



Surrey Covid-19 Community Impact Assessment

Reigate and Banstead Impacts



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Our data on Reigate and Banstead is sourced from the Local Recovery Index (LRI), our Temperature Check survey of 234 households in Reigate and Banstead, our Geographical Impact Assessment and Ethnographic research in Horley.

Looking at the period from April to June 2020, the Local Recovery Index (LRI) shows that Reigate and Banstead has been the most impacted district and borough in Surrey. When looking at a more local level, some areas such as Horley Central, Banstead and Merstham have been disproportionately impacted. This corresponds with Reigate and Banstead residents being more concerned about health impacts than the Surrey average.

Health

Reigate and Banstead ranks worst for health impact out of the 11 District and Boroughs, notably with the highest Covid-19 death rate (1.1 deaths per 1,000 people compared to 0.9 deaths per 1,000 people across Surrey) and second highest case rate (4.23 cases per 1,000 people compared to 3.16 cases per 1,000 people across Surrey) between April-June 2020.

The Geographical Impact Assessment found certain areas of Reigate and Banstead were disproportionately impacted. Horley Central MSOA ranks in the top 5 of MSOAs for health impacts in Surrey. This is driven by a high case rate (104 Covid-19 cases per 10,000 people, compared to an average of 65 per 10,000 people in Surrey), high death rate (26 Covid-19 deaths per 10,000 people, compared to an average of 9 per 10,000 people in Surrey) and a high number of care home outbreaks.

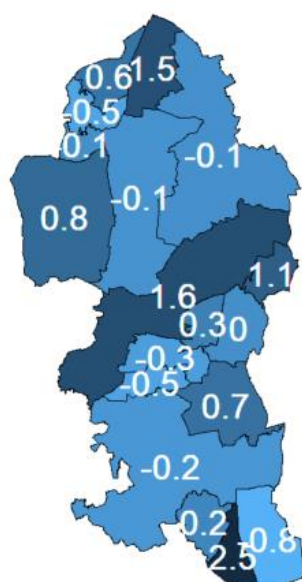


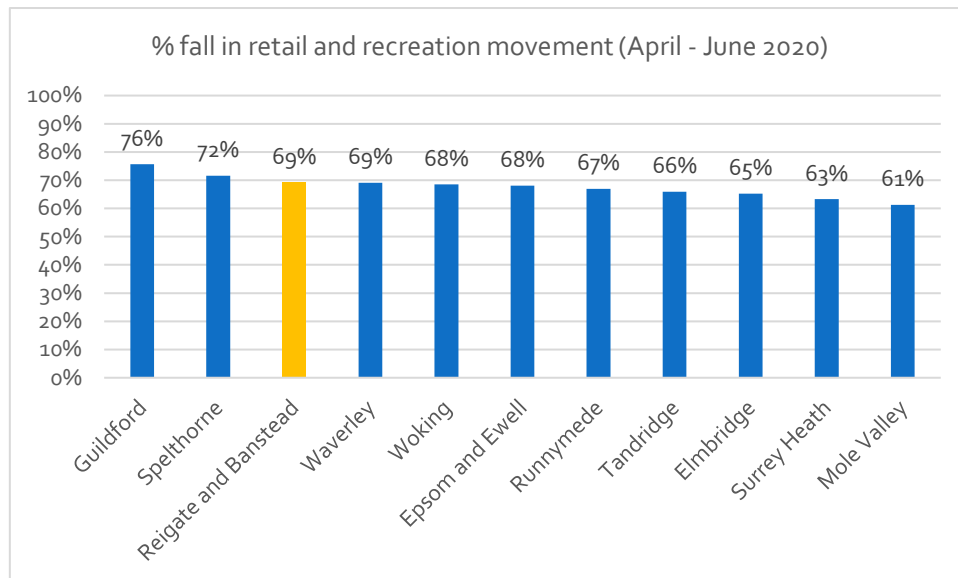
Figure 1 Shows the distribution of Covid Health Impact across MSOAs in Reigate & Banstead (cases, deaths and care home outbreaks). A higher score indicates greater impact

Banstead MSOA and Merstham MSOA rank in the top 5 of MSOAs for vulnerable groups in Surrey. Banstead has a high proportion of over 80s (10%, compared to an average of 6%) and a high number of households made up of pensioners living alone at 17.1% compared to the Surrey average of 12.6%. Merstham has a high number receiving disability benefit (6.1% compared to 3.3%), high serious mental illness prevalence (1.1% in Merstham compared to 0.7% across Surrey), and a large number of unpaid carers (2% of people compared to 1.64% across Surrey)

Perhaps due to the heavy health impacts Reigate and Banstead residents were 10% more likely to report being concerned about contracting the virus in the next 6 months at 84% compared to 74% across Surrey. Residents were also 10% more likely to be extremely or very concerned about social distancing in the community.

Economy

For the economic dimension of the LRI Reigate and Banstead ranks 6th in the period from April to June 2020. However, Reigate and Banstead ranks 9th when looking at movement level at retail and recreation sites, which have fallen by 69.33%, with only Guildford and Spelthorne ranking worse.



On the contrary to the health impacts, the Temperature Check survey identified that 66% of Reigate and Banstead residents were not concerned about their financial situation compared to 59% across Surrey. They were also 9% less concerned about employment or having a job in the next 6 months.

Society

Reigate and Banstead ranks 8th best for the society dimension in the period from April to June 2020, ranking worst for point change in noise related anti-social behaviour and second worst for point change in youth related anti-social behaviour. The ethnographic research found that residents felt lockdown was not stuck to as rigidly as it should have been.

Services and Communication

60% of respondents to the Temperature Check were unaware of the Surrey County Council coronavirus helpline and/or website, 10% higher than the Surrey average. This corresponds to lower rates of residents reporting that they received the support they needed.