

Winter Planning Update

Including:
COVID 19 and Flu Winter Pressures
Leicester Energy Action update

SOURCES:

UKHSA and LADAP Linelist

ONS mortality data

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Leicester City Council

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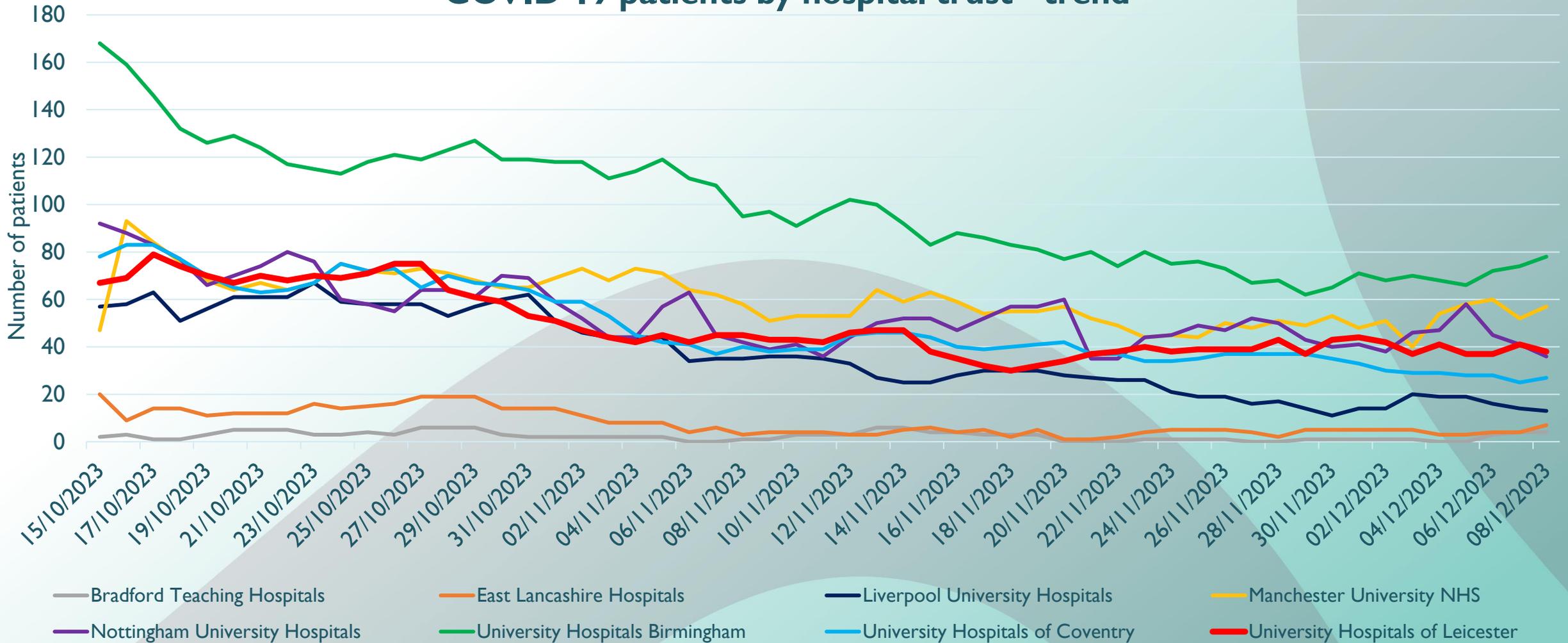
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National Influenza and COVID-19 surveillance report

- Influenza positivity increased to 10.0% in week 2 compared to 9.7% in the previous week.
- Through primary care surveillance, the influenza-like-illness (ILI) consultations indicator increased slightly to 8.0 per 100,000 in week 2 compared to 7.5 per 100,000 in the previous week and remained within the baseline activity level range.
- Overall, influenza hospitalisations increased slightly to 4.35 per 100,000 in week 2 compared to 4.21 per 100,000 in the previous week and remained in the medium impact range.
- In England, the estimated COVID prevalence on 10 January 2024 was 2.3%, which is equivalent to around 1,255,000 individuals being infected with SARS-CoV-2 in England. This corresponds to 1 in 43.
- Overall, COVID-19 hospitalisations decreased slightly to 4.6 per 100,000 in week 2 compared to 4.9 per 100,000 in the previous week. Hospitalisations were highest in the 85 years and over age group.

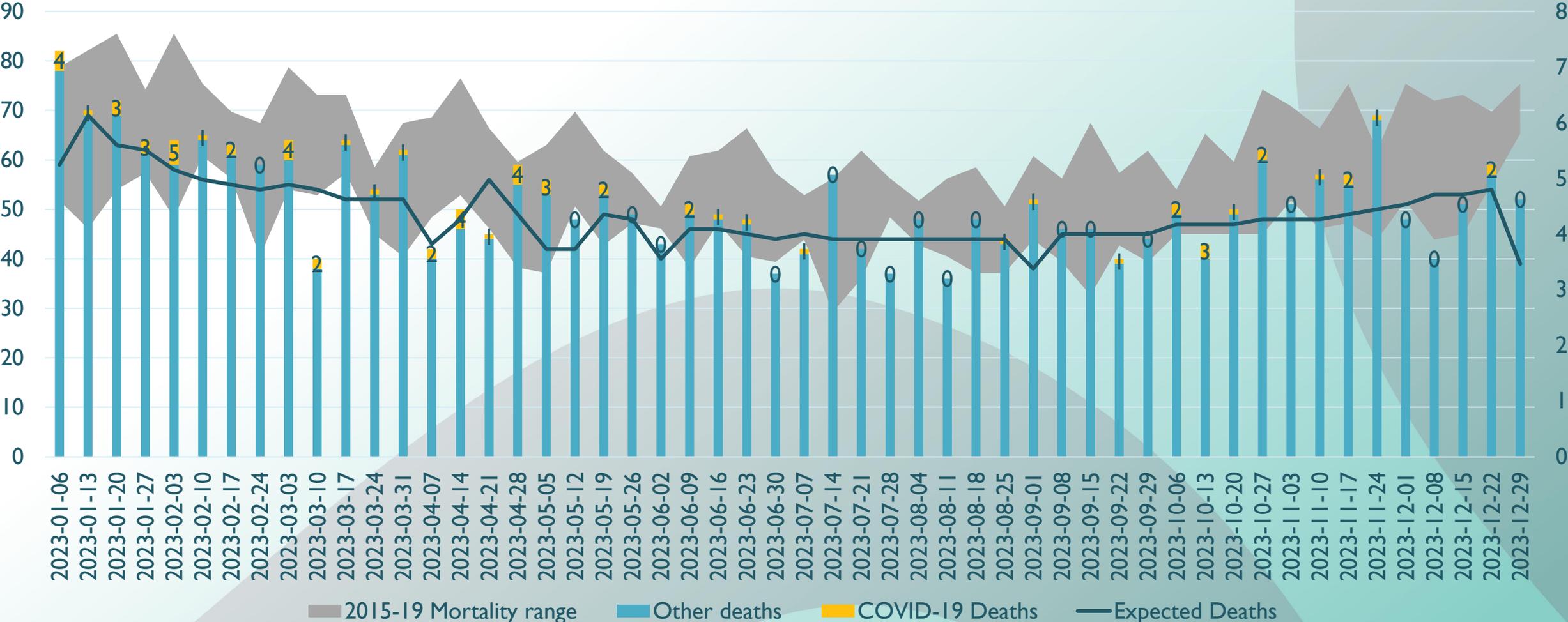
COVID-19 hospital cases by trust: The number of current COVID-19 hospital cases by trust can be seen below. *Please note:* A population rate cannot be calculated because population estimates are not available by trust. The trusts listed below include our neighbours and comparators. The population sizes and demographics that each trust serves differs considerably.

COVID-19 patients by hospital trust - trend



COVID-19 mortality: There have been a total of 1258 COVID-19 related deaths in Leicester since the start of the pandemic; 473 in 2020, 554 in 2021, 167 in 2022, and 66 so far in 2023.

Leicester COVID-19 deaths and deaths from other causes by week



Source: OHID Mortality Dashboard. Expected mortality based on 2015-19 data

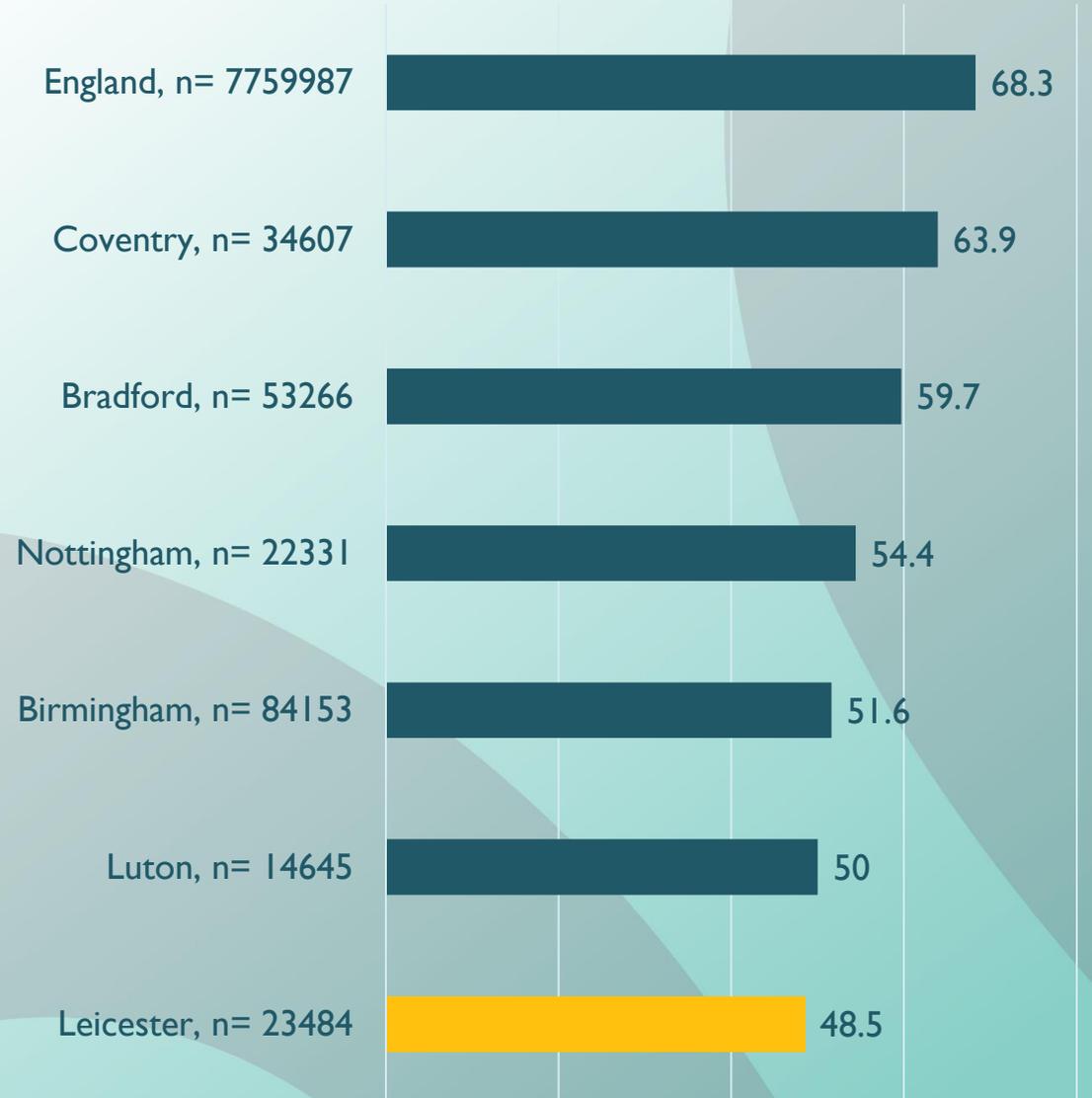
Autumn booster 2023 uptake for the 65+ population by Local Authority comparator and England

Autumn booster uptake is now published on the COVID-19 data tracker here: [Vaccinations in Leicester | Coronavirus in the UK \(data.gov.uk\)](#)

The chart shows the latest uptake of the booster amongst the 65+ population along with the number of boosters delivered.

Leicester is below the national and our comparators.

Autumn 2023 booster 65+ uptake (%): 06/12/2023



Source: COVID-19 Gov.UK National Tracker

Note: COVID-19 dashboard has been replaced by the UKHSA data dashboard – Awaiting Area Selectors Update.

Autumn booster 2023 by age band and Leicester MSOA neighbourhood table (65+ population).

A total of 39,887 autumn boosters have been delivered to Leicester residents up to the 18th January 24, 23,992 of these have been delivered to those aged 65 or over.

As expected, older people are more likely to have been vaccinated, however there remains many older eligible people who are unvaccinated. Less than half (49%) of 65+ residents have received a booster; this is less than national uptake.

The MSOA table shows that there is great variation in the percentage uptake for 65+ residents across local areas. From 12% of 65+ residents in St Matthews & Highfields North to 72% for those resident in Knighton.

% Autumn booster uptake by age band (2023)



Source: UKHSA Linelist – using NIMS population for denominator

Autumn 2023 booster 65+ uptake (%) by MSOA: 18/01/2024	Autumn Booster	Denominator	% 65+ Uptake	Significance to Leicester	65+ Unvaccinated population
St Matthews & Highfields North	170	1389	12.2	Lower	1219
Spinney Hill Road	401	1769	22.7	Lower	1368
Highfields South	299	1246	24.0	Lower	947
Crown Hills	441	1429	30.9	Lower	988
Northfields & Merrydale	312	919	33.9	Lower	607
Leicester City South	157	423	37.1	Lower	266
Belgrave South	710	1845	38.5	Lower	1135
Stoneygate North	725	1840	39.4	Lower	1115
Belgrave North East	568	1423	39.9	Lower	855
North Evington & Rowlatts Hill	649	1607	40.4	Lower	958
Belgrave North West	788	1864	42.3	Lower	1076
Leicester City Centre	89	210	42.4	Lower	121
Rushey Mead South	668	1433	46.6		765
Braunstone Park East	495	1005	49.3		510
West End & Westcotes	546	1105	49.4		559
Braunstone Park West	386	780	49.5		394
Rushey Mead North	931	1818	51.2		887
Stocking Farm & Mowmacre	774	1504	51.5		730
Saffron Lane	466	899	51.8		433
Newfoundpool	292	559	52.2		267
Hamilton & Humberstone	955	1776	53.8	Higher	821
Colchester Road	777	1425	54.5	Higher	648
Bradgate Heights & Beaumont Leys	711	1292	55.0	Higher	581
Kirby Frith	527	957	55.1	Higher	430
Rowley Fields & Faircharm	457	823	55.5	Higher	366
Thurnby Lodge	1019	1784	57.1	Higher	765
Abbey Park	1043	1817	57.4	Higher	774
New Parks & Stokeswood	615	1067	57.6	Higher	452
Aylestone North & Saffron Fields	415	713	58.2	Higher	298
Eyres Monsell	729	1245	58.6	Higher	516
Evington	1167	1960	59.5	Higher	793
West Knighton	734	1203	61.0	Higher	469
Beaumont Park	565	891	63.4	Higher	326
Clarendon Park & Stoneygate South	1099	1647	66.7	Higher	548
Dane Hills & Western Park	983	1456	67.5	Higher	473
Aylestone South	1157	1707	67.8	Higher	550
Knighton	1172	1622	72.3	Higher	450
Leicester overall	23992	48452	49.5		24460

65+ Vax Uptake

MSOA mapping of the Autumn booster uptake for the 65+ population shows the variety across the city.

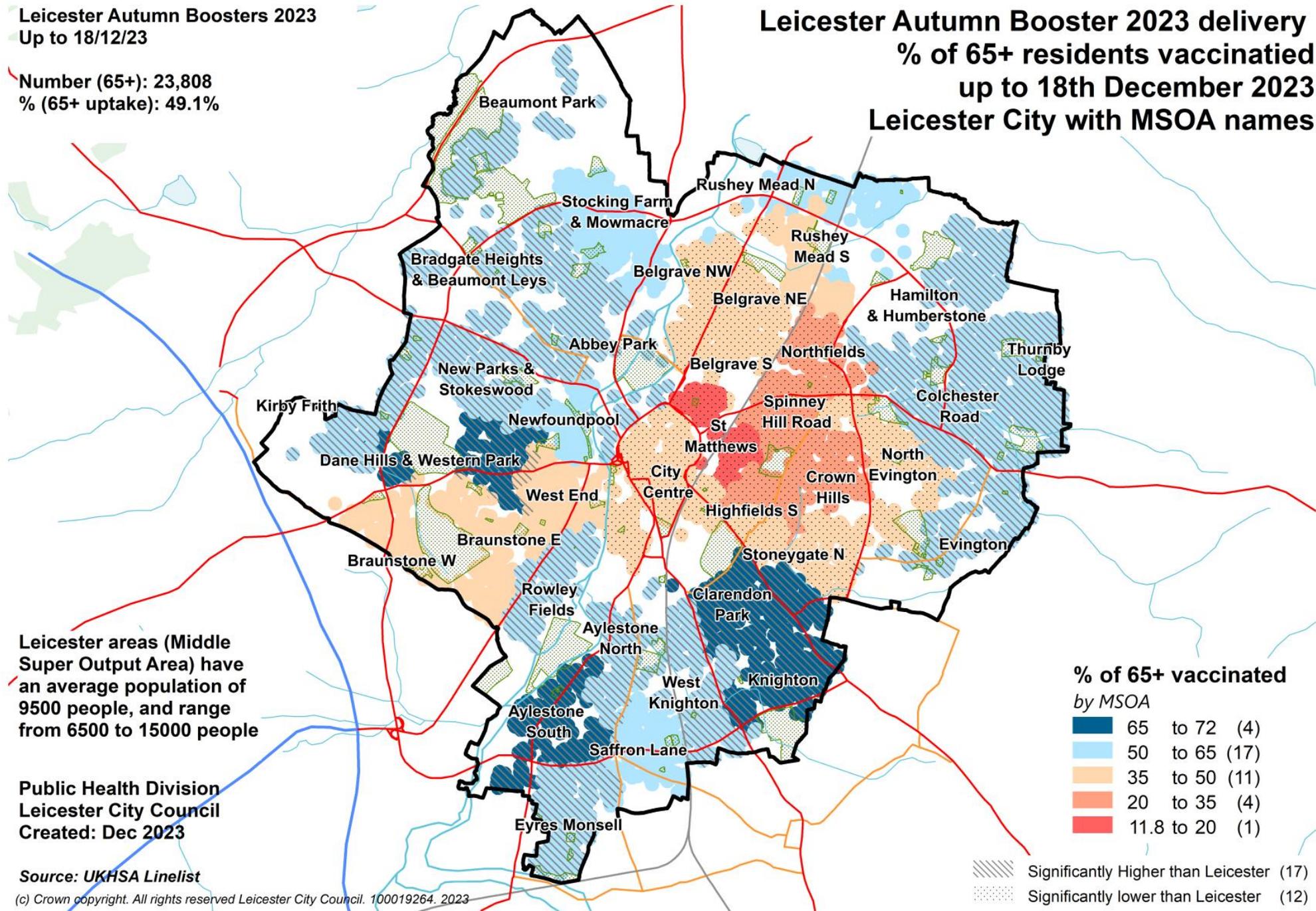
There are only a few areas in the city (Knighton, Clarendon Park, Aylestone South, and Western Park) that report an uptake rate similar to the national average.

The St Matthews & Highfields North reports very low uptake (12%), and Highfields South, Spinney Hill Road, Northfields, and Crown Hills also report about a third or under of 65+ residents having the Autumn Booster.

Leicester Autumn Boosters 2023
Up to 18/12/23

Number (65+): 23,808
% (65+ uptake): 49.1%

Leicester Autumn Booster 2023 delivery % of 65+ residents vaccinated up to 18th December 2023 Leicester City with MSOA names



Leicester areas (Middle Super Output Area) have an average population of 9500 people, and range from 6500 to 15000 people

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65+ Unvaccinated

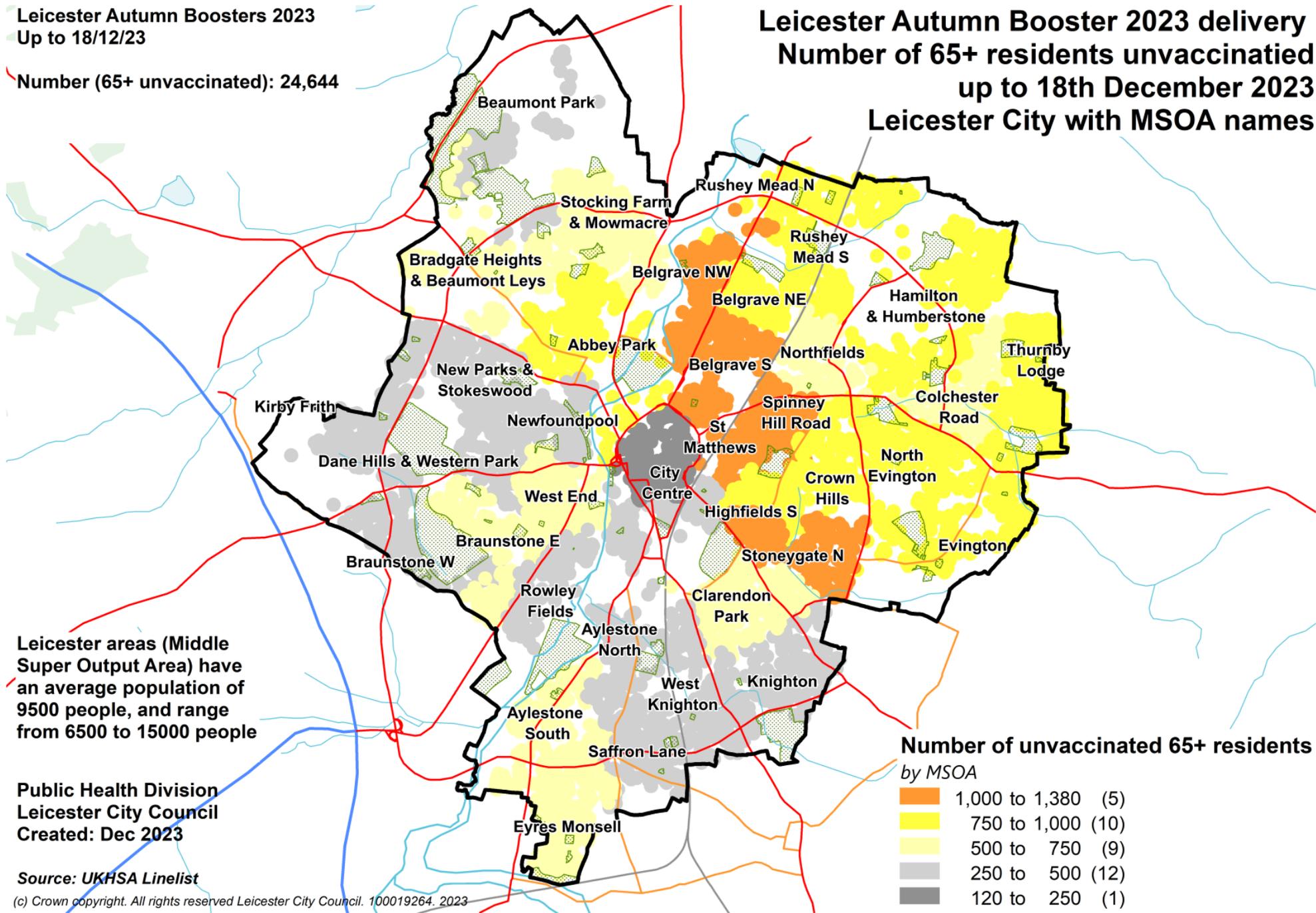
There are 5 MSOAs that account for about 6,000 of the 24,644 unvaccinated 65+ residents. These include St Matthews, Spinney Hill Road, Stoneygate North, Belgrave South, and Belgrave North West.

The map broadly shows higher numbers of unvaccinated 65+ residents in areas to the East and North of the city.

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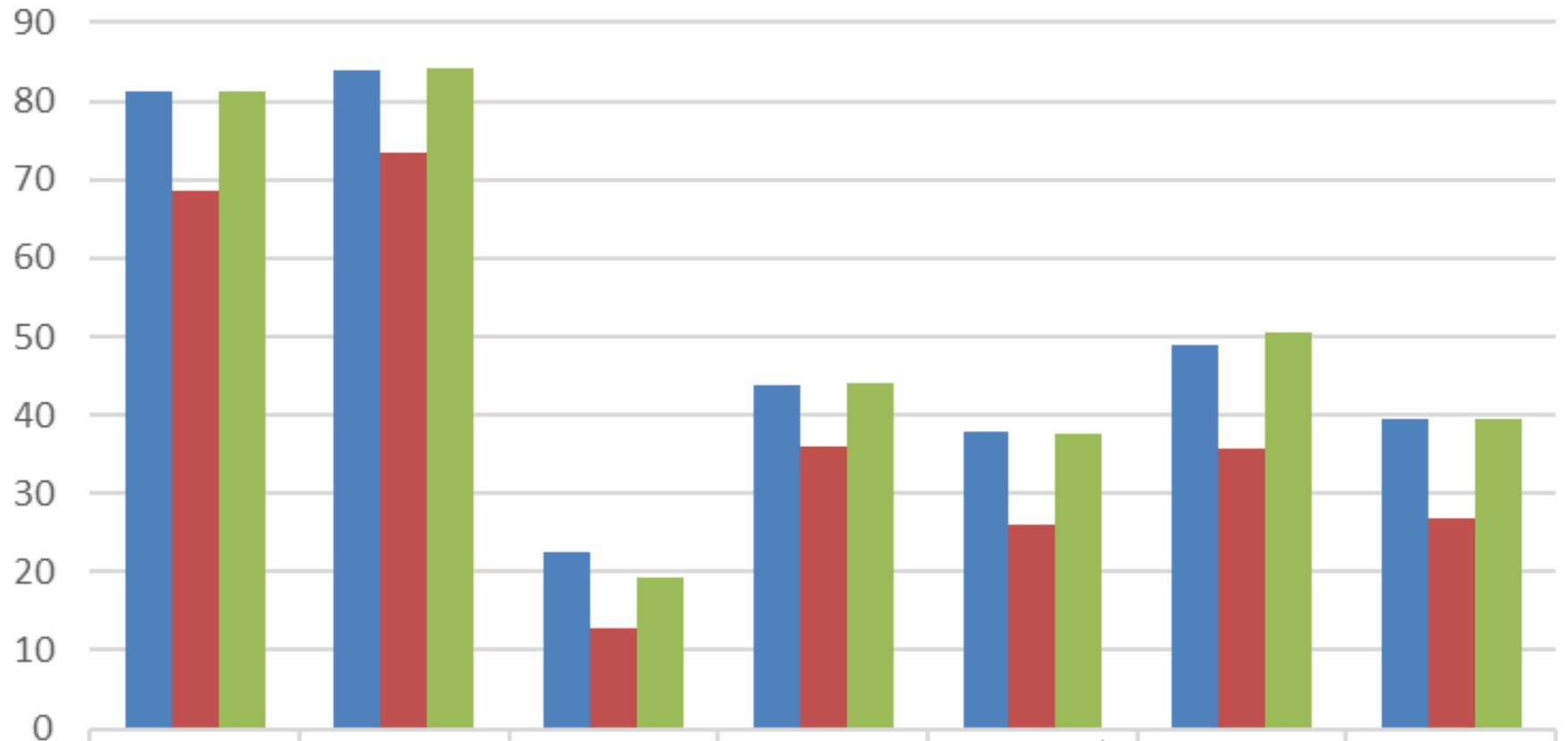
Flu vaccinations: The below show the percentage vaccinated for flu up to 31st December 2023.

Flu campaign began on 11th Sept 23 – local data available as % and at sub-ICB/former CCG level.

In Leicester the % vaccinated in following groups are:

- 65+: 69%
- 65+ (at risk): 73%
- Under 65: 13%
- Under 65 (at risk): 36%
- Pregnant: 27%

Summary of Flu Vaccine 23/24 Uptake % (to 19th Jan 24)



	65 plus	65 plus (at-risk only)	Under 65 (all patients)	Under 65 (at-risk only)	Pregnant and NOT IN a clinical risk group	Pregnant and IN a clinical risk group	All Pregnant Women
East Leicestershire & Rutland	81.2	84	22.4	43.9	37.9	48.9	39.5
Leicester City	68.5	73.4	12.9	36	25.9	35.7	26.9
West Leicestershire	81.2	84.1	19.3	44	37.7	50.4	39.5

Leicester Energy Action

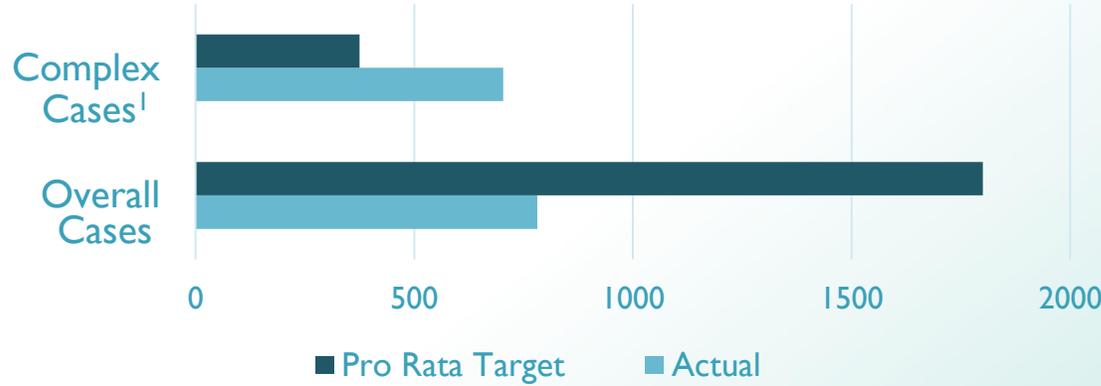
Fuel Poverty and Health Programme – 2023 performance



"Thanks to you now my gas bill is affordable. £100 per month instead of £70 per week"

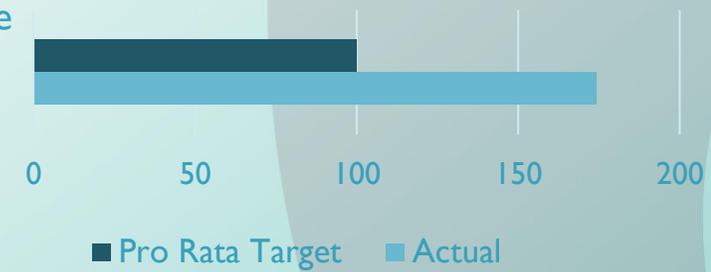


Advice Service Referrals

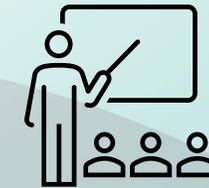


Webinars

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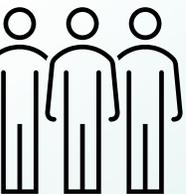
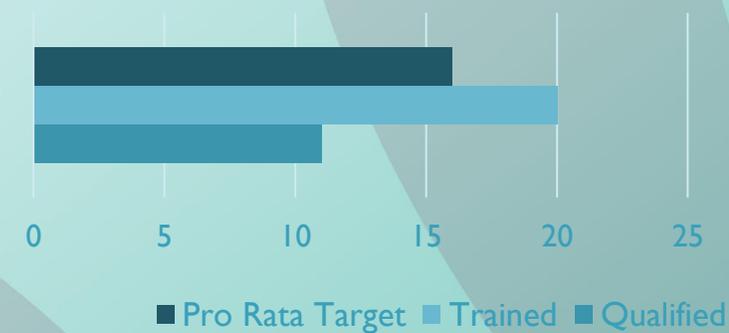


Education Workstream

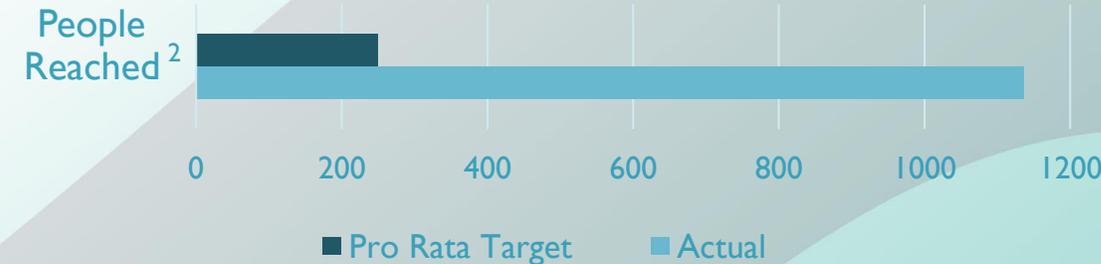


City and Guilds Energy Awareness

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Outreach Workstream



1. Higher number of complex cases than anticipated due to financial pressures on client groups. Overall case target being assessed within contract management team.

2. 343 of the people reached became casework clients who were directly supported. 793 were attendees at outreach events. 53 outreach sessions delivered against target of 25.

3. Funding from Anti-Poverty Board allowed us to offer additional places on the course. We are exploring ways to improve the pass rates within the externally delivered City and Guilds examination process.

Leicester Resident Claire



Claire is 69, living in three-bedroom house.

Language barrier and a visual impairment.

Unable to read fuel bills and other correspondence.

Had an unsuccessful knee replacement - cannot walk without assistance.

Long term illness and fear of not been able to afford to keep her family warm.

Claire's health conditions leave her isolated, suffering with severe depression and anxiety.

And she had a debt of £680.10 with British Gas.

Also struggling with food - not accessed local food banks as anxious about facing stigma.

How did we help Claire?



Conducted a home visit and a conference call with Claire and supplier - uncovered that the client was in credit.



Worked with British gas to reduce the Claire's monthly payments from £92.82 to £69.01 for the next 12 months.



Put Claire on the priority services register, and so now she will be sent bills monthly in large print.



Referred Claire to We Care UK for a food parcel - tailored to the clients' needs and delivered to her home.



Signposted Claire to Zinhiya Trust for benefits advice, Age Concern for befriending, Vista Blind for assessment and support, and applied for the Severn Trent Water Big Difference Scheme.



Worked with Claire around efficient use of appliances, healthy room temperatures, heating and hot water controls, keeping warm and healthy in colder weather, and low-cost energy efficiency behavioural changes.