two ATCs are operating in the city within Fountainbridge and McDonald Road Libraries between Monday, 20 September and Saturday, 25 September 2021. McDonald Road library is dual use and the ATC operates alongside the library.
- A further two ATCs will be deployed in the week commencing 27 September 2021 at Blackhall and Wester Hailes libraries for two weeks. Both of these libraries are dual use, as referred to in paragraph 3.15 above.

## **Support to Businesses**

- 3.25 Funded by additional money from the Scottish Government, the Council's Covid-19 Compliance Team has been operational since 12 July 2021 and should assist in reducing pressures upon all teams within Regulatory Services, in particular Environmental Health.
- 3.26 Initially the team has been tasked with engaging with businesses to provide advice and to ensure compliance with coronavirus regulations and guidance. In particular, the team has been supporting hospitality, cultural and pop up venues during the recent Festival period. Feedback from these businesses has been very positive. Officers will also be working with the other regulatory teams in relation to the Covid Certification scheme, which will take effect from 5am on Friday 1 October 2021.

## **Covid-19 Passports**

- 3.27 The First Minister has confirmed that the Covid Certification Scheme will come into force at 5.00am on Friday, 1 October 2021. This new requirement is in addition to collecting Test and Protect data for relevant venues and events. In summary, those over the age of 18 (and not subject to exemption) will be required to show

that they have had both doses of a Covid-19 vaccine before they are allowed entry to the following settings:

- Nightclubs (and analogous premises) and adult entertainment venues
- Unseated indoor live events with more than 500 in the audience
- Unseated outdoor live events with more than 4,000 in the audience
- Any event, of any nature, with more than 10,000 in the audience.

3.28 The legislation will provide certain exemptions. People can already request a paper copy of their vaccination record to allow them to travel, and they can also now be provided with a QR code so that they can download a copy of the record to their phone. A mobile phone application is also in development by the Scottish Government to allow vaccine status to be checked in the relevant settings. This is likely to be ready by mid October 2021.

3.29 Regulatory teams are responding to enquiries and assisting businesses to implement systems which will fulfil these new responsibilities and will also be proactively engaging with affected premises to ensure that these systems are compliant.

#### **Update on Current System Pressures**

3.30 While some system pressures have dissipated, others remain and may increase as services continue to provide a robust response to Covid-19 and progress towards winter. Services impacted include social care, education, waste and cleansing, streetscapes and services working on COP26 – outlined in greater detail below.

#### **Edinburgh Health and Social Care Partnership (EHSCP)**

3.31 The Edinburgh Health and Social Care Partnership is experiencing significant pressure following increased demand for social care services. This is multifactorial, with causes including, though not limited to, an increase in adult protection cases, increased community demand for social care support, delayed discharges from hospital and an increase in the complexity of conditions and reduction in their previously mitigating factors during Covid-19.

3.32 This demand is concurrent with a decrease in capacity to provide care services as a result of staffing vacancies and a high rate of staff turnover with external care providers.

3.33 The EHSCP will address these increased pressures through a combined process of robust risk management and triage, while instituting new and creative approaches to meet these demands and ameliorate risk. There is a separate report on the agenda for the Policy and Sustainability Committee to enable more detailed discussion of these system pressures and mitigating actions.

## **Waste and Cleansing**

- 3.34 Waste and Cleansing is responsible for providing services to every household across the City. Covid-19 has had a significant impact upon provision of services, significantly altering the way in which services are being delivered. These changes, such as operating with a third person in a pool vehicle and also the introduction of a booking system for Household Waste Recycling Centres, were put in place to protect both the public and staff. These operational changes are still being maintained at this point in time.
- 3.35 At the early height of the pandemic some services had to be suspended to ensure continuity of other, priority services. The suspensions were short term and services were quickly reintroduced when the opportunity allowed. In addition to the challenges around availability of staff, the increase in numbers of people working from home and increased use of home deliveries and online shopping saw the amount of general and recyclable waste increase significantly over pre-COVID levels.
- 3.36 The ongoing impact of Covid-19 remains a significant risk for the service. The ability of the service to replace staff at short notice is reduced following the nationally acknowledged issues around availability of HGV drivers. Additionally, it is reasonable to assume that there will be a continued increase of many people working from home on a blended basis and therefore increased amounts of waste are likely to continue into the future. As and when specific sector advice changes the service will continue to adapt operational delivery where necessary.

## **Streetscapes**

- 3.37 Roads Operations are responsible for the day to day maintenance of Edinburgh's roads including potholes, roads drainage and winter gritting. Throughout the pandemic the service acted responsively to balance protection of both the public and staff. Covid-19 and the winter of 2020/21 created significant pressure for teams, as a rise in case numbers converged with the most severe winter weather for almost a decade. Programmed works were suspended, following robust risk assessment, in order to ensure the delivery of core winter service. The service was reduced to essential requirements with a focus on the most critical safety defects, road traffic accidents and inspection of key routes. Teams were required to work in new configurations to adhere to social distancing measures, while delivering an extensive service.
- 3.38 There is potential for these pressures to re-emerge in winter 2021/22, with an increase in cases once again impacting resource levels to the point that service delivery may be reduced to focus on elements assessed as most critical. The Place Management Resilience Group works to facilitate an agile response to Covid-19 pressures, while mitigating the impact of any service changes necessitated by the



pandemic. The Group are prepared to re-assess and re-prioritise if required to address a resurgence of winter pressures in 2021/22.

### **Schools**

- 3.39 The additional support being put into schools to manage the requirements of the response to the pandemic are primarily as follows:

#### School Operations Risk Toolkit (SORT)

- 3.40 The School Operations Risk Toolkit (SORT) is the service risk framework which effects the risk management process by ensuring the correct risk architecture (scheduled weekly risk meetings) are in place, including a fortnightly SORT/Covid Clinic supporting school colleagues to ensure risk communication and learning of key guidance/requirements.
- 3.41 The capacity required to support all of this is high, colleagues involved in the response are mostly doing this in addition to their own roles and have been involved since the start of the pandemic. The service is currently looking at how operational support can be bolstered to ensure capacity on an ongoing basis.
- 3.42 Education continues to require the support of the Covid-19 Case Management team (a team of three) to manage school Covid-19 related enquiries as well as the collation of numbers from cases. Support is still required at the weekend, although this has decreased from August 2021 when the team managed bubble risk assessments out of hours. The Contact Centre are supporting the use of SEEMiS out of hours in case there are closures relating to a lack of work force supply to ensure parents and carers receive communications.

#### Capacity and workforce supply

- 3.43 The service is currently in a situation where risks may impact other risks in terms of operational resilience. Going into the autumn the Schools Covid IMT will also manage the potential impacts of COP26 and potential national industrial action, aligned to overall Council resilience and business continuity planning arrangements.
- 3.44 An additional area of impact is where staff in schools are contacts and need to be PCR tested. There is also a cohort of younger staff still not double vaccinated which is resulting in contact associated absence, early years settings have closed due to this.

#### Education Resilience

- 3.45 School leaders, and their staff teams, continue to adapt and respond to changes in guidance issued by Scottish Government and Public Health Scotland. Despite the ongoing system pressures of Covid case management, schools are required to move forward with their renewal and improvement priorities, supported by the Quality Improvement and Curriculum Service (QICS). There is a national and local focus on raising attainment, including addressing any gaps incurred as a result of

the pandemic including targeted work to provide literacy and numeracy interventions to groups of, and individual, young people. Whilst every effort is being made to fulfil this agenda, schools are dealing with high levels of staff absence making it necessary for support from learning staff and senior leaders, to cover classes/ This places challenges on the ability to drive forward improvements and to provide personalised support. Despite the additional challenges, schools are also engaging in activities to support the rapid development of digital skills to support the Empowered Learning project, which will enhance learning and teaching and support contingency plans for any future need for a remote learning provision. Despite Covid-related absences schools are responsible for ensuring young people attend school consistently and engage in their learning in order to make their expected progress.

- 3.46 In summary the capacity requirements are still high and there are unknowns going into the winter. There are multiple risks being managed concurrently by the service due to the pandemic and other issues such as winter weather, strike action, COP26 and other winter illness that may affect capacity. For this reason, sustaining the current capacity remains essential.

#### **COP26 and Concurrent Events**

- 3.47 In terms of business renewal over the autumn period, there are a number of new and significant pressures on services and systems across the city which are being considered alongside ongoing public health measures. The crisis in Afghanistan is expected to generally increase pressures on key Council and partner services, while COP26 is bringing a specific pressure point in November 2021 that all city partners are concerned about. While the event itself is confined to the first two weeks of November, services are planning for increased pressure and demand across a six-week period, with a peak in terms of service risk in the first weekend of November due to a number of concurrent events. The resilience of the Council and the city in respect of these risks is being considered in planning for the renewal of service operations over the autumn.

#### **Adaptation and Renewal Programme - Closure Summary**

- 3.48 The Adaptation and Renewal programme was approved by the Policy and Sustainability Committee on 28 May 2020 to guide decision making throughout the Council's response to Covid-19. Since then, the Council Business Plan has been published and the officer working groups have either delivered their remit, or their activity has moved into business as usual delivery arrangements. In addition, the senior leadership review of Chief Officer roles has now concluded with responsibilities and accountabilities for delivery now aligned to the new Council organisational structure.
- 3.49 A close report is therefore in development which will look at how well the projects that formed the Adaptation and Renewal Programme delivered against the scope

for the now, near and future phases. It will also highlight any 'follow on actions' i.e. outputs or outcomes that still need to be delivered as part of business as usual activities.

- 3.50 Lessons Learned have been captured across individual projects and will be consolidated into the close report for awareness and adoption to inform other similar programmes response types.

## **4. Financial impact**

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- 4.1 The financial impacts arising from this report are dealt with in Council Business Plan and Revenue Budget 2021-26 which was considered at Finance and Resources Committee and referred to the Budget Full Council on 18 February 2021 for approval.
- 4.2 A further Council budget update was considered at the Finance and Resources Committee on 20 May 2021 and was approved at Full Council on 27 May 2021.
- 4.3 The ongoing financial implications of the Covid-19 pandemic continue to be monitored and are reported to the Finance and Resources Committee on an ongoing basis. The next such reports on both the Revenue and Capital Budgets are due to be considered by the Finance and Resource Committee on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2021.

## **5. Background reading/external references**

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- 5.1 [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): Local Protection Levels](#)
- 5.2 [Finance and Resources 2 February Council Business Plan and Budget 201/26](#)
- 5.3 [Finance and Resources 20 May Revenue Budget Framework 2021/26 Update](#)
- 5.4 [City of Edinburgh 27 May Motions and Amendments](#)

## **6. Appendices**

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- 6.1 Appendix 1 - Covid-19 Response Dashboard
- 6.2 Appendix 2 - Decisions taken from 23 July to 24 September 2021

## Appendix 2 - Decisions taken from 23 July – 24 September 2021

Ref.	Approved decisions	Date
D723	Internal Audit report Physical Distancing and Employee Protection To note the content of the IA report; and agree the management actions and risks that have been accepted.	26/07/2021
D724	Discretionary Funding To agree to: make an additional top-up payment of £2,000 to previous travel agent and tour guide recipients of Edinburgh Discretionary Business Support Fund, upon confirmation of active trading; allow other previous recipients of Edinburgh Discretionary Business Support Fund to apply for an undetermined top up (likely 'up to £1000') if they can evidence continued significant impact on their business; and pay a sum of £100,000 to Creative Edinburgh to re-open their Practice Support Fund to support more freelancers impacted by Covid-19 Restrictions	26/07/2021
D725	Events in Parks Applications - MOVE, Traverse Theatre Production, Cramond Foreshore To approve the event (subject to confirmation that the Environmental Health Team are satisfied with the Covid measures) and enable the team to notify organisers as soon as is practicable.	26/07/2021
D726	Update and Request for Approval: Asymptomatic Testing Centres – Approved use of Gilmerton, Fountainbridge and McDonald Road libraries as ATCs for week beginning 9 August 2021.	29/07/2021
D727	Use of Assembly Rooms as a Walk-Through Testing Centre – Approved subject to site visit. To include any loss of income compensation in the lease agreement.	29/07/2021
D728	C172 Risk Assessor Training for Occupational Therapists and Senior Occupational Therapists To approve the resumption of the 2-day refresh Manual Handling Risk Assessor Training for Occupational Therapists and Senior Occupational Therapists.	02/08/2021
D729	C173 Museums Galleries Youth Engagement To approve in-person sessions with up to 10 young people supported by Edinburgh Young Carers.	02/08/2021
D730	C174 CJSW Women's Services Newkirkgate To approve in principle for Newkirkgate Social Work Centre to be returned to CJSW for its sole use as a Women's Centre subject to confirmation there will be alternative arrangements for those seeking food bank vouchers. To note the 4 other CRCs will remain as they are at the moment.	02/08/2021
D731	Foodies – Capacity Dispensation Request To approve retrospectively in part the application to allow an increase from 1000 to no more than 1250 attendees at any time, subject to the venue ensuring all other mitigations set out in the relevant statutory guidance are complied with and 1m social distancing requirement as set out in the guidance. Also subject to the additional conditions as detailed in the email To not to approve the requested increase to 2200 attendees.	02/08/2021

D732	Events in Parks - Meadows Fringe Festival Funfair 2021 - The Meadows To approve the event and enable the team to notify organisers as soon as is practicable.	02/08/2021
D733	Events in Parks - Colour Bomb Festival 2021 - Sighthill Park To approve the event and enable the team to notify organisers as soon as is practicable.	02/08/2021
D734	Usher Hall/Ross Bandstand To note the TC at Usher Hall would be closed to allow scheduled events to go ahead. To approve in principle the use of Ross Bandstand as a TC subject to; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• discussions with the C&amp;C Conveners</li> <li>• confirmation that no events have contractual agreement to take place over the next 6 months</li> <li>• finding an alternative venue for the Diwali celebrations</li> </ul>	02/08/2021
D735	Update and Request for Approval: Asymptomatic Testing Centres To note the deployment of the current ATCs and Mobile Testing Units. To approve the reduction in operation of ATCs from three locations to two from 16 August and note five TUs will continue to operate within the city. To approve the use of Fountainbridge and McDonald Road libraries as ATCs for week beginning 16 August 2021.	05/08/2021
D736	Capacity dispensation Hibernian FC 3/5 August and 7/8 August – Retrospective Approval To approve a capacity of 7059 for the match due on 3/5 August which is 75% of the capacity of 9412 the safe capacity to ensure the required 1m social distancing, subject to the venue ensuring 1m social distancing guidance and other mitigations set out in the relevant statutory guidance are complied with. To approve a capacity of 9412 for the match due on 7/8 August which is 100% of the capacity of 9412 the safe capacity to ensure the required 1m social distancing, subject to the venue ensuring 1m social distancing guidance and other mitigations set out in the relevant statutory guidance are complied with. However, noting that 2 of the 4 stands on the stadium do not currently have a safety certificate therefore the number for both matches will be restricted to 5632 which is the number of spectators who can be safely accommodated in the 2 remaining stands whilst maintaining the required social distancing.	05/08/2021
D737	Parkrun (Senior) - Silverknowes Promenade To approve the resumption of Parkrun (Senior), Silverknowes Promenade, to take place weekly at 08.30 -10.45 commencing 14 August 2021.	05/08/2021
D738	Edinburgh Festival Fringe Street Events – August 2021 To approve the event management plan (subject to confirmation that the Environmental Health Team) for Fringe Society Street Events – High Street, West Parliament Square and Mound Precinct – 6 August until 30 August inclusive, and enable the team to notify organisers as soon as is practicable.	05/08/2021
D739	Response to FM statement - proposed CEC response To agree that the presumption to work from home where possible will continue with the return of priority 1/2 services taking precedence. Staff working from a CEC setting will keep a 1m distance, masks must be worn when moving in communal areas, with clients or where a 1m distance	09/08/2021

	cannot be maintained. When seated at a 1m distance, masks may be removed. To otherwise agree the proposed CEC response to the FM statement.	
D740	C171 Education Psychological Services, 11 desks and meetings space Waverley Court To agree the use of 6 desks and a shared meeting room in Waverley Court to facilitate support for the Education Psychological Services team.	09/08/2021
D741	Events in Parks – Edinburgh Climate Festival at Leith Links To approve the Edinburgh Climate Festival to take place at Leith Links on Saturday 14 August 2021 and enable the team to notify organisers as soon as is practicable.	09/08/2021
D742	Events in Parks – Parkrun (Senior) Portobello - Figgate Park To approve the temporary resumption of Parkrun (Senior) to take place at Figgate Park, weekly, commencing 14 August 2021, on the understanding that an alternative location or mitigation measures be put in place within eight weeks of this decision.	09/08/2021
D743	Capacity Dispensations for Easter Road and Tynecastle Stadiums To note the changes to the regulations and grant the capacity dispensation for both clubs allowing full capacities within the stadiums on an ongoing basis subject to the conditions set out in paragraph 2.3 of the report. To note that the regulations allow any dispensation to be revoked or amended if the public health situation were to change.	09/08/2021
D744	Events and Weddings/Civil Partnerships in the City Chambers To agree staff will maintain the 1m distancing and wearing of masks at all events, members of the public are subject to national guidance.	09/08/2021
D745	Re-opening of Cultural Venues To approve the reopening of Cultural Venues, with a capacity limit of 2000 for the Usher Hall, operating in line with Scottish Government and Council guidance.	12/08/2021
D746	Update and Request for Approval: Asymptomatic Testing Centres To note the deployment of the current ATCs and Mobile Testing Units To approve the use of Wester Hailes and McDonald Road libraries as ATCs for week beginning 23 August 2021 and notes that a limited library service will be maintained at both sites.	12/08/2021
D747	Events in Parks - Milan's (Senior Welfare Organisation) Multicultural Get Together To approve Milan's (Senior Welfare Organisation) Multicultural Get Together at Montgomery Street Park on Sunday 5 September 2021 and enable the team to notify organisers as soon as is practicable.	12/08/2021
D748	C178 School and youth group visits to the City Arts Centre To approve school and youth groups to visit the City Art Centre exhibitions and take part in art workshops with the Schools Engagement Officer as detailed in the report.	16/08/2021
D749	C179 Outdoor learning visits for primary schools and youth groups – Lauriston Castle grounds and Museum of Edinburgh courtyard To approve primary school classes and youth groups to participate in outdoor learning activities in Lauriston Castle grounds and the Museum of Edinburgh courtyard with the Schools Engagement Officer as detailed in the report.	16/08/2021

D750	C180 Auld Reekie Retold – Public Engagement Project, in-person sessions To approve in-person sessions with individuals and up to two persons from the same household for ‘story catching’ engagement around MGE collection items as detailed in the report .	16/08/2021
D751	Events in Parks – Leith Links Funfair To approve Leith Links Funfair to take place at Leith Links from Tuesday 17 August to Tuesday 31 August 2021 and request the team notify organisers as soon as is practicable.	16/08/2021
D752	Events in Parks – Sunset Marathon To approve the Sunset Marathon to take place at Gypsy Brae, Cramond & Silverknowes Foreshore on Saturday 21 August 2021 and request the team notify organisers as soon as is practicable.	16/08/2021
D753	Events in Parks - Friends of Saughton Park Community Music Event To approve the Friends of Saughton Park Community Music Event to take place in Saughton Park on 28 August and 25 September 2021 and enable the team to notify organisers as soon as is practicable.	19/08/2021
D754	Update and Request for Approval Asymptomatic Testing Centres To note the deployment of the current ATCs and Mobile Testing Units. To approve the use of Wester Hailes and Blackhall libraries as ATCs for week beginning 30 August 2021 and note that a library service will be maintained at both sites. To ensure Ward Councillors, and the Culture and Communities Conveners are made aware of any relevant updates. To note sites were identified based both on the availability of space and case numbers in the area. Mobile Units were also dispatched to hot spots.	19/08/2021
D755	Portobello Book Festival To agree that the book festival events programme is run as a dual operation with the Library Service (revised model) offering BAU activity during opening hours but with the upstairs event space adopting cultural venue operational arrangements (no 1m social distancing requirement).	23/08/2021
D756	ReDrawing Edinburgh To approve ReDrawing Edinburgh to take place in St Margaret’s Park on 3 September 2021 and enable the team to notify organisers as soon as is practicable.	26/08/2021
D757	Capacity Dispensations for Usher Hall and Playhouse Theatre To note the dispensations granted and that the regulations allow any dispensation to be revoked or amended if the public health situation were to change.	26/08/2021
D758	Update and Request for Approval: Asymptomatic Testing Centres To note the deployment of the current ATCs and Mobile Testing Units To approve the use of Gilmerton and Blackhall libraries as ATCs for the week beginning 6 September 2021 and notes that a library service will be maintained at Blackhall library.	26/08/2021
D759	C183 Adaptation of Edinburgh Library Services To approve the proposed changes as outlined in the report to coincide with SG guidance and allow the creation of dual function spaces to support the ATC process and reduce disruption across the library service offer.	30/08/2021

D760	C182 Physical meetings of Executive Committees and the Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee To approve limited attendance from officers to support the recommencement of physical meetings as outlined in the report.	30/08/2021
D761	C185 Next phase of civic events to take place in the City Chambers To approve Civic Events within the City Chambers from 1 September to December 2021 as detailed in the report, these will be managed and compliant with all relevant Covid guidelines. To acknowledge the pressure under which catering staff are operating and that this group may be part of the TU ballot.	30/08/2021
D762	Event in Parks - Music for Bridges, Victoria Park To approve Music for Bridges to take place in Victoria Park (amongst other sites) on 12 September 2021 and enable the team to notify organisers as soon as is practicable.	30/08/2021
D763	Events in Parks – Bingham Community Event To approve the Bingham Community Event to take place in Bingham Park on 5 September 2021 and enable the team to notify organisers as soon as is practicable.	30/08/2021
D764	Events in Parks – Break the Cycle To approve Break the Cycle to take place on 4-5 September 2021 with its finishing point on Gypsy Brae, Cramond and Silverknowes Foreshore. To request the team to notify organisers as soon as is practicable.	02/09/2021
D765	Events in Parks – Inch Park Community Fun Day To approve the Inch Park Community Fun Day to take place in Inch Park on 4 September 2021 and enable the team to notify organisers as soon as is practicable.	02/09/2021
D766	Events in Parks – Mwamba Community Summer Event To approve the Mwamba Community Summer Event to take place in Victoria Park on 11 September 2021 and enable the team to notify organisers as soon as is practicable.	02/09/2021
D767	Update and Request for Approval: Asymptomatic Testing Centres 1) To note the deployment of the current ATCs and Mobile Testing Units. 2) To approve the use of: • Fountainbridge as ATCs for the week beginning 13 September 2021 • McDonald Rd for two weeks from week beginning the 13 September and note that a library service will be maintained at this site.	02/09/2021
D768	C177 - EdinTravel Team - Return to Lothian Buses' Annandale Depot To approve access to the Annandale Depot for the EdinTravel team, as detailed in the report.	06/09/2021
D769	Supplier Relief Request for Barhale Limited at Fountainbridge To approve the Supplier Relief Claim for Barhale Limited.	06/09/2021
D770	Update and Request for Approval: Asymptomatic Testing Centres 1) To note: • the deployment of the current ATCs and Mobile Testing Units; • that McDonald Rd Library has been approved by CIMT for two weeks from week beginning the 13 September (this being a 'dual use' site where a library service will continue to be provided). 2) To approve the use of Fountainbridge Library as an ATC for the week beginning 20 September 2021.	09/09/2021



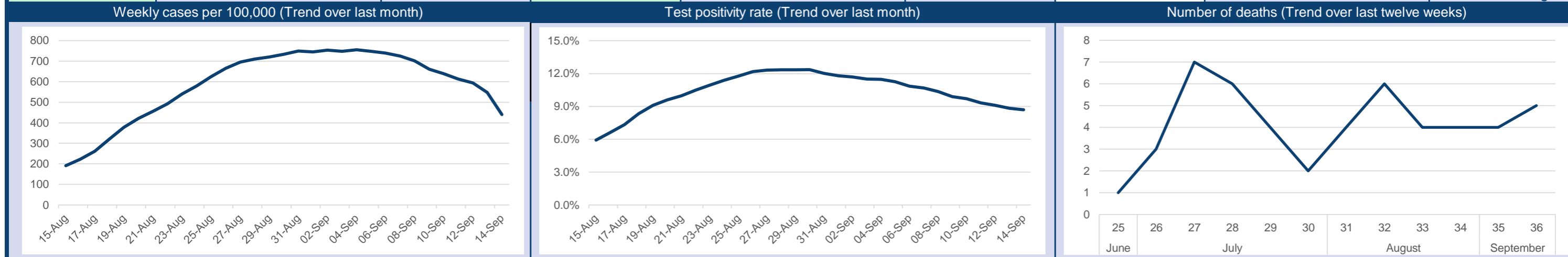
D771	C187 Open All Hours Youth Work - Full Resumption To approve extending Open All Hours youth work provision as detailed in the report.	13/09/2021
D772	C189 Northfield Drive and Grove Public Engagement Project in-person Outdoor Consultation To approve an open-air consultation with the residents of Northfield Drive and Northfield Grove as detailed in the report.	13/09/2021
D773	Update and Request for Approval: Asymptomatic Testing Centres 1) To notes the deployment of the current ATCs and Mobile Testing Units. 2) To approve the use of Wester Hailes and Blackhall libraries as ATCs for a period of two weeks from the week beginning 27 September 2021.	16/09/2021
D774	Events in Parks - Coalie Park Fun Day To approve the Coalie Park Funday to take place in Coalie Park on 3rd October 2021 and enable the team to notify organisers as soon as is practicable.	16/09/2021
D775	Events in Parks – Friends of Saughton Park Apple Day To approve the Friends of Saughton Park Apple Day to take place in Saughton Park on 30th October 2021 and enable the team to notify organisers as soon as is practicable.	16/09/2021
D776	Events in Parks - Beach Volleyball Competition To approve the Beach Volleyball Competition – Commonwealth Games European Qualifier (Portobello Beach 23-26 September 2021)	20/09/2021
D777	C190 Delivery of Crisis and Aggression Limitation Management (CALM) Training 1) To approve the immediate restart of face to face training and practice of CALM in all specialist schools where staff were likely to use physical intervention. 2) To note that the relevant trade unions had been consulted and had given approval.	20/09/2021
D778	C192 Council Resilience Centres (CRCs) – Opening up Customer Access – Return to Locality Offices To approve the opening up of customer access in Council Resilience Centres as described in the report, return to referring to these buildings as	20/09/2021
D779	To approve the request from the Scottish Government to visit North Cairntow Travellers site in connection with a funding application the Council had submitted to support the modernisation of the site.	23/09/2021
D780	To approve the request from Parks and Greenspace to extend permission for the weekly parkrun in Figgate Park.	23/09/2021

### Covid-19: Key indicators

The figures and charts have been updated using data published daily from Public Health Scotland. Last updated to 14th September 2021

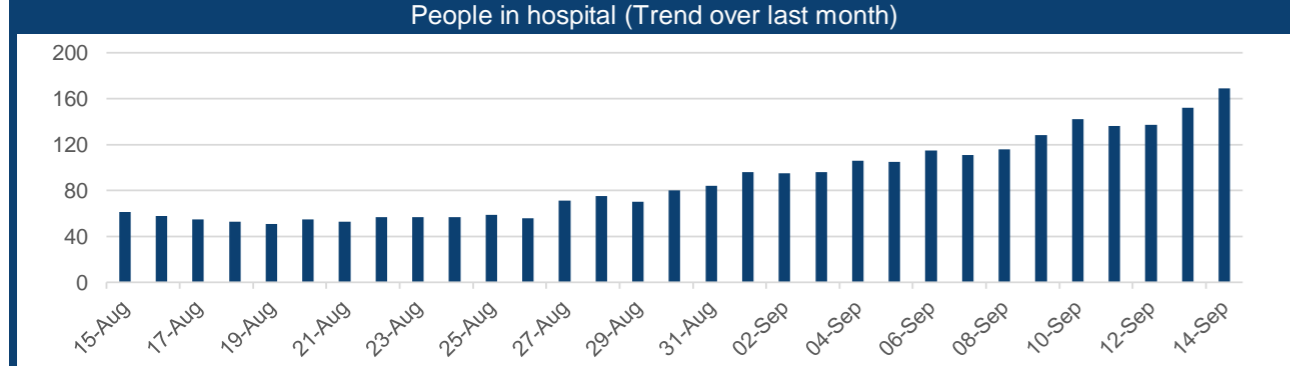
#### Overview of cases

<b>440</b>	<b>cases per 100,000 (Edinburgh)</b>	<b>8.7%</b>	<b>Test positivity rate (Edinburgh)</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>deaths within 28 days of a positive test (Edinburgh)</b>
▼ <b>-284</b>	less than last week -39.3% decrease	▼ <b>-1.98%</b>	less than last week -1.98% decrease	=	same as last week 0.0% change

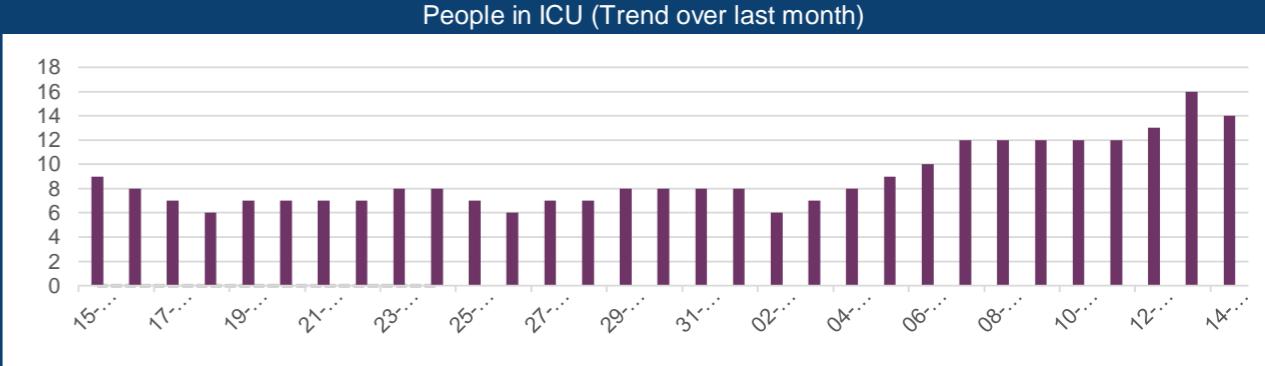


\*The figures and charts are reviewed and updated as PHS publishes revised data.

<b>169</b>	<b>people in hospital with Covid-19 (NHS Lothian)</b>	<b>58</b>	more than last week 52.3% increase	<b>14</b>	<b>people in ICU with Covid-19 (NHS Lothian)</b>	<b>2</b>	more than last week 16.7% increase
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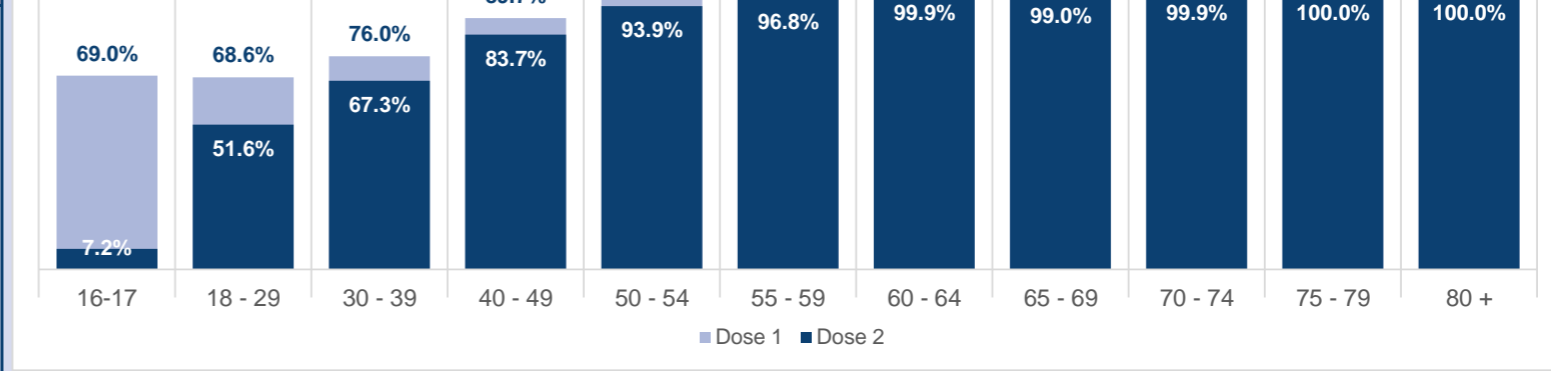
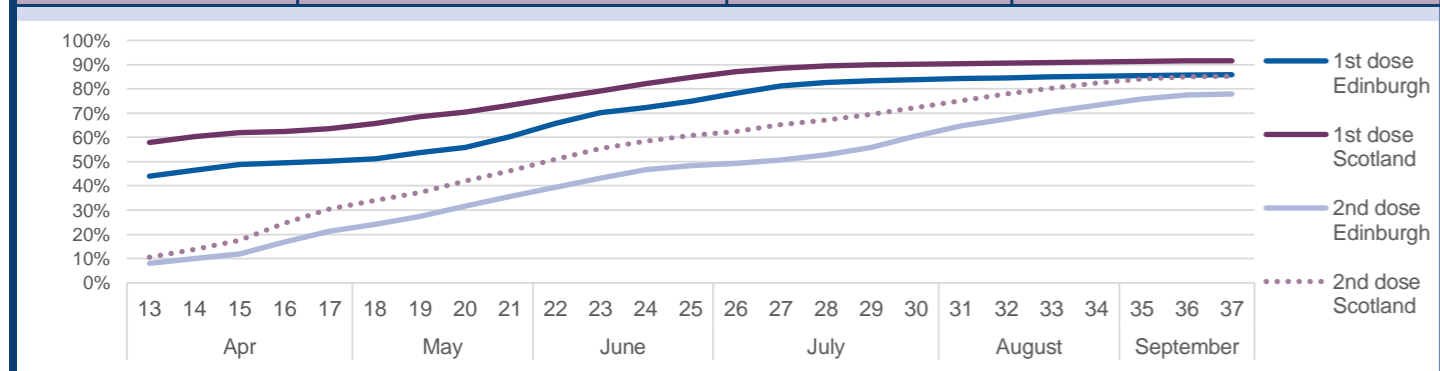


\* Please be aware that if the number of Covid-19 patients in hospital or ICU is 4 or less the figure is not published. This means that the charts only show a column if the number of patients is 5 or more. The top figures will show "<5" if the number is under 5, and the change in relation to the previous week will only be calculated if both weeks figures are 5 or more.



#### Vaccinations

Vaccinations by dose for people over 18				Vaccinations in Edinburgh by age group (includes age group 16-17)			
<b>377,770</b>	<b>1st dose vaccines in Edinburgh</b>	<b>342,807</b>	<b>2nd dose vaccines in Edinburgh</b>	<b>726,984</b>	<b>total number of vaccines administered in Edinburgh</b>	<b>8,584</b>	<b>vaccines last week</b>
4,064,981	1st dose vaccines in Scotland	3,781,425	2nd dose vaccines in Scotland				
<b>85.8%</b>	<b>1st dose coverage in Edinburgh</b>	<b>77.9%</b>	<b>2nd coverage in Edinburgh</b>				
91.6%	1st dose coverage in Scotland	85.2%	2nd dose coverage in Scotland				



# Public Health and Safety

## Public Health Data

[Link for Source and further info](#)

### Number of positive tests

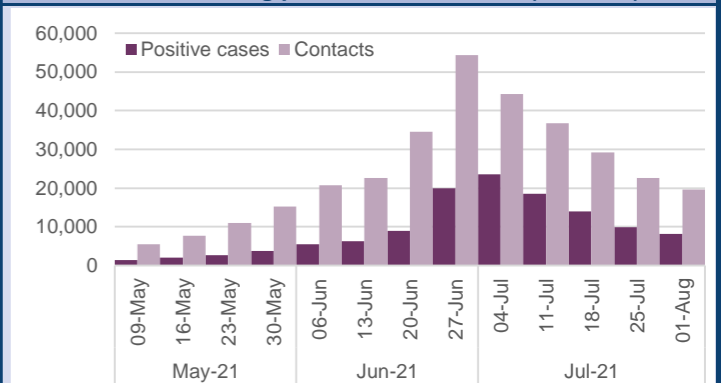
Area	Aug-21	Difference vs last month	Cumulative
Scotland	97,456	37,529 ▲	444,510
NHS Lothian	16,153	3,619 ▲	74,380
Edinburgh	9,593	2,443 ▲	42,896

### Number of deaths within 28 days of a positive test

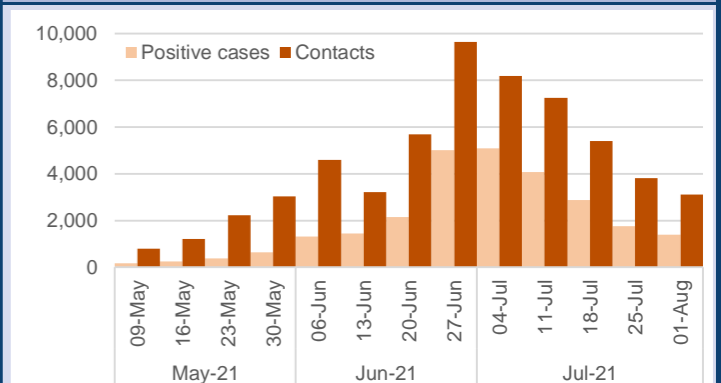
Area	Aug-21	Difference vs last month	Cumulative
Scotland	190	-21 ▼	8,169
NHS Lothian	32	-4 ▼	1,191
Edinburgh	20	-1 ▼	647

## Test and Protect

### Individuals testing positive and contacts\* (Scotland)



### Individuals testing positive and contacts\* (NHS Lothian)

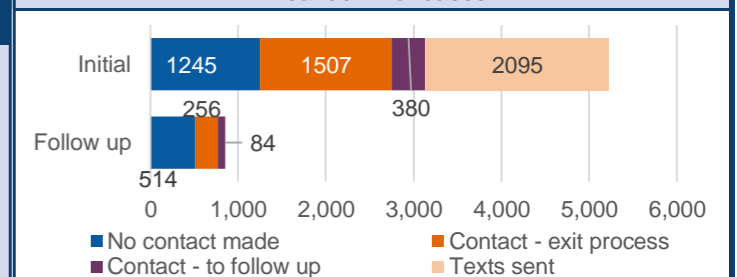


\*Unique contacts within Scotland/ within health board

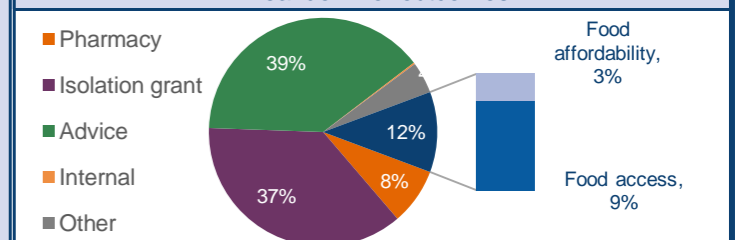
### Outbound calls from CEC to self-isolating individuals

Number of outbound calls + texts	Difference vs last month
Aug-2021	-24 ▼
<b>6,081</b>	

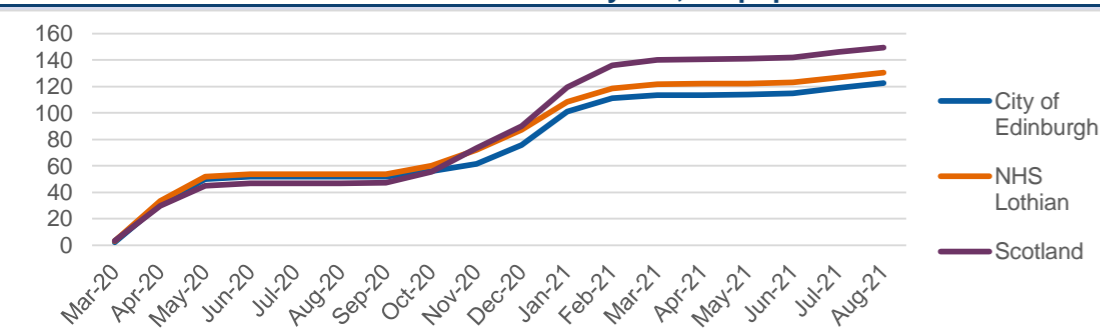
### Breakdown of cases



### Breakdown of outcomes

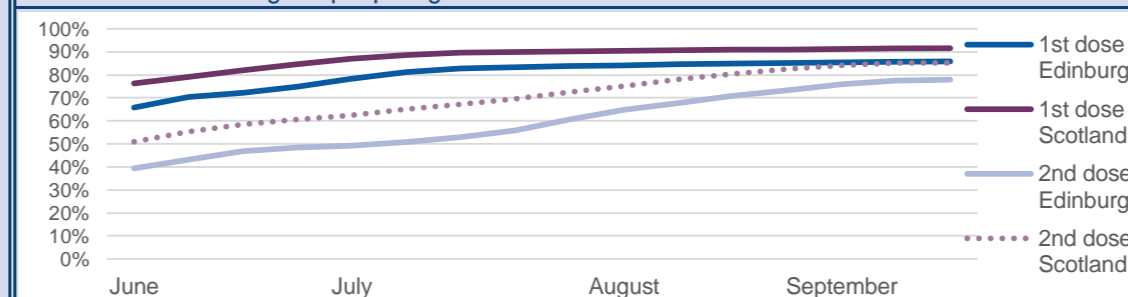


### Cumulative rate of deaths by 100,000 population



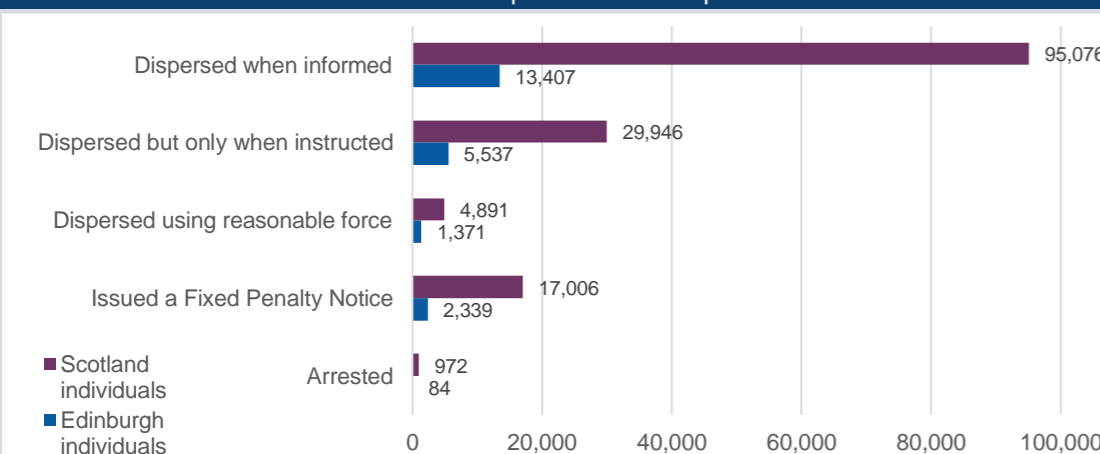
### Vaccination coverage

#### Percentage of people aged 18+ who has received a first dose of the vaccine



### Police enforcement for COVID-19

Cumulative from 6th Apr 2020 to 1st September 2021



Extracted from source: This system relies on Police Officers manually updating the system with the co-operation level they experienced when they encounter an individual in contravention of the new legislation.

### Environmental Health & Trading Standards advice/ enforcement

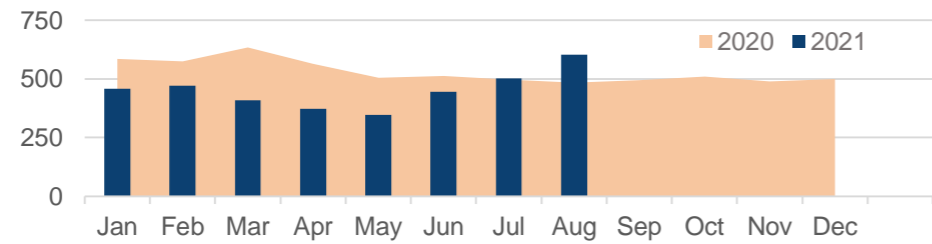
Cumulative from 5th May 2020 to 20th August 2021



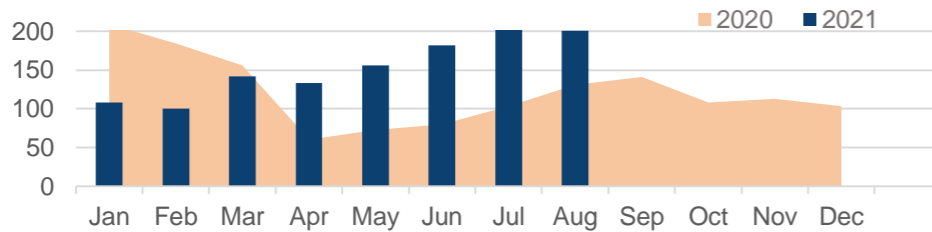
## Vulnerable Groups

### Health and Social Care

**604**



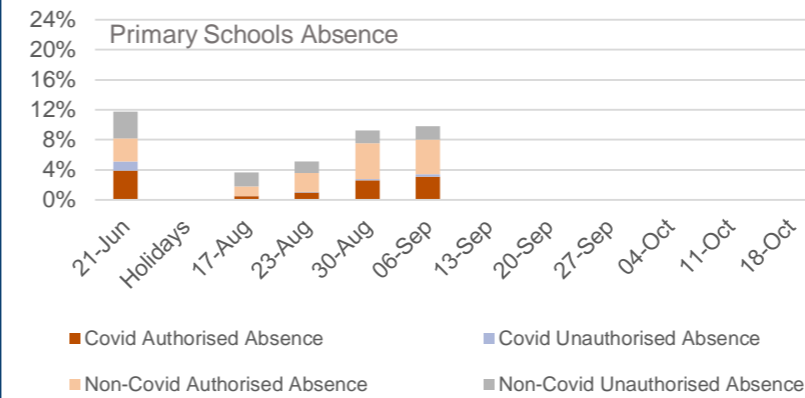
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### Schools

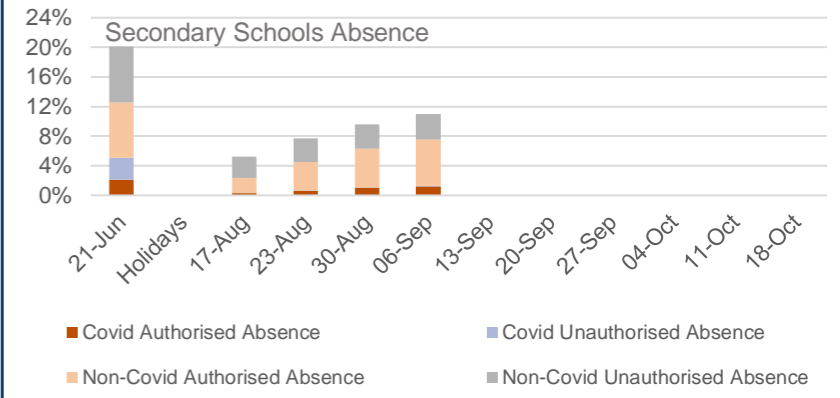
#### Pupil Absence in Primary Schools

**3.13%** Covid authorised absence vs last week **0.55%** ▲



#### Pupil Absence in Secondary Schools

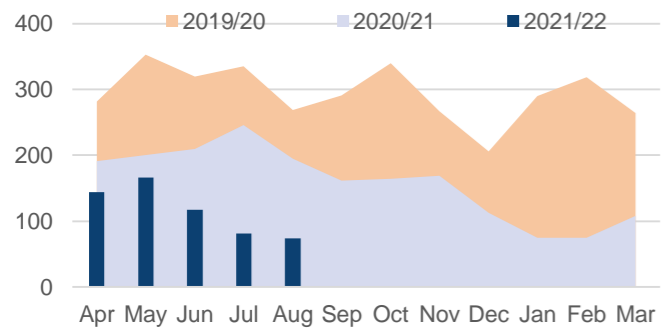
**1.2%** Covid authorised absence vs last week **0.18%** ▲



### Homelessness

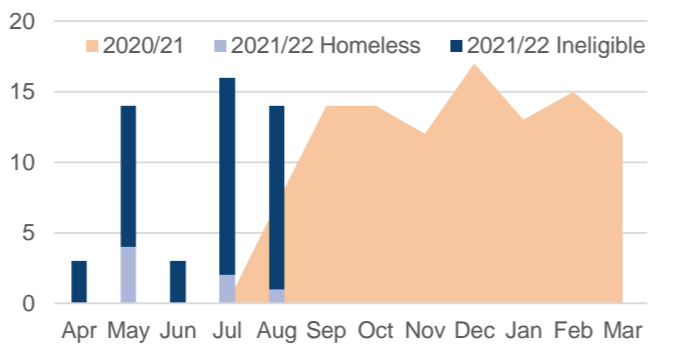
**74**

Total number of homeless presentations in Aug  
vs last month **-7** ▼  
vs last year **-121** ▼



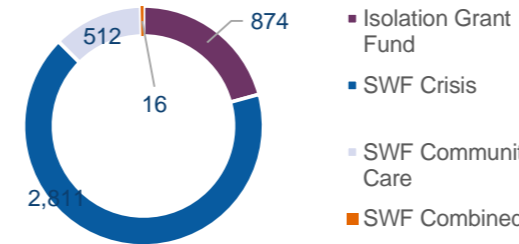
#### Families with children in B&B on last day of month

**14** vs last month **-2** ▼  
vs last year **7** ▲

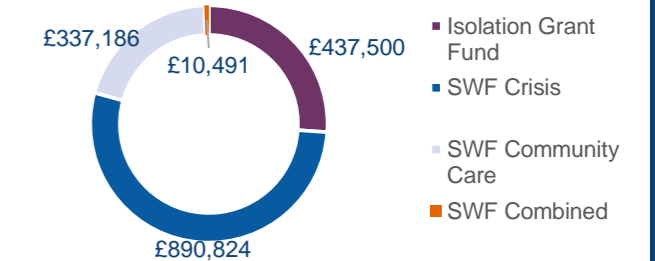


### Scottish Welfare Fund and Isolation Support Grant

#### Volume of applications by type of grant



#### Funds requested by type of grant



**3,339**

Total number of applications excluding ISG in Aug

SWF Grants

£ **1,238,501**

Total funds requested excluding ISG in Aug

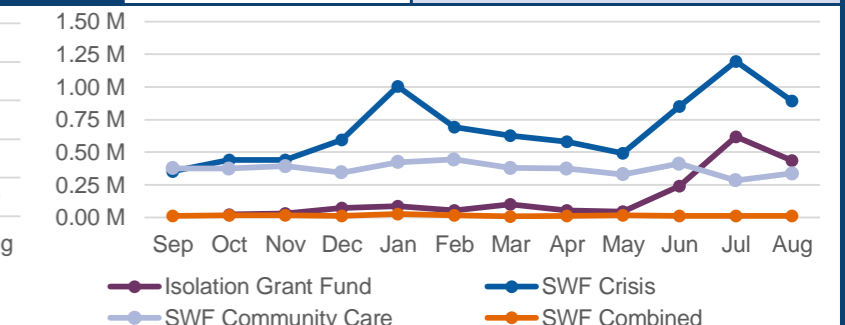
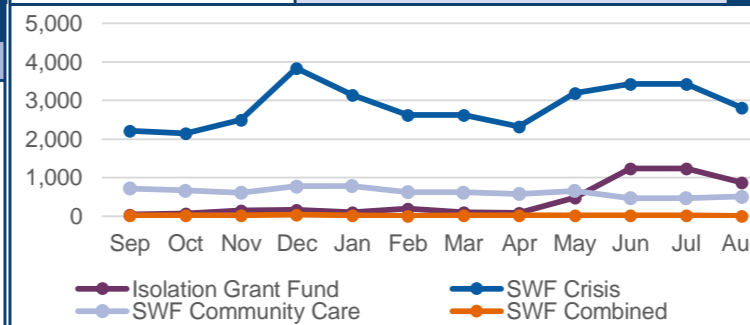
**4,772**

Cumulative applications to new Isolation Support Grant

ISF Grants

£ **1,767,500**

Cumulative funds requested through Isolation Grant Fund



### Customer Contact

excluding Vulnerable line

#### Contact Centre

**48,846**

Number of calls to Customer Contact Centre in Aug

**89.9%**

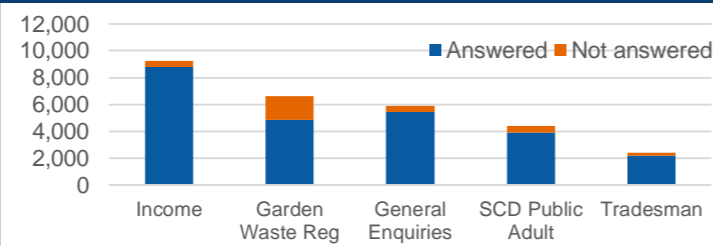
Percentage of calls answered

#### Council Resilience Centres

**2,721**

Council Resilience Centres footfall

#### Top 5 lines



### Vulnerable line calls

**558**

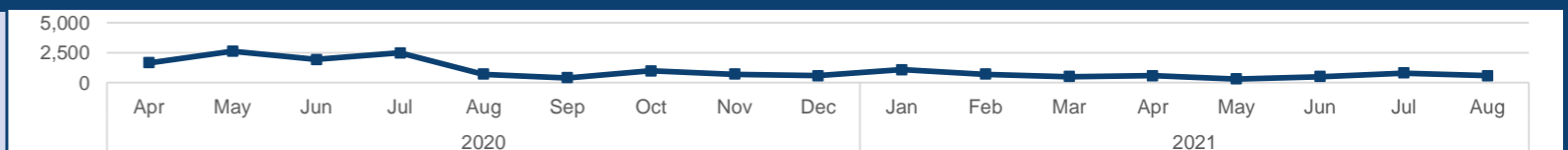
calls during Aug-2021

**16,969**

cumulative calls from Apr-20

228

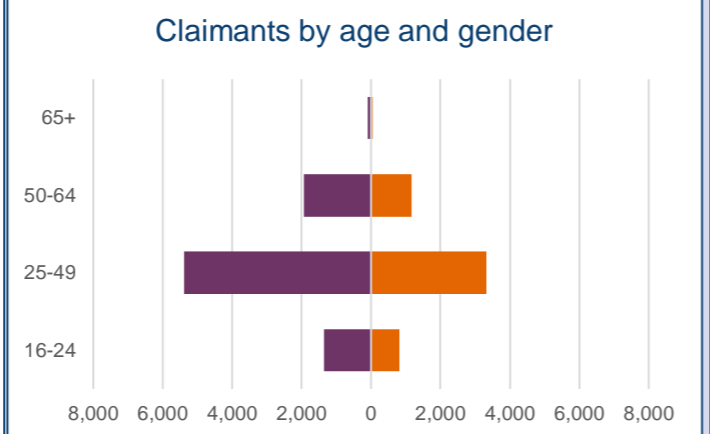
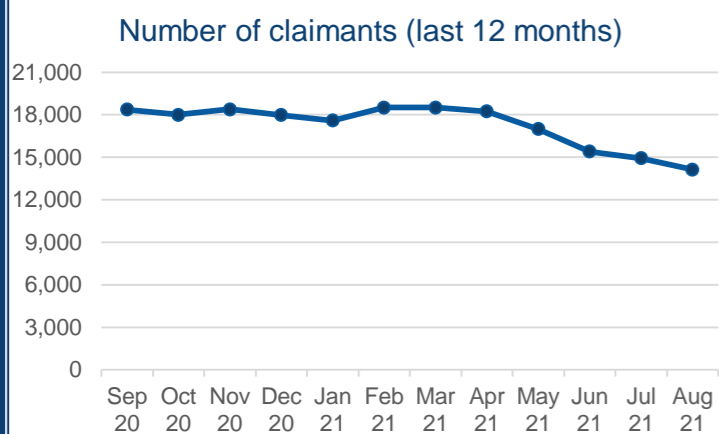
less than previous month



# Economy

## Job Seekers Allowance

Number of claimants in Aug-21	Difference vs last month (%)	This represents 4.1% of Edinburgh residents aged 16-64	Percentage of population who claims JSA by gender	
<b>14,140</b>	-8.30% <span style="color: green;">▼</span>		Male <span style="color: purple;">■</span> <b>3.8%</b>	Female <span style="color: orange;">■</span> <b>2.9%</b>

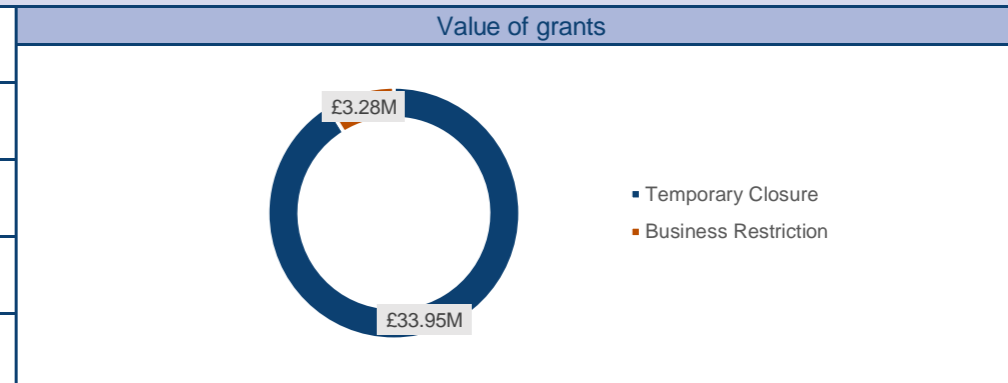


## Strategic Business Framework Grant

Cumulative from 2nd Nov to 22nd March (figure updated on 3rd June for appeals)

The Strategic Business Framework Grant replaces the Coronavirus Restriction Fund, which awarded £3,460,050 to 1355 applicants in Edinburgh (64% of all applications). The grants were awarded to businesses which had to face closure (£2,572,685, 74% of total awarded), businesses which were directly or indirectly impacted by closures (£390,715) and to cover furlough (£496,650).

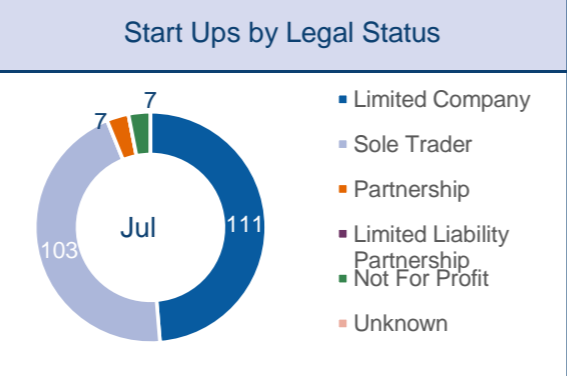
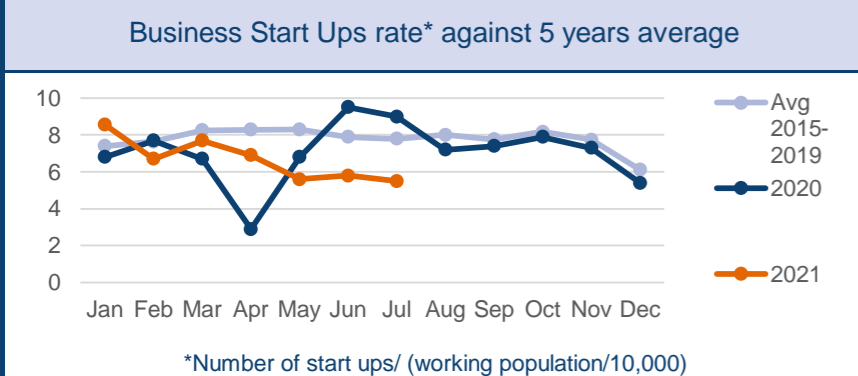
Number of applications	<b>8,029</b>
Number of grants awarded	<b>11,420</b>
Value of grants awarded	<b>£37,225,400</b>
Number of applications rejected or referred	<b>2,903</b>
In progress	<b>0</b>



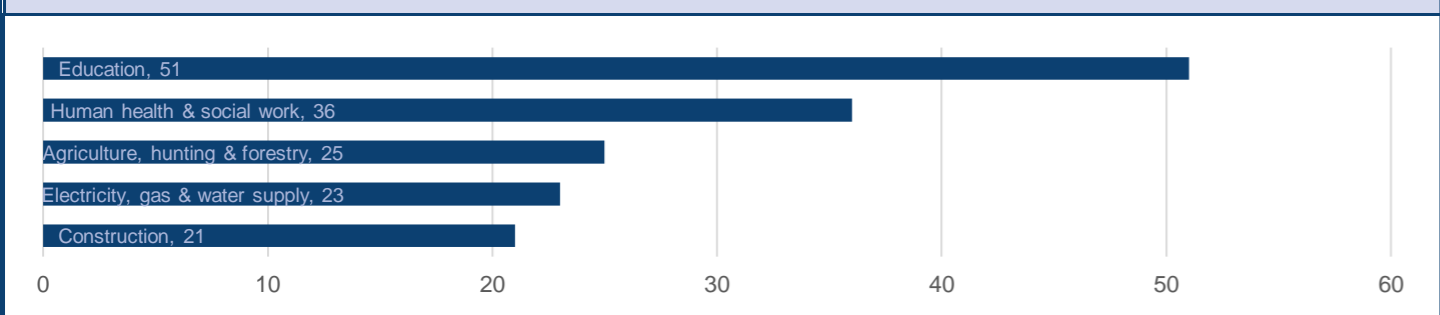
The Temporary Business Closure Grant is eligible for areas in Tier 2 to 4, while the Business Restriction Funds is eligible for Tiers 0 to 3. More than one payment/ grant can be awarded per application.

## Business Start-ups in Edinburgh

New Start Ups Jul 2021	Difference vs Jun 2020	Number of Start Ups by month
<b>200</b>	-13 <span style="color: red;">▼</span>	
Number of new Start Ups (YTD)	Difference vs last year	
<b>1,713</b>	352 <span style="color: green;">▲</span>	



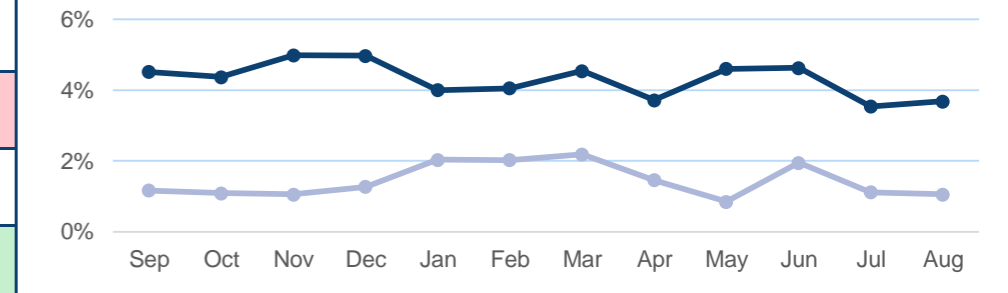
## Start Ups by Industry (Top 5)



## Resources

### HR - Councilwide absence

Sickness absence in Aug 2021	vs last month	0.14%	<span style="color: red;">▲</span>
<b>3.7%</b>			
Covid-19* absence in Aug 2021	vs last month	-0.07%	<span style="color: green;">▼</span>
<b>1.1%</b>			



\*Covid-19 absence includes the following categories:

- COVID-19 - Can't return from travel
- COVID-19 - Care for a dependant
- COVID-19 - School or office closure
- COVID-19 - Self isolating
- COVID-19 - Sick / infected
- COVID-19 - Shielding