

# Coronavirus in Care Homes NCF Members' report

10 August 2021

# Data Sources

1. Activity data (cases, outbreaks) – Capacity Tracker
2. Care home deaths data – Office for National Statistics

Some notes about Capacity Tracker data:

- The Capacity Tracker system has not been designed for the purposes of trend monitoring or early warning on the pandemic; however these are the only data available to us but they should be used with caution.
- Providers are asked to update their data as frequently as possible; we have used a snapshot of 7 days as the majority of providers (usually 95% or more) have entered data within that time period.
- All CQC-registered care homes have their own login and can access the system – if you have a login for <https://capacitytracker.com/home> you can view your own care home and compare your information with aggregate data at a range of levels including CCG, Local Authority, and Regional.
- The system data are real-time and being updated continuously.

Summary Data		% change
Ongoing outbreaks	2,052 ongoing outbreaks	7% <b>increase</b> from previous week
New outbreaks triggered	85 new outbreaks triggered on 9 August 21	19% <b>decrease</b> from previous week
COVID-19 infection in people living in care homes	1,736 cases in residents; rate is 0.6%	11% <b>increase</b> in resident cases from previous week
No. of care homes with residents with COVID-19	627 care homes with at least one resident with COVID-19	<b>increase</b> of 3% in homes with cases compared to previous week
Staff absences / rate due to COVID-19	4,523 absences Rate of 0.9%	<b>decrease</b> of 8% in number of absences
Deaths involving COVID-19 in people living in care homes	52 deaths in week ending 6 August	<b>increase</b> by 7 deaths since previous week (1).

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# Summary notes

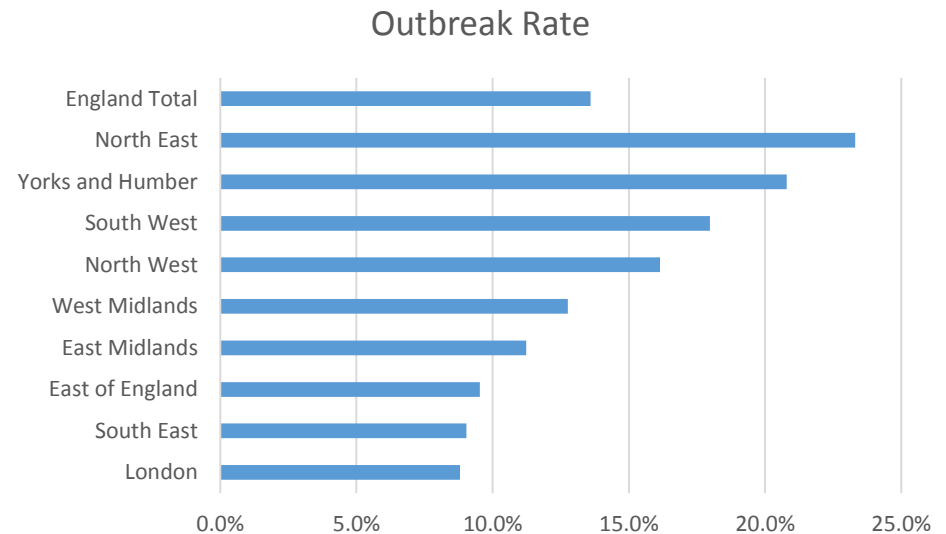
- A slight increase of 7% in ongoing outbreaks.
  - **The North East still has the highest outbreak rate but the rate has decreased and the region had only one new outbreak yesterday;** London still has the lowest rate.
  - New outbreaks were particularly high in the **North West region**
- Staff absence rate due to COVID-19 has **fallen to 0.9%**; the number of absences has decreased again.
  - Now highest in **South West** (1.3%); lowest in London (0.4%)
- Resident infections – there is a **slow upward trend** – the rate has increased to 0.6%; and an **increase of 3% in homes with cases** compared to previous week.
- Deaths involving COVID-19 among care home residents – **increased every week for the past 4 weeks** to the current weekly total of 52 deaths.

# Ongoing outbreaks in care homes

Out of a total of 15,091 CQC registered care homes (which includes Designated Settings), **2,052** currently are in an ongoing outbreak. This is an **increase** of 7% from the previous week's figure of 1,917.

**Definition:** An outbreak is defined as two or more clinically suspected or laboratory confirmed cases, or one laboratory confirmed and one suspected case, in residents or staff with onset dates within 14 days of each other. An outbreak will be declared Closed if there are no further confirmed or suspected cases after 28 days.

LA Region	Locations in Outbreak	Total Locations	Outbreak Rate
London	117	1329	8.8%
South East	260	2876	9.0%
East of England	158	1657	9.5%
East Midlands	170	1514	11.2%
West Midlands	209	1638	12.8%
North West	306	1895	16.1%
South West	357	1986	18.0%
Yorks and Humber	306	1471	20.8%
North East	169	725	23.3%
England Total	2052	15091	13.6%



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# New outbreaks triggered on 9 August 21

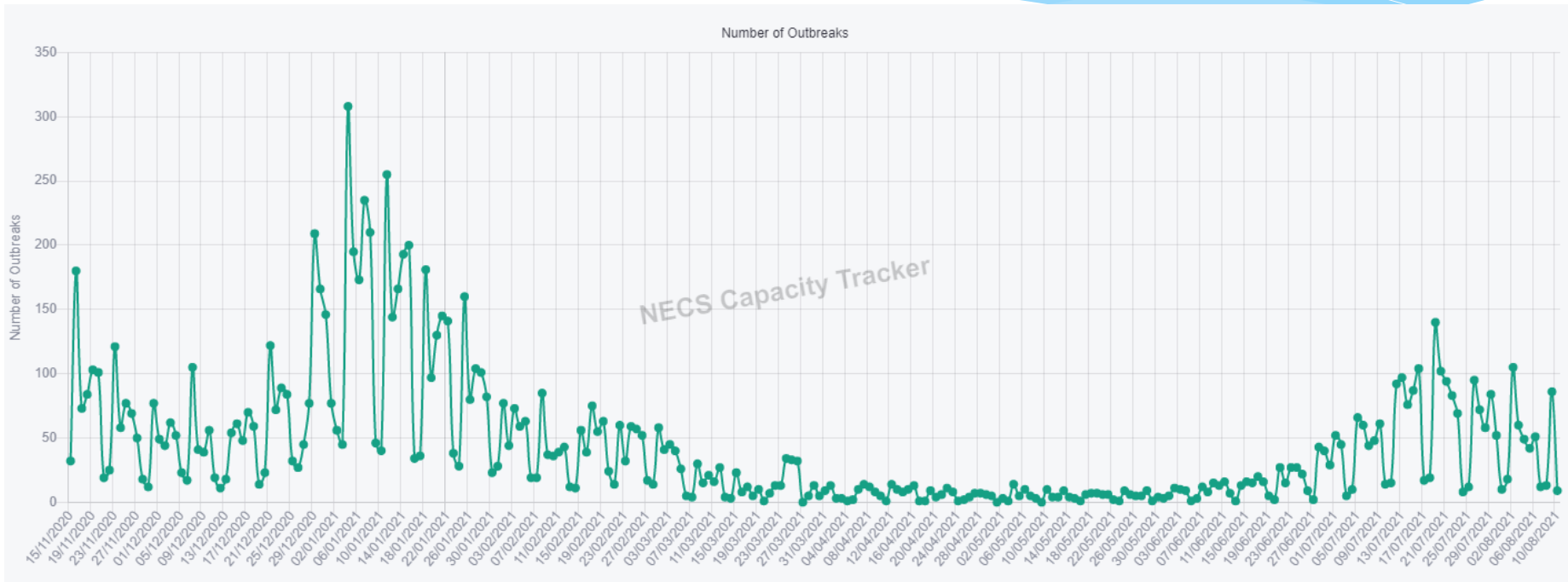
LA Region	Outbreaks	No. of Locations Reporting
East Midlands	12	1514
East of England	13	1657
London	7	1329
North East	1	725
North West	21	1895
South East	7	2876
South West	12	1986
West Midlands	6	1638
Yorks and Humber	6	1471
England Total	85	15091

The number of outbreaks on Monday this week has **decreased** by 19% since the previous total reported on Monday 2 August 21

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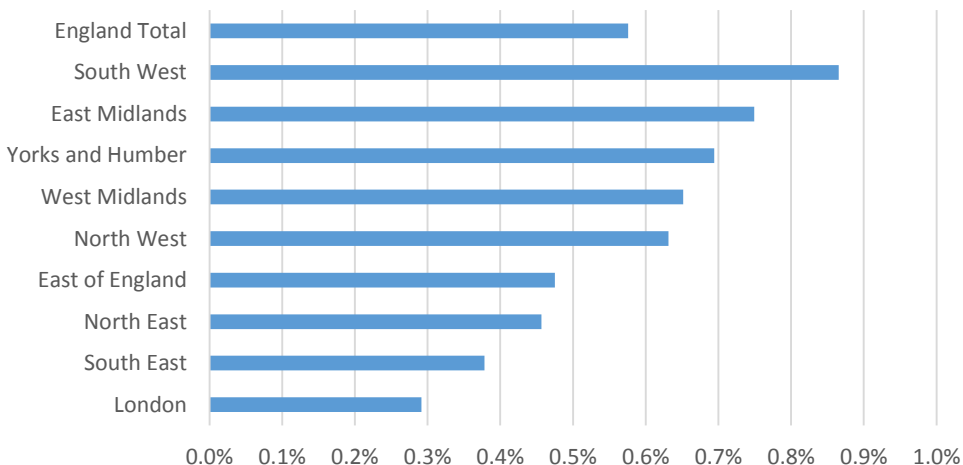
# New outbreaks in Care Homes – longer term view - Nov 2020 – July 2021

The long term view of new outbreak data shows a peak around 25 July and some reduction since then.



# COVID-19 cases in care home residents current status

Infection rate (cases per occupied bed)



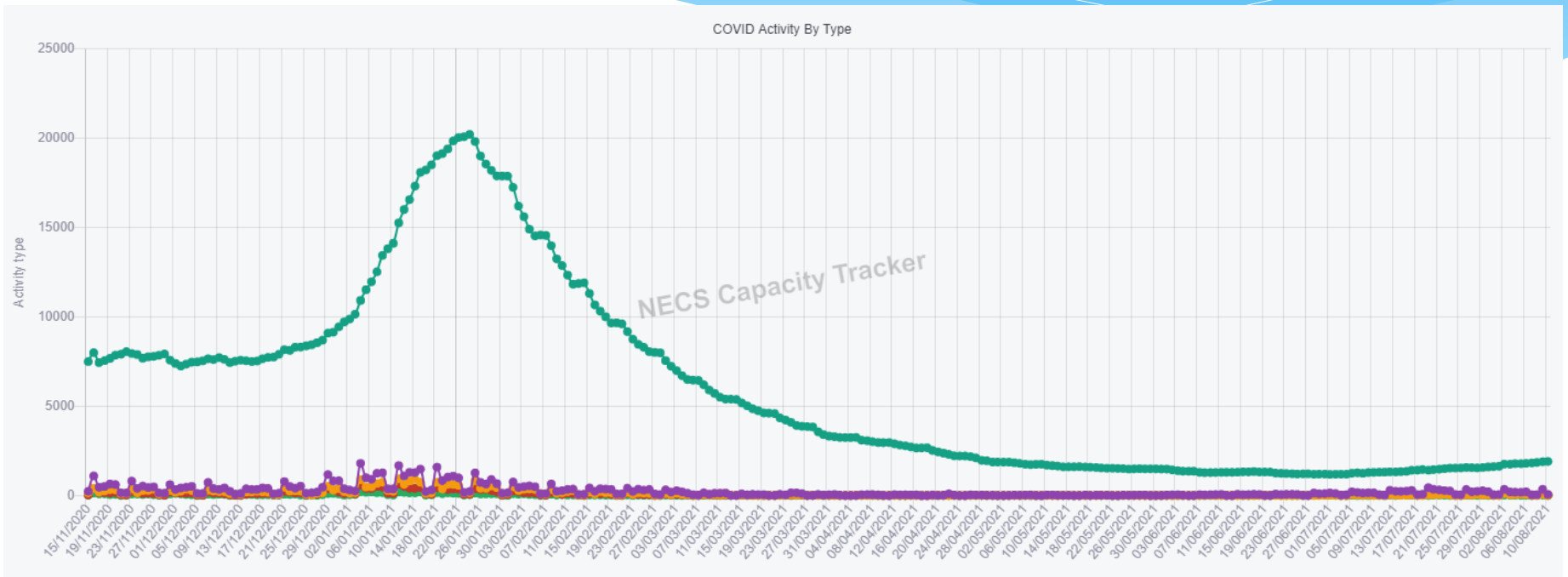
Local Authority Region	Care homes with at least one case	Total residents with C-19	Infection rate (cases per occupied bed)
London	32	72	0.3%
South East	81	208	0.4%
North East	41	85	0.5%
East of England	52	163	0.5%
North West	100	257	0.6%
West Midlands	66	217	0.7%
Yorks and Humber	74	220	0.7%
East Midlands	58	208	0.7%
South West	123	306	0.9%
England Total	627	1736	0.6%

A total of 627 care homes had at least one resident with COVID-19 – an increase of 3% from the previous week. The total infection rate among residents has increased to 0.6%.

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# Care home residents with COVID-19 – longer term view Nov 20 – August 2021

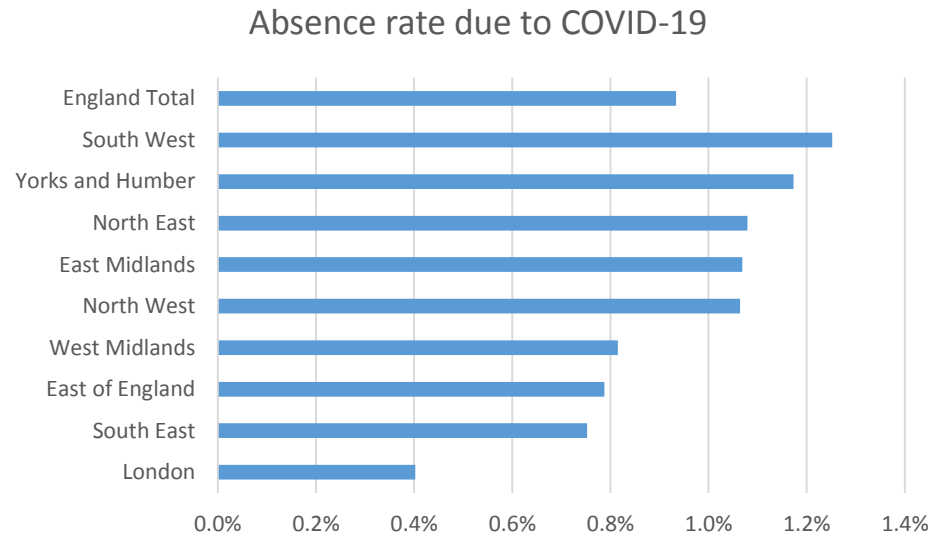


The level of C-19 among care home residents remains low in comparison to November 2020, however there is a slow upward trend.

# Covid-19 in Care Home Staff current status

A total of 4,523 staff were reported as absent because of COVID-19 (confirmed case or isolating) within the past 7 days. This translates as an overall rate of 0.9% - a **decrease** from the previous week.

LA Region	Number of staff absent due to COVID-19	Absence rate due to COVID-19
London	153	0.4%
South East	655	0.8%
East of England	424	0.8%
West Midlands	454	0.8%
North West	685	1.1%
East Midlands	484	1.1%
North East	296	1.1%
Yorks and Humber	596	1.2%
South West	776	1.3%
England Total	4523	0.9%



## Notes:

- 1) Staff includes Registered Nurses, care-providing staff and non care-providing staff.
- 2) Data downloaded from Capacity Tracker 10/08/21 at 08:45; data are being updated continuously

# COVID-19 deaths in care home residents – 4 week snapshot (notifications to CQC)

Week Ending	16/07/2021	23/07/2021	30/07/2021	06/08/2021
Total care home resident deaths	2049	2351	2180	2181
<b>Deaths involving COVID-19</b>				
Hospital	7	16	17	16
Care Home	24	27	27	36
Elsewhere	0	0	1	0
Not Stated	0	0	0	0
Total care home resident deaths involving COVID-19	31	43	45	52
COVID-19 deaths as a proportion of all deaths	1.5%	1.8%	2.1%	2.4%

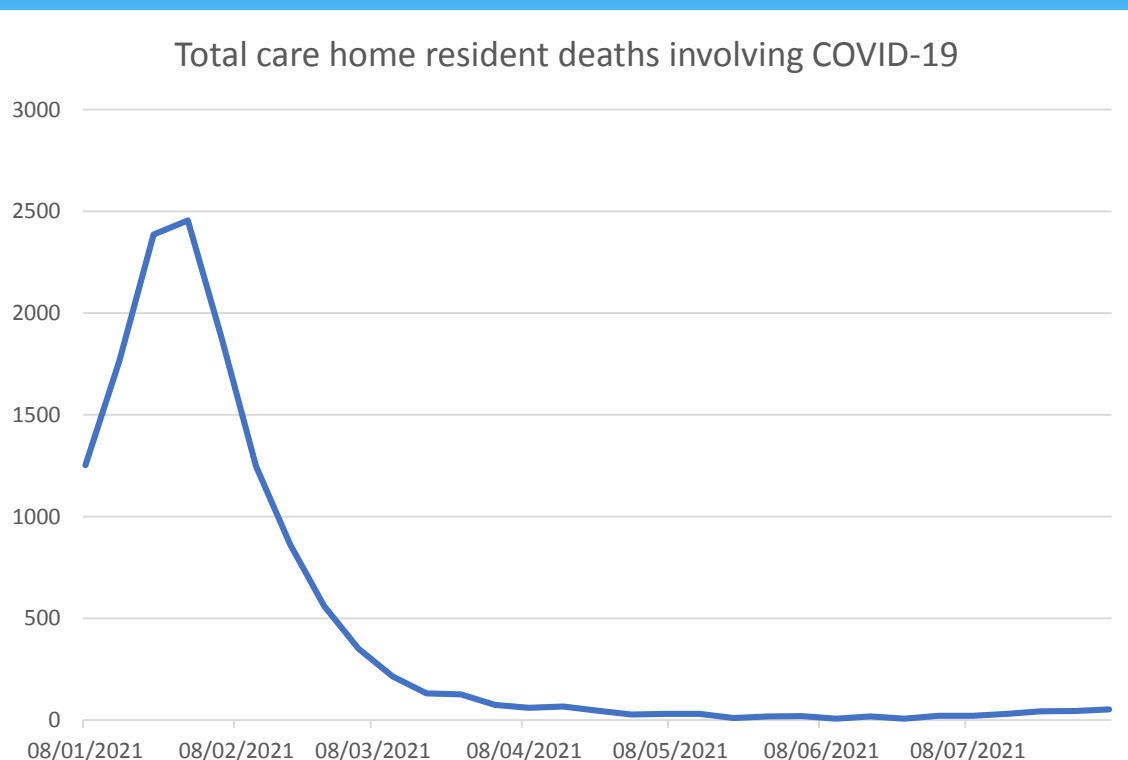
Data source:

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# COVID-19 deaths among care home residents – longer term view - 2021



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