



#StaySafeEssex - Weekly Update from Roger Hirst, your Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner

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Latest news from PFCC Roger Hirst - October 9, 2020

£30m COVID surge funding for policing

Yesterday the government has announced an additional £60m of funding to support the police service and local authorities in their response to Covid restrictions and enforcement. £30m will be allocated to policing via PCCs, with the remaining £30m to local authorities to increase their compliance work and enforcement checks on businesses.



Making a statement in his role as the Association of Police and Crime Commissioners Finance Lead, Roger Hirst said: "We have been working with the Home Office to secure additional funding to support the Service through the COVID pandemic, and we welcome the announcement of an additional £30m. We are in dialogue with the government to secure the full COVID cost recovery for the service for the period up to now and in terms of future additional resource requirements during the current challenges."

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Public Health England figures show rise in Coronavirus cases in Uttlesford district

The latest figures from Public Health England have indicated a rise in cases of coronavirus in the Uttlesford District area. Confirmed cases of coronavirus in Uttlesford have risen to the highest level in Essex (64 cases per 100,000 population a week as of 6 October), and also continue to increase more rapidly in Epping Forest (58 cases per 100,000 population a week as of 6 October) and Brentwood at 55 per 100 000. Basildon has also seen an increase, although not to the same extent.

The figures come from the latest Public Health England 'patch report', which do not include data from the most recent four days. This is because the most recent data can be unreliable and is likely to change. The figures may therefore vary from those published via other sources, such as the Essex Open Data website, although will eventually agree.

Dr Mike Gogarty, Director of Public Health and Wellbeing at Essex County Council, said: "Sadly we are starting to see faster and faster increases in cases in many areas of Essex. They are now showing exponential increase, so are doubling every few days. Uttlesford's case levels have increased over the past week and are now approaching 65 cases per 100,000.

"In Uttlesford this looks very much transmission within the community, as there is no evidence which attributes these cases to a particular event, area or outbreak. If cases appear in this way across a district, it makes it much more difficult to manage, contain and prevent further spread. "Our Contact Tracing team are working hard with colleagues in Public Health and local health protection teams to manage the situation, but we also need the help of the people of Uttlesford. We are asking all residents to please adhere to social distancing of 2m wherever possible, consider what social interactions they are taking part in and limit these as much as possible, and whenever possible, people should work from home.

"We know that we are asking a lot from our residents, and that reducing social interaction brings other concerns and anxieties, but we feel this is necessary to avoid more formal local lockdown rules.

"If you commute to work, it is essential to download and use the NHS Covid-19 App. This will allow your identification if you are in contact with a case so you can take necessary action."

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Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Essex supports World Mental Health Day

Tomorrow is #WorldMentalHealthDay. (Saturday, October 10) Roger Hirst, Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Essex, said: "During these times when we are all concerned about our physical health due to COVID-19, it is so important for us to look after our mental health too. We have all been placed under enormous pressure and with the majority of us working from home, it is so easy to become and feel isolated, or struggle with the demands of childcare, families and not being able to spend time socially with all the people we want to. Many people may have been furloughed and are now possibly facing the risk of redundancy. It has been and continues to be a difficult time.

"Please take care of yourselves and each other and if you think someone is struggling, reach out to them. Also have a look at the range of support available in Essex."

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Uttlesford Facebook Live PFCC Public Meeting

Date Change Tuesday 13th October @ 7pm www.facebook.com/pfccessex

Brentwood Facebook Live PFCC Public Meeting

Thursday 22nd October @ 7pm www.facebook.com/pfccessex

Smoke Alarm Campaign

When did you last test your smoke alarms? Smoke alarms can give you an early warning sign to fire, giving you time to get out of the house, stay out and call Essex County Fire and Rescue Service out...but only if the alarms are working. Test yours regularly and if they're not working, the fire and rescue service can fit new ones for free during a home fire safety visit. Book a visit at

www.essex-fire.gov.uk/book

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