

## Update from your Unitary Councillor David Hopkins – 10<sup>th</sup> July 2020

As at 4.04 pm today the figure is **856**. The sudden increase two weeks ago was due a change in the way in which data is gathered and published by the government. Previous data shared by Public Health England relied solely on Pillar 1 tests, which are swabs carried out in Public Health England and NHS Hospital Trusts. As from last Thursday, the figures included Pillar 2 tests, which are the results of non-clinical and commercial testing.

<b>Milton Keynes Total Cases</b>	<b>Rate</b>
<b>856</b>	<b>318.7</b>

**This overhaul of how coronavirus infection data is presented has resulted in hundreds of new cases emerging in individual authorities**

**In MK the worst month for infection was April, when 462 positive cases were confirmed in the city. March saw 148 cases, May 167 and throughout June there were 71 positive cases. There was also one case in February, with the first case in MK emerging on February 23.**

**Care home deaths:** ONS publish the data at 9.30 on Tuesday mornings  
<https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/birthsdeathsandmarriages/deaths/bulletins/deathsregisteredweeklyinenglandandwalesprovisional/weekending26june2020>  
If you open the link and click on <Download> four Excel tables will come up.  
Table 2 is all care home COVID-19 deaths.  
Table 3 is care home deaths from all causes.  
MK is Line 83 in both Tables

**Hospital deaths: The number of reported deaths in Milton Keynes (hospital only) remains at 104**

### Local News

Climate study could lead to lower council tax <https://www.mkfm.com/news/local-news/climate-study-could-lead-to-lower-council-tax/>

Gold for Milton Keynes in the British Rowing Virtual Championships <https://www.mkfm.com/news/local-news/gold-for-milton-keynes-in-the-british-rowing-virtual-championships/>

Milton Keynes Council meeting kicks out the public after councillor decides to “go with whatever you say” <https://www.mkfm.com/news/local-news/milton-keynes-council-meeting-kicks-out-the-public-after-councillor-decides-to-go-with-whatever-you-say/>

Spending brakes slammed on as Milton Keynes Council’s budget gap grows wider <https://www.mkfm.com/news/local-news/spending-brakes-slammed-on-as-councils-budget-gap-grows-wider/>

With gyms reopening soon, here's what you can expect on your return <https://www.mkfm.com/news/local-news/with-gyms-reopening-soon-heres-what-you-can-expect-on-your-return/>

UEFA Women's EURO in England set for July 2022 <https://www.mkfm.com/news/local-news/uefa-womens-euro-in-england-set-for-july-2022/>

Thursday's Coronavirus Update: One new case and no new deaths in Milton Keynes reported today <https://www.mkfm.com/news/local-news/thursdays-coronavirus-update-one-new-case-and-no-new-deaths-in-milton-keynes-reported-today/>

Police force governing Milton Keynes refuse to comment after report finds more than 200 police officers and PCSOs in Britain have convictions <https://www.miltonkeynes.co.uk/news/crime/police-force-governing-milton-keynes-refuse-comment-after-report-finds-more-200-police-officers-and-pcsos-britain-have-convictions-2910305>

All new Milton Keynes primary places in top-rated schools last year <https://www.miltonkeynes.co.uk/education/all-new-milton-keynes-primary-places-top-rated-schools-last-year-2910060>

Dozens of babies in Milton Keynes not vaccinated against potentially deadly illnesses <https://www.miltonkeynes.co.uk/health/dozens-babies-milton-keynes-not-vaccinated-against-potentially-deadly-illnesses-2909955>

## Headlines

Staying alert and safe (social distancing) [https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/staying-alert-and-safe-social-distancing?utm\\_source=0eda6184-fc11-4504-a8d7-85db07db34f9&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm\\_content=daily](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/staying-alert-and-safe-social-distancing?utm_source=0eda6184-fc11-4504-a8d7-85db07db34f9&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=daily)

## Milton Keynes Council

Energy conscious property and business owners are invited to take part in a study that could lead to reduced council tax and business rates.

Milton Keynes Council has been allocated grant funding by the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) to determine whether a pilot of council tax and/or business rate incentives would encourage local people to be more energy efficient. Offering incentives could help Milton Keynes towards its goal of becoming carbon neutral by 2030.

The survey will capture attitudes towards green measures including upgrades to loft insulation and smart heating controls.

It's part of a larger study funded by BEIS to assess if homeowners and business owners are prepared to play a bigger part in becoming energy efficient, and how local authorities can be part of the solution for the climate emergency.

Cabinet member with responsibility for climate change, Councillor Jenny Wilson-Marklew said: "This is an exciting opportunity for you and other residents to influence what incentives there are to help us all live more sustainable lives. Your thoughts will influence the government's approach in helping councils tackle the climate emergency."

Submissions are anonymous and the feedback gathered will not be used for any other purpose. To complete the survey, click the links below:

Residential: [https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/MKC\\_Residential](https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/MKC_Residential)  
Commercial: [https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/MKC\\_Commercial](https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/MKC_Commercial)

## Education

Coronavirus (COVID-19): financial support for education, early years and children's social care [https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-financial-support-for-education-early-years-and-childrens-social-care?utm\\_source=7e4c86f5-462d-4de5-9e95-09fa0caca828&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm\\_content=daily](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-financial-support-for-education-early-years-and-childrens-social-care?utm_source=7e4c86f5-462d-4de5-9e95-09fa0caca828&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=daily)

Supporting local areas to prioritise and meet the needs of children and young people with SEND [https://www.gov.uk/government/news/supporting-local-areas-to-prioritise-and-meet-the-needs-of-children-and-young-people-with-send?utm\\_source=2dd8d881-82c5-4954-84ba-bff72e292e1a&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm\\_content=daily](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/supporting-local-areas-to-prioritise-and-meet-the-needs-of-children-and-young-people-with-send?utm_source=2dd8d881-82c5-4954-84ba-bff72e292e1a&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=daily)

## Grassroot Sports

Working safely during coronavirus (COVID-19) [https://www.gov.uk/guidance/working-safely-during-coronavirus-covid-19?utm\\_source=ee76fefb-7a8b-4a7e-9f8a-3727d42ff2c6&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm\\_content=daily](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/working-safely-during-coronavirus-covid-19?utm_source=ee76fefb-7a8b-4a7e-9f8a-3727d42ff2c6&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=daily)

Coronavirus (COVID-19): guidance on the phased return of sport and recreation [https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-on-phased-return-of-sport-and-recreation?utm\\_source=07e5d6f0-e1fe-4318-b83a-d327bcef6981&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm\\_content=daily](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-on-phased-return-of-sport-and-recreation?utm_source=07e5d6f0-e1fe-4318-b83a-d327bcef6981&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=daily)

Coronavirus (COVID-19): advice to local authorities on prioritising waste collections [https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-advice-to-local-authorities-on-prioritising-waste-collections?utm\\_source=f6b106ca-7006-4c51-b8d1-9163e325a7ca&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm\\_content=daily](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-advice-to-local-authorities-on-prioritising-waste-collections?utm_source=f6b106ca-7006-4c51-b8d1-9163e325a7ca&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=daily)

Government announces gyms and pools to reopen safely [https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-announces-gyms-and-pools-to-reopen-safely?utm\\_source=13c3c75b-f11f-4522-8d81-f4315f522da2&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm\\_content=daily](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-announces-gyms-and-pools-to-reopen-safely?utm_source=13c3c75b-f11f-4522-8d81-f4315f522da2&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=daily)

COVID-19: Guidance for managing playgrounds and outdoor gyms [https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-for-managing-playgrounds-and-outdoor-gyms?utm\\_source=f2346617-584a-42ee-9f4e-0bf9eb8789cb&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm\\_content=daily](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-for-managing-playgrounds-and-outdoor-gyms?utm_source=f2346617-584a-42ee-9f4e-0bf9eb8789cb&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=daily)

## Government

Digital, Culture, Media and Sport Secretary's statement on coronavirus (COVID-19): 9 July 2020 [https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/digital-culture-media-and-sport-secretarys-statement-on-coronavirus-covid-19-9-july-2020?utm\\_source=14071046-0c7c-4ab8-b83c-006485e476f0&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm\\_content=daily](https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/digital-culture-media-and-sport-secretarys-statement-on-coronavirus-covid-19-9-july-2020?utm_source=14071046-0c7c-4ab8-b83c-006485e476f0&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=daily)

Coronavirus (COVID-19): cruise ship travel [https://www.gov.uk/guidance/cruise-ship-travel?utm\\_source=bb5fde28-d7d8-4423-aa50-f6906ff0c9ff&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm\\_content=daily](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/cruise-ship-travel?utm_source=bb5fde28-d7d8-4423-aa50-f6906ff0c9ff&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=daily)

Coronavirus (COVID-19): countries and territories exempt from advice against 'all but essential' international travel [https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-countries-and-territories-exempt-from-advice-against-all-but-essential-international-travel?utm\\_source=8d7f0235-c01e-48ab-ba0e-99d921852bc0&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm\\_content=daily](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-countries-and-territories-exempt-from-advice-against-all-but-essential-international-travel?utm_source=8d7f0235-c01e-48ab-ba0e-99d921852bc0&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=daily)

SLC Launches New Online Repayment Service [https://www.gov.uk/government/news/slc-launches-new-online-repayment-service?utm\\_source=9696271e-697f-4b21-8ebd-bf57527610cf&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm\\_content=daily](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/slc-launches-new-online-repayment-service?utm_source=9696271e-697f-4b21-8ebd-bf57527610cf&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=daily)

Coronavirus outbreak FAQs: what you can and can't do [https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-outbreak-faqs-what-you-can-and-cant-do?utm\\_source=42cdc6aa-13c6-477e-8dc8-f9bc4e13afbe&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm\\_content=daily](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-outbreak-faqs-what-you-can-and-cant-do?utm_source=42cdc6aa-13c6-477e-8dc8-f9bc4e13afbe&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=daily)

Beauty salons set to reopen for some services next week under new government guidelines [https://www.gov.uk/government/news/beauty-salons-set-to-reopen-for-some-services-next-week-under-new-government-guidelines?utm\\_source=80a9eb15-0095-4056-bff4-aae1a5ceba1a&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm\\_content=daily](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/beauty-salons-set-to-reopen-for-some-services-next-week-under-new-government-guidelines?utm_source=80a9eb15-0095-4056-bff4-aae1a5ceba1a&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=daily)

Meeting people from outside your household [https://www.gov.uk/guidance/meeting-people-from-outside-your-household-from-4-july?utm\\_source=6c3ac7f0-45a5-4356-ad4c-8e83cc4ba533&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm\\_content=daily](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/meeting-people-from-outside-your-household-from-4-july?utm_source=6c3ac7f0-45a5-4356-ad4c-8e83cc4ba533&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=daily)

Coronavirus: driving tests (England) [https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-driving-tests-and-theory-tests?utm\\_source=5f9abf9a-0e23-4494-b856-2282becc09cf&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm\\_content=daily](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-driving-tests-and-theory-tests?utm_source=5f9abf9a-0e23-4494-b856-2282becc09cf&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=daily)

Supporting Least Developed Countries through short and long-term pandemic recovery [https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/supporting-ldcs-through-short-and-long-term-pandemic-recovery?utm\\_source=1055ed8a-d31d-4e81-b0cb-f0f0199b9f3e&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm\\_content=daily](https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/supporting-ldcs-through-short-and-long-term-pandemic-recovery?utm_source=1055ed8a-d31d-4e81-b0cb-f0f0199b9f3e&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=daily)

Stable service delivery for tenants continues in social housing sector [https://www.gov.uk/government/news/stable-service-delivery-for-tenants-continues-in-social-housing-sector?utm\\_source=7e0edc96-9ef6-410c-a4a4-fc161d78298c&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm\\_content=daily](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/stable-service-delivery-for-tenants-continues-in-social-housing-sector?utm_source=7e0edc96-9ef6-410c-a4a4-fc161d78298c&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=daily)

Closing certain businesses and venues in England [https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/further-businesses-and-premises-to-close?utm\\_source=2ba7d208-7561-4c95-9da8-556c2383aa11&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm\\_content=daily](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/further-businesses-and-premises-to-close?utm_source=2ba7d208-7561-4c95-9da8-556c2383aa11&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=daily)

Performing Arts given green light to resume outdoors on July 11 [https://www.gov.uk/government/news/performing-arts-given-green-light-to-resume-outdoors-on-july-11?utm\\_source=64538ef6-ce42-4c93-957b-bf5cb131f825&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm\\_content=daily](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/performing-arts-given-green-light-to-resume-outdoors-on-july-11?utm_source=64538ef6-ce42-4c93-957b-bf5cb131f825&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=daily)

COVID-19: guidance for the safe use of places of worship during the pandemic [https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-for-the-safe-use-of-places-of-worship-during-the-pandemic-from-4-july?utm\\_source=dc3a9c9e-9c24-43d6-b61e-6cb4bc6703df&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm\\_content=daily](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-for-the-safe-use-of-places-of-worship-during-the-pandemic-from-4-july?utm_source=dc3a9c9e-9c24-43d6-b61e-6cb4bc6703df&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=daily)

Coronavirus (COVID-19): guidance for local government [https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-for-local-government?utm\\_source=c64a384a-9528-48de-97bb-6ed1d85f2af9&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm\\_content=daily](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-for-local-government?utm_source=c64a384a-9528-48de-97bb-6ed1d85f2af9&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=daily)

Coronavirus (COVID-19): support for care homes [https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-support-for-care-homes?utm\\_source=ec5d9a7c-0e77-4782-9b19-0d3f8cfc7843&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm\\_content=daily](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-support-for-care-homes?utm_source=ec5d9a7c-0e77-4782-9b19-0d3f8cfc7843&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=daily)

VAT: reduced rate for hospitality, holiday accommodation and attractions [https://www.gov.uk/guidance/vat-reduced-rate-for-hospitality-holiday-accommodation-and-attractions?utm\\_source=9adb6755-3544-4961-a171-412610dd7e14&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm\\_content=daily](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/vat-reduced-rate-for-hospitality-holiday-accommodation-and-attractions?utm_source=9adb6755-3544-4961-a171-412610dd7e14&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=daily)

Joint statement of the international maritime virtual summit on crew changes [https://www.gov.uk/government/news/joint-statement-of-the-international-maritime-virtual-summit-on-crew-changes?utm\\_source=64f86811-d735-4e12-b54f-715a28870513&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm\\_content=daily](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/joint-statement-of-the-international-maritime-virtual-summit-on-crew-changes?utm_source=64f86811-d735-4e12-b54f-715a28870513&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=daily)

Coronavirus (COVID-19) care home support: council transparency data [https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-care-home-support-council-transparency-data?utm\\_source=c3868eff-ea12-4d2b-8b25-ad9836dd3c4e&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm\\_content=daily](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-care-home-support-council-transparency-data?utm_source=c3868eff-ea12-4d2b-8b25-ad9836dd3c4e&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=daily)

Coronavirus cases in the UK: daily updated statistics [https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public?utm\\_source=dcfc3dff-3c33-4a85-a094-edda94cedd2c&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm\\_content=daily](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public?utm_source=dcfc3dff-3c33-4a85-a094-edda94cedd2c&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=daily)

VAT on admission charges to attractions [https://www.gov.uk/guidance/vat-on-admission-charges-to-attractions?utm\\_source=b70c8e4c-efcb-4e66-a3aa-6dbc482ad5f6&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm\\_content=daily](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/vat-on-admission-charges-to-attractions?utm_source=b70c8e4c-efcb-4e66-a3aa-6dbc482ad5f6&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=daily)

Guidance on searching for archaeological finds in England during COVID-19 [https://www.gov.uk/guidance/guidance-on-searching-for-archaeological-finds-in-england-during-covid-19?utm\\_source=c0d369b4-4228-4b7c-85fa-c3e7f95d3c71&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm\\_content=daily](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/guidance-on-searching-for-archaeological-finds-in-england-during-covid-19?utm_source=c0d369b4-4228-4b7c-85fa-c3e7f95d3c71&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=daily)

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## **MK Council**

MK Council introduced new powers to stop anti-social car cruising in Milton Keynes earlier this year following a consultation with residents and businesses. Last weekend colleagues from our MK Together team put up signs in car cruising hotspots, and our partners at Thames Valley Police went to a car cruising event in Central MK to flag what's changed. Anybody found to be in breach of the Car Cruising Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) can be fined up