

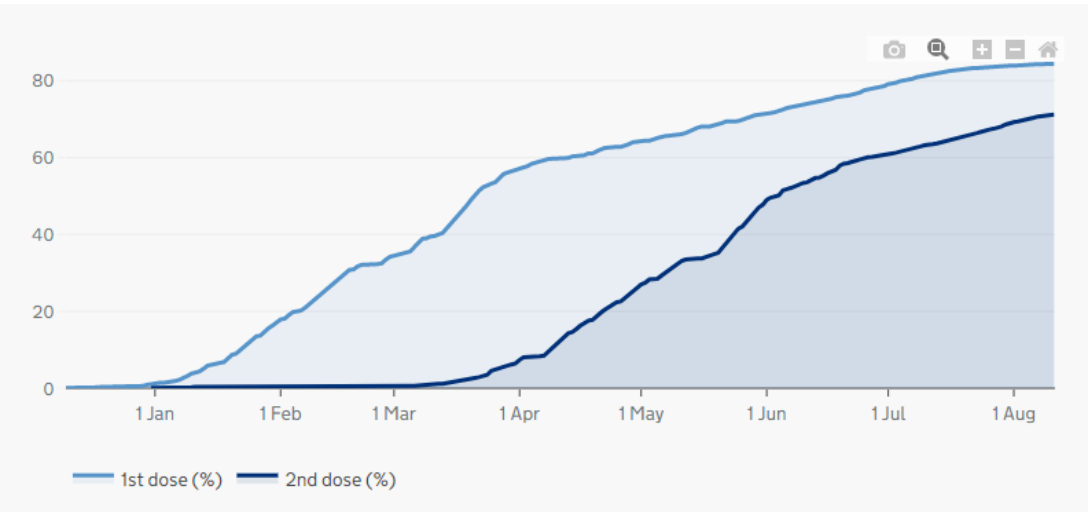
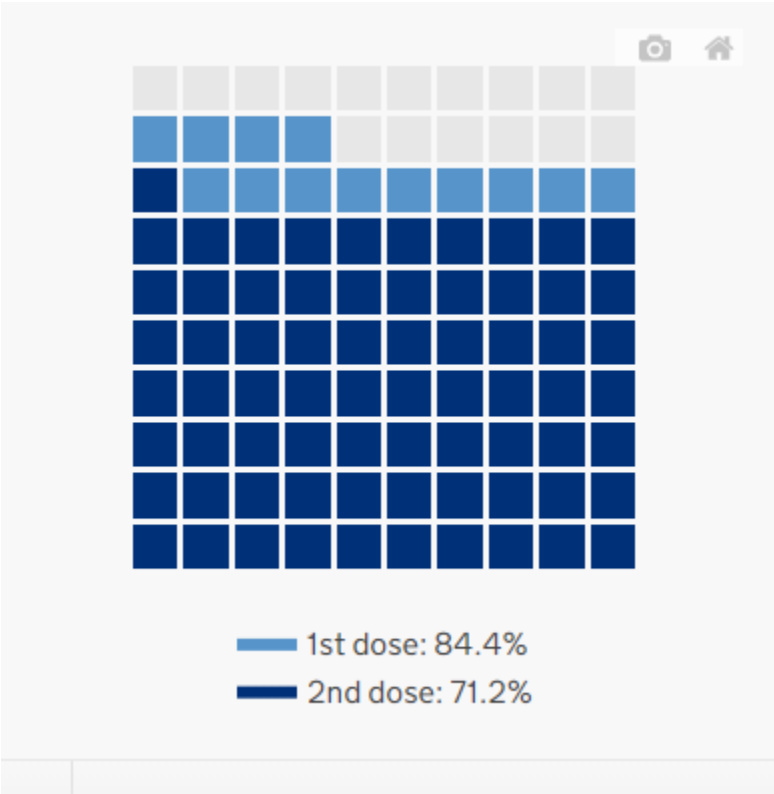


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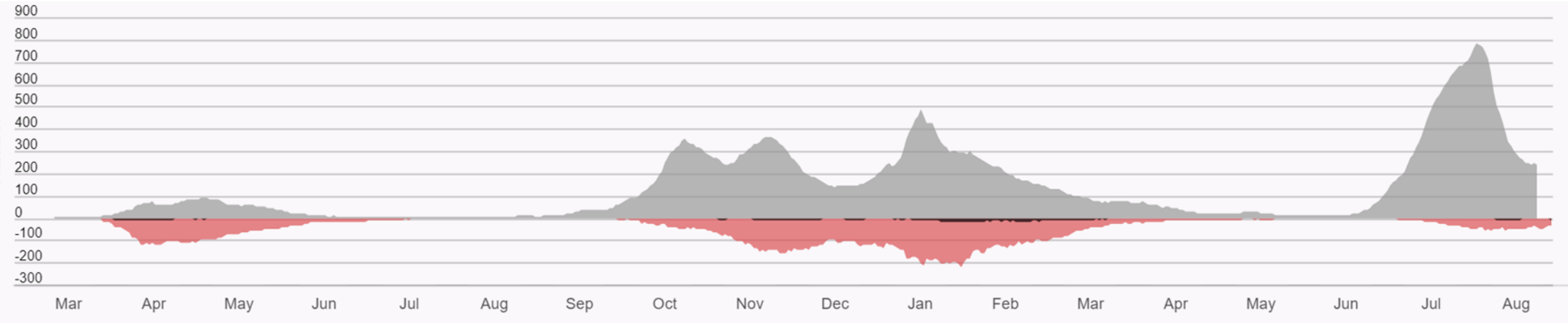
# Health and Housing Scrutiny Committee COVID-19 in Darlington 18<sup>th</sup> August 2021

Penny Spring  
Director of Public Health

# The Vaccine Deployment Programme continues successfully...



# Evidence shows vaccines are sufficiently effective in reducing hospitalisations and deaths in those vaccinated.



# Infection rates do not risk a surge in hospitalisations which would put unsustainable pressure on the NHS

Case detection rate >60s Darlington



# After 16th August 2021 and as we progress....

## What Changes?

- From 16 August, anyone who has been identified as a close contact of a positive case will no longer have to self-isolate, providing they have been fully vaccinated and are not displaying any COVID-19 symptoms.
- All close contacts, regardless of vaccination status, are advised to take a PCR test as soon as possible to confirm their condition.
- The testing policy has not changed. Those who are fully vaccinated will only be required to self-isolate if they test positive for COVID-19 following a PCR test.
- Anyone under the age of 18 who has been identified as a close contact of a positive COVID-19 case will also no longer be required to self-isolate. Instead, they will be given advice about whether to get tested and depending on their age will need to self-isolate only if they have tested positive.

## Groups who will still need to Isolate:

- Those who have not received their COVID-19 vaccination
- Those who have not received both doses of their COVID-19 vaccination
- Those who have received their second dose within the last 14 days
- Those who have tested positive following a PCR test
- Those who have been fully vaccinated and are displaying COVID-19 symptoms (ahead of getting a PCR test).



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Any Questions?