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DAILY NORTHERN IRELAND SITUATION REPORT 052

**Friday 22nd May 2020
Information correct as of 18:00**



Main Developments

- There have been a further 3 deaths reported, bringing the total number of deaths to 504.
- NISRA report up until the period ending 15th May, a total of 664 deaths involving COVID-19 occurred.
- SportNI publish advice and guidance on the return of sport as coronavirus restrictions are lifted.
- HMG - Mortgage payment holidays can be extended for three months.
- ONS revealed that UK borrowing surged to £62bn in April, the highest monthly figure on record.
- Traffic flows for Thursday 21 May up 1.3% on Wednesday and up 15.1% on the previous Thursday. This was the highest daily flow since the first day of lockdown.

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Main Issues

NEW ISSUES				
	Description	Lead//Owner	BRAG	Trend
1	Issue identified by SHSCT regarding approx. 30 children with disabilities whose home circumstances have come under immense pressure due to schools being closed.	DoH	A	↑
EXISTING ISSUES – YET TO BE RESOLVED				
	Description	Lead//Owner	BRAG	Trend
1	The economic impact of COVID-19 has been unprecedented with NI output potentially running at 30% below normal whilst the shutdown of many local industries has resulted in the widespread furloughing of workers. To date, the Executive has announced a number of COVID-19 related grant support schemes to support local businesses. The introduction of the Hardship Fund on 20 May will result in around a third of NI businesses being eligible to apply for Executive support. The Economic Statistics Centre of Excellence (ESCOE) have estimated that NI saw the largest economic fall in the first quarter of 2020, nearly twice that of the UK as a whole with a 3.9% contraction.	DfE	R	-
2	Businesses in the Tourism industry were the first and hardest hit. The impact of the virus has effectively decimated the sector across NI. The industry is seeking guidance on when and how restrictions can be eased to enable them to plan for recovery. A Tourism Recovery Steering Group has been established and will be led by the DfE Minister. This group will bring together the private and public sectors to plan for recovery.	DfE	R	-
3	Clarity required on reported requirements for checks and quarantine arrangements at ports and airports. Aviation and marine security are not devolved but we need to understand the arrangements being put in place by UKG and their implications for our ports and airports.	TEO/UKG	A	-
4	On 4 th May, the UK Government announced a UK-wide package to address the admissions issue. This package included some financial measures. However, the local institutions are reflecting on considerable impacts as a result of COVID-19, which could detrimentally affect institutional sustainability, and further National support is being sought. Discussion across the devolved administrations continue to seek additional financial measures in regards to research and institutional sustainability.	DfE	A	-

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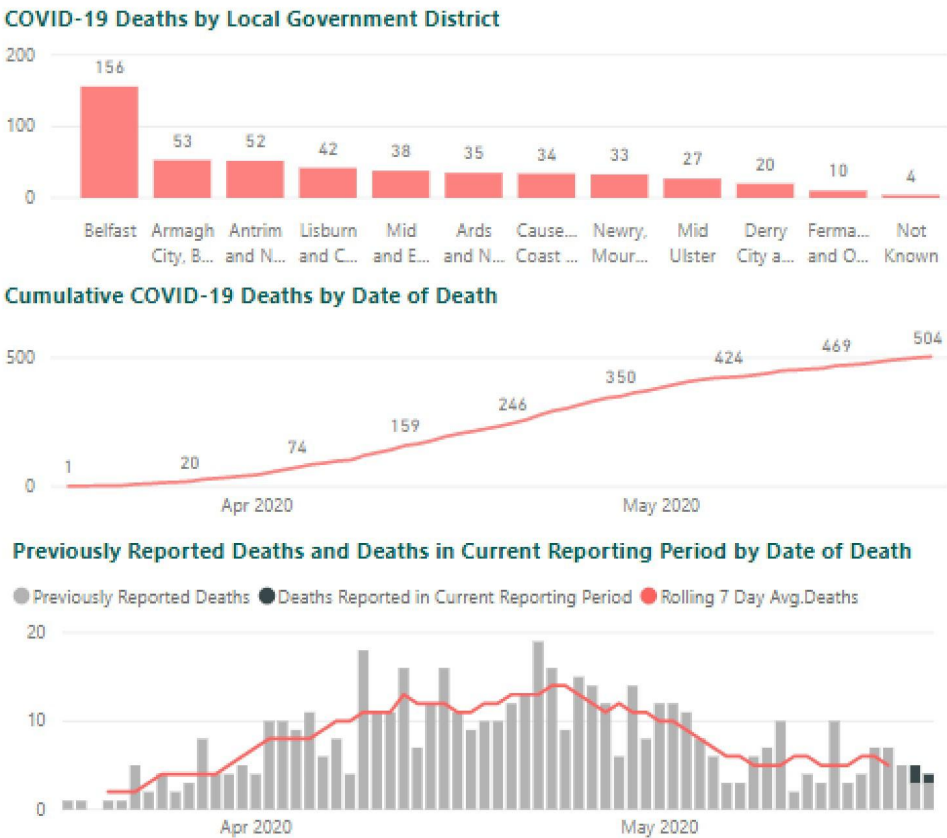
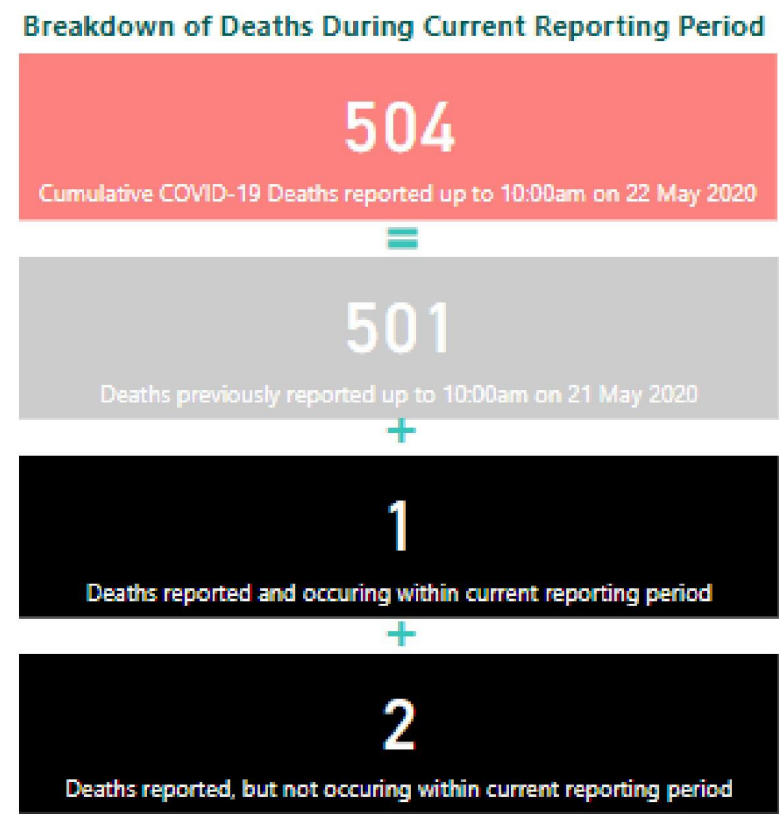
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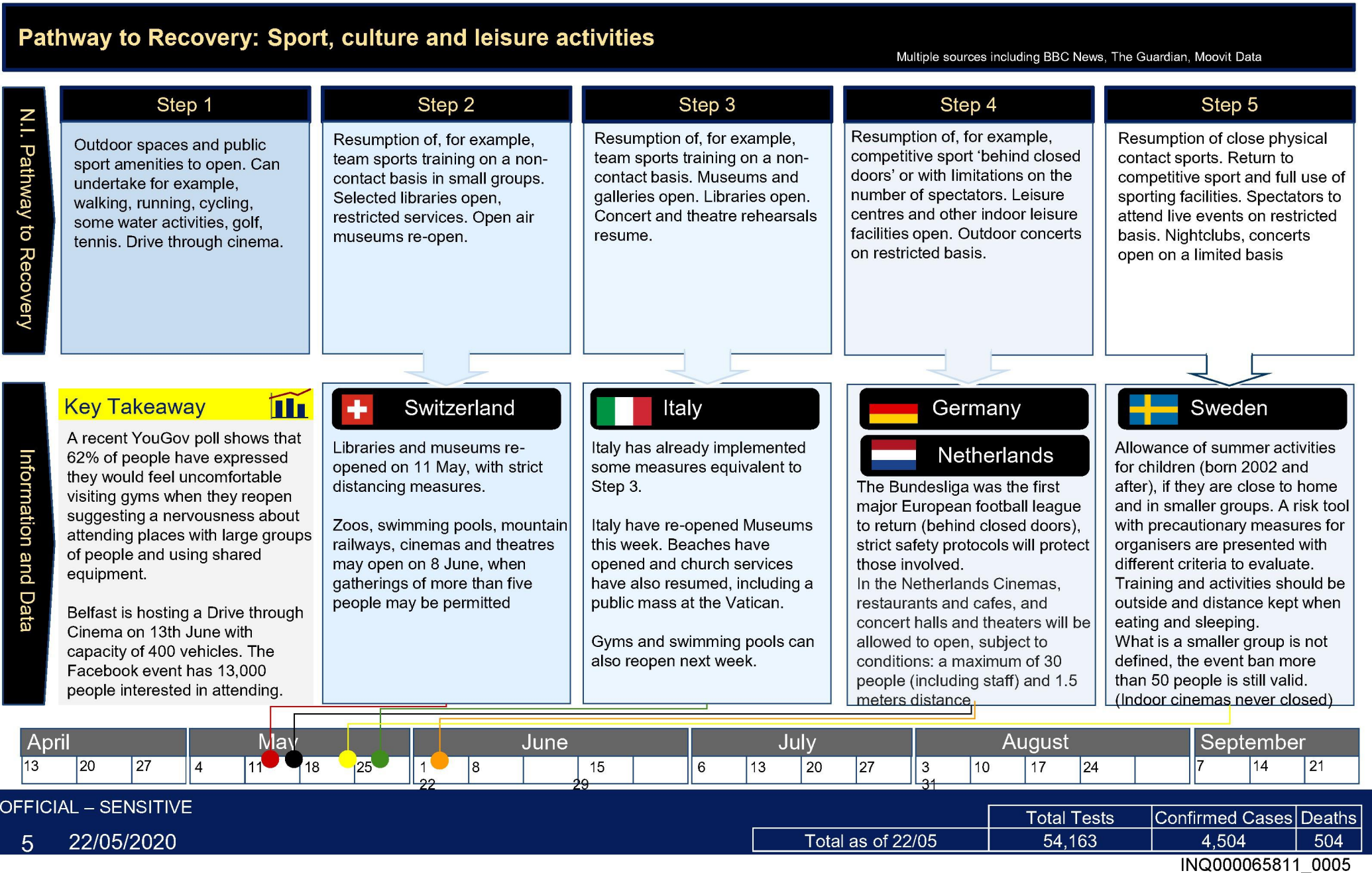
DoH Dashboard Analysis [Source: DoH Data Return 22/05]

There have been a further three deaths reported since 9.30am yesterday morning, bringing the total number of deaths to 504. One of these deaths occurred since yesterday morning, with the remaining two deaths occurring over previous dates.



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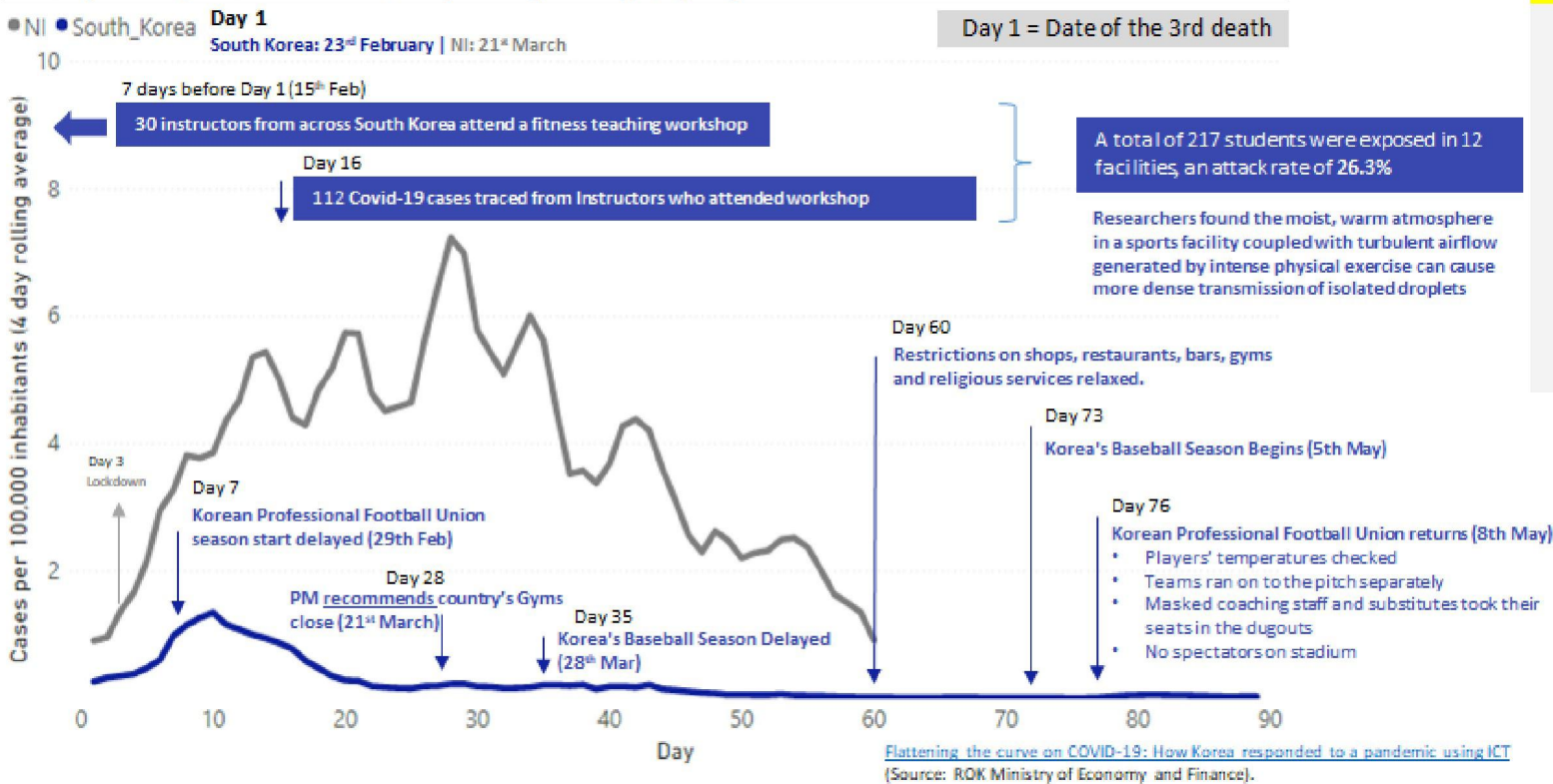
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Data Summary (3 of 5)

Sporting Leagues have resumed in South Korea – an established strategy of test, track and trace remains to detect cases early. [Source: NISRA]

Cases per 100,000 inhabitants (4 day rolling average) by day



Key Takeaway

- South Korea did not impose the same lockdown restrictions as seen in Europe. A strategy of test, track and trace from the first case has flattened the curve.
- A case study of a Covid cluster found that Gyms have a high transmission risk due to environmental factors.

South Korea's COVID-19 Strategy

31 Days before Day 1	Track and Trace South Korea developed tools and practices for aggressive contact tracing during the MERS outbreak in 2015. They used this system to find, test — and, if necessary, isolate — anyone Covid positive person may have had contact.	26 Days before Day 1	Test Gov officials meet with representatives from several medical companies to begin immediately developing coronavirus test kits for mass production – 2 weeks later country produces 100k kits per day.
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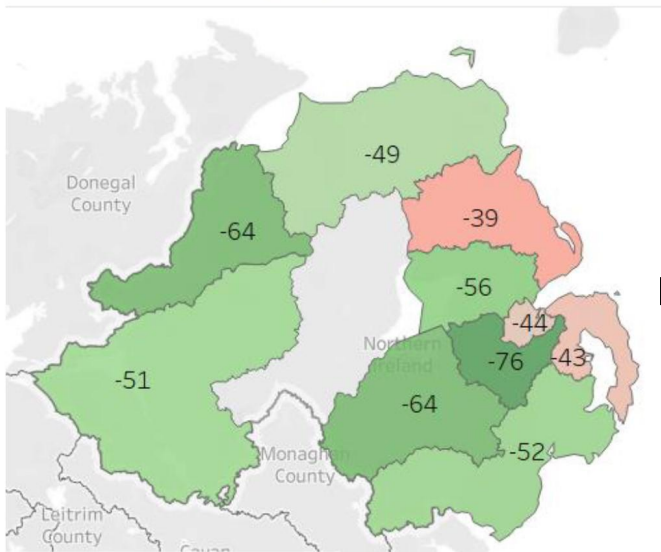
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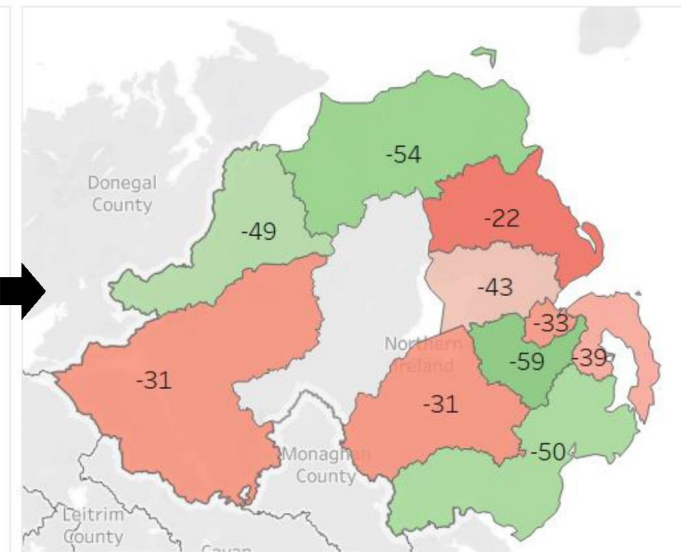
Google Mobility Report - Change in activity in Parks over time [Source: Google Mobility 22/05]

Change in activity in parks versus the baseline. The baseline is the median value, for the corresponding day of the week, during the 5-week period Jan 3–Feb 6, 2020. No data available for parks in for Mid Ulster.

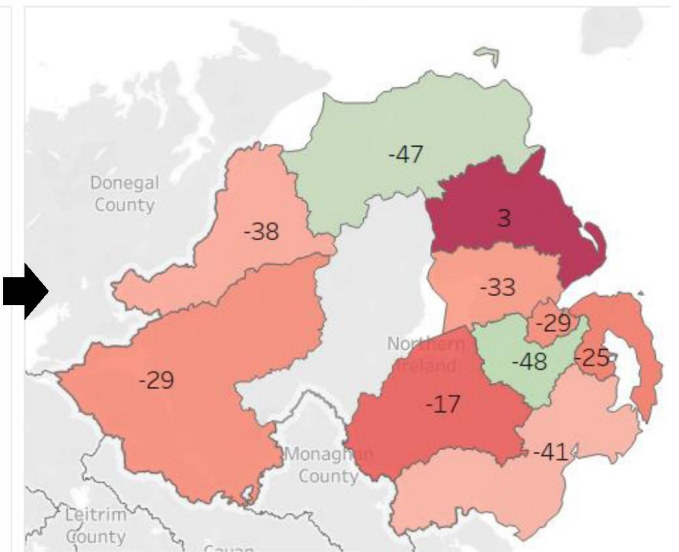
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Key Takeaway



- All counties have witnessed an increase in activity since lockdown
- Causeway Coast and Glens have stayed the most consistent with regards to reduced activity recorded in parks
- However Mid and East Antrim is currently 3% over the pre lockdown baseline

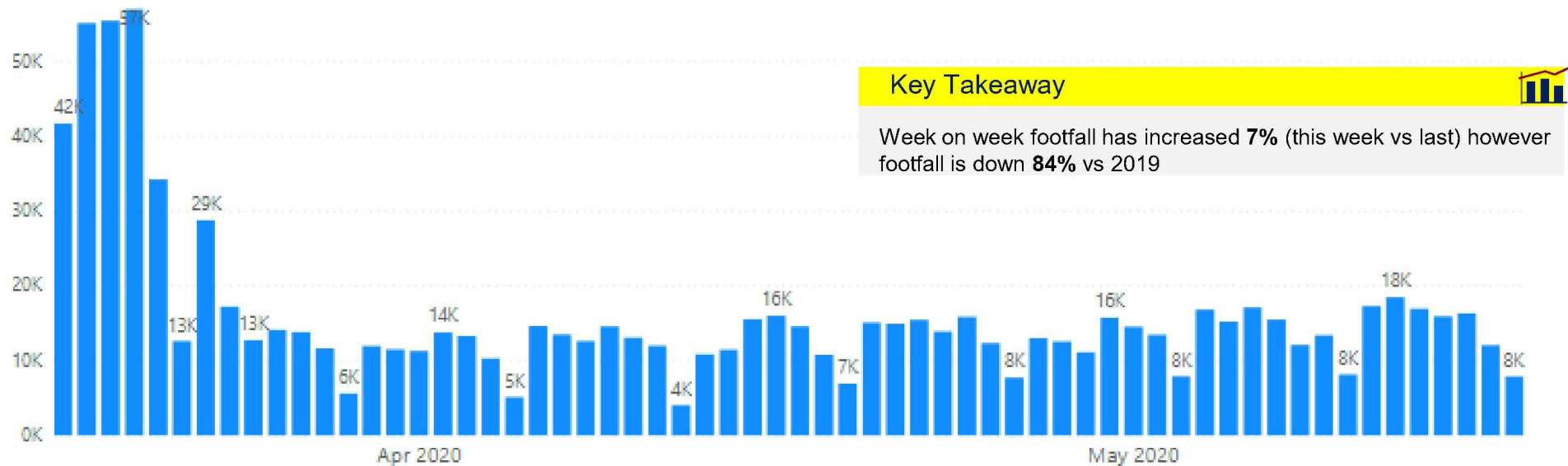
Parks Percent Change From Baseline



Data Summary (5 of 5)

Footfall in Belfast City Centre [Source: DfE SitRep Return 22/05]

Average of Belfast City Centre Footfall by Date



% Change Compared to Previous Year by Date



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Current Media and Communications (1 of 2)

NORTHERN IRELAND

- Chief Constable Simon Byrne says that the police style will change post Bank Holiday from “fighting the virus to fighting crime.”
- NI's chief scientific adviser Prof Ian Young has said the R number in NI has not changed, at 0.8 and believes there is a "high likelihood" of a second wave of the virus. Prof Young also stated that family meetings cannot yet happen indoors because COVID-19 survives for longer on indoor surfaces than outdoors.
- DAERA - Minister visiting Ballylisk cheese factory to see how a small business has continued to trade and adhere to social distancing.
- DfC - Sports NI has published a framework for the sports sector, to support a return to sport and physical recreation, in line with the NI Executive's five step plan.
- DfC - Minister has encouraged landlords and tenants to work together throughout the COVID-19 emergency and beyond.
- DfE - Minister has this morning written to approximately 17,500 prospective NI-domiciled HE students on UCAS delay and their options for 2020/21 academic year.
- DoH - Health Minister's pre-recorded interview for Newsnight will be broadcast tonight.

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Current Media and Communications (2 of 2)

UNITED KINGDOM

- The Heathrow isolation facility, set up by the UKG as a self isolation facility for people arriving from countries worst hit by coronavirus, has seen it's last guest leave.
- The UK will host the Global Vaccine summit on 4 June taking lead role on the £7.4 billion fund-raising effort for vaccine alliance, focusing on both COVID-19 and non-COVID-19 programmes.
- UCL and London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine report that children and adolescents are half as likely to catch coronavirus.
- Sage has published evidence on the safety and impact of reopening schools suggesting the risk of coronavirus to pupils is "very, very small but it is not zero."
- ONS revealed that UK borrowing surged to £62bn in April, the highest monthly figure on record after heavy spending to ease the coronavirus crisis.
- Sage member Pro Ian Boyd has said that locking Britain down a week or two earlier would have made a "big difference" to the coronavirus death rate.

REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

- It has been suggested that Ireland has one of the highest rates of COVID-19 deaths in care homes in the world according to a report by the International Long Term Care Policy Network.
- Irish Times - Small and medium-sized charities are facing funding losses of €1.5 billion this year because of COVID-19, according to a data analytics company specialising in the non-profit sector.
- RTE - Irish government is expected to make it mandatory for all travellers arriving in Ireland to provide an address to gardaí and to self-isolate there for two weeks.
- RTE - IRFU chief executive Philip Browne has issued a stark warning about the financial viability of professional rugby and other sports amid the coronavirus pandemic.
- Senior Gardaí have warned Government officials that new COVID-19 restrictions are unenforceable.

OTHER

- More than 5 million people globally have are now confirmed to have coronavirus according to John Hopkins University, with 1.9 million people recovering and 328,000 deaths.
- Yemeni health system has collapsed as COVID-19 spreads according to the United Nations who are appealing for urgent funding.
- The death toll in Brazil reaches 20,000.
- 2.4 million Americans sought unemployment benefits last week, bringing the total since mid March to roughly 38.6 million, almost a quarter of the workforce.

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Expected Media and Press in the next 1 – 2 days

- DoF - NISRA published its weekly Death Bulletin at 9.30am today for week ending 15th May 2020 (Week 19). It continues to attract substantial media attention.
- DE - Local coverage of multiple interviews with Minister on education recovery plans.
- DE - Letter to schools outlining the criteria for pupils eligible for a digital device.
- DfE - Almost 3,500 people have used the eligibility checker and to date 870 application were submitted for the £40m NI Micro Business Hardship Fund. The Department is receiving media queries around gaps in eligibility, such as some sole traders.
- DAERA - Widespread media interest in decision to re-open forest and country car-parks from Wed 27th May.
- DAERA - Press release imminent regarding re-commencement and continuation of some farm inspections.
- DAERA - Press Office filming today for social media video on Forest Service staff as they deliver food parcels, etc. in partnership with Fermanagh and Omagh Council which may issue over the weekend or Monday.
- DfI - The issue of driving licence renewals/medicals continues to be raised and BBC may run a story on this in the coming days.

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Look Forward

1 – 2 Days	This/Next Week	>2 Weeks
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DoJ - The Department in engaging with MOJ and other NI departments on the possibility of a scheme to support fee paid judicial office holders for future cancelled sittings in consequence of COVID-19. DAERA - Veterinary Service and Animal Health Group will be issuing a Zoo funding questionnaire. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DoF - The next NISRA Weekly Death Bulletin will issue at 9.30am 29 May for deaths up to week ending 22 May. DfI - Strangford Ferry service finish time will be extended by 1 hour to 6.15pm from Tuesday 26 May 2020 to help with slowly increasing passenger numbers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DfE - Following advice from the Task and Finish Group and instructions from CCEA the award of Essential Skills qualifications has now moved to delivery phase and the priority will be for NI learning centres to undertake evidence gathering to inform calculated grades. Instructions from CCEA Regulation on other relevant Vocational Qualifications will issue week commencing 25 May and the delivery phase for these qualifications will similarly move to evidence gathering where appropriate to support the award of qualifications in August. DAERA - NIEA will require a Regulatory Position for the handling of enforcement action as a result of NI Water confirmation that there will be an impact to the delivery of capital schemes both in costs and time delay. DAERA - COVID-19 testing at AFBI will shortly ramp up to 500 per day and then to full capacity at 1000 per day. FSA - 5 June ahead of World Food Safety Day, FSA will promote helpful safety tips to help consumers make the most of food in their cupboards. DfI - A BIA passenger service to Vilnius is due to recommence on Thursday 4th June and media reports indicate that Easyjet intends to recommence flights from Belfast starting 15th June.

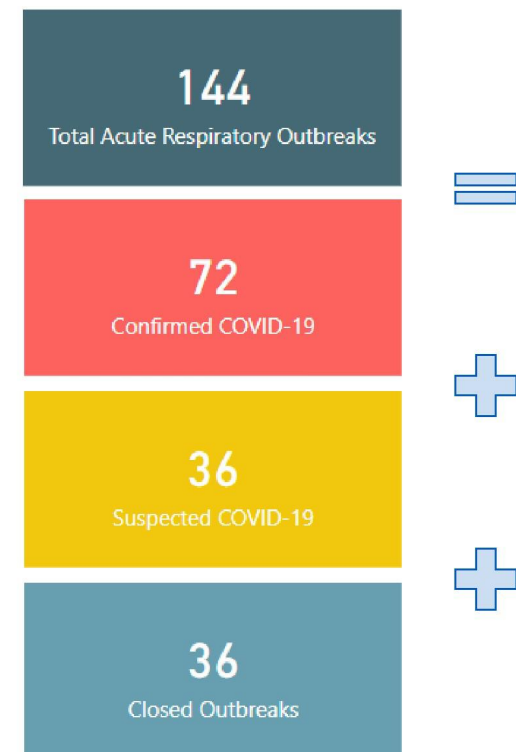
Theme – Health and Care

ISSUES				
	Description	Owner	BRAG	Trend
1	Issue identified by SHSCT regarding approx. 30 children with disabilities whose home circumstances have come under immense pressure due to schools being closed.	DoH	A	↑
2	PPE provision – challenges remain regarding the securing of adequate supplies of PPE of an appropriate standard to ensure satisfactory replenishment levels.	DoH	A	-
3	Care home sector - challenges in relation to maintaining safe levels of staffing.	DoH	A	-
4	Testing – potential issue regarding the supply of reagents and kits used in testing.	DoH	A	-

RECENT ACTIONS	

Supporting Data

Care Home Outbreaks (DoH Live Dashboard 22/05)



Key Takeaway



There are **72 (+1)** care homes with a confirmed COVID-19 outbreak, **36 (+2)** further homes with suspected outbreaks and **36** homes with closed outbreaks.

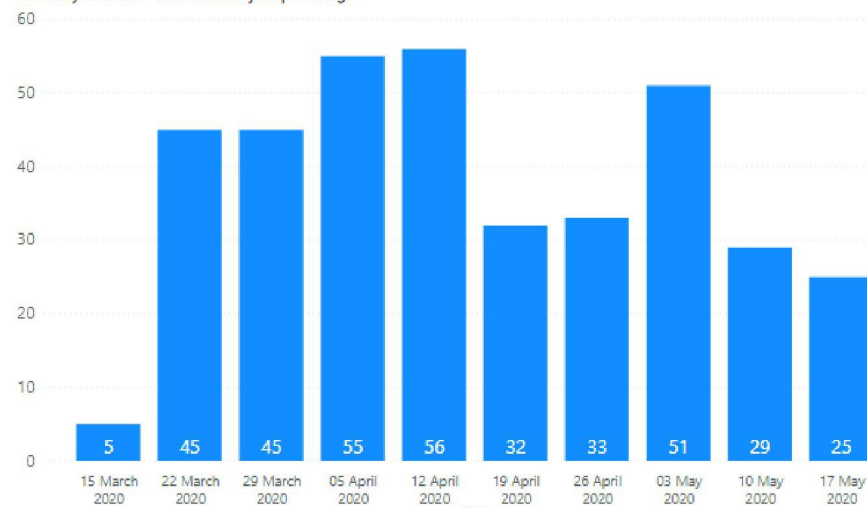
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Theme – Economy and Infrastructure

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3	Ports and airports (reserved matters): Need to understand implications for ports and airports of the reported checking and quarantine arrangements under consideration by UKG.	TEO/UKG	A	-
RECENT ACTIONS				

Supporting Data

Weekly COVID-19 related job postings



Key Takeaway

COVID-19 job related postings peaked in the week commencing 12th April, however have fallen in the past five weeks

Traffic Flow: Thursday 21st May

1.3% ▲ vs previous day (Wednesday 20 May)

15.1% ▲ on the previous Thursday (14 May)

18.1% ▲ on last week's 5-day ADT

41.9% ▼ on a normal weekday flows compared to Feb / March flows from 2018 & 2019.



Source: DfI Data SITREP (22/05)

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Theme – Justice

ISSUES				
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1	Staffing levels within Northern Ireland Prison Service - 118 staff are self-isolating; 131 staff/family members have been referred for testing (increase of 1 from Thursday); 95 prisoners are in isolation (decrease of 2 from Thursday).	DoJ	A	-

RECENT ACTIONS	
1	DoJ working with MoJ and other NI Departments on possible scheme to support fee paid judicial office holders for future cancelled sittings as consequence of COVID-19.

Key Takeaway

- “All Crime Codes” have decreased on average by **31%** during lockdown when compared to the average between March ‘19 - February ‘20.
- Transport has seen a decrease of **51%** but is slowly starting to rise week on week.
- Domestic Abuse has increased on average by **15%** during lockdown.

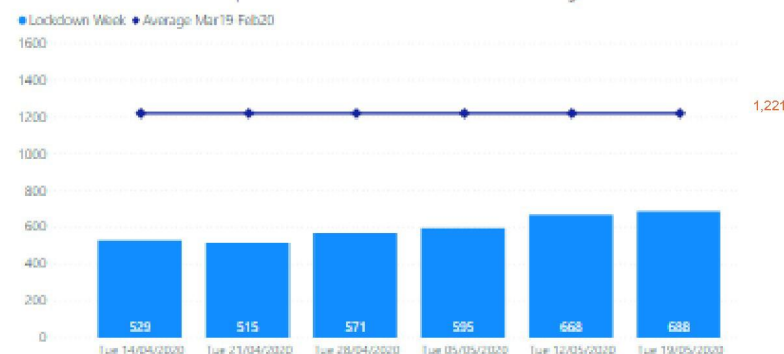
“The crime figures provided in the operational update are sourced from calls for service in order to provide up-to-date figures. However calls for service are a less accurate source of crime information and under-represent the number of crimes that will be recorded in the official PSNI police recorded crime figures. In the same way, these operational figures are not directly comparable with police recorded crime figures provided for England and Wales.”

Supporting Data [Source:PSNI Police Recorded Crimes NI]

Command & Control Code: All Crime Codes - Lockdown Weeks vs Mar19-Feb20



Command & Control Code: Transport - Lockdown Week vs Mar19-Feb20 Average



Command & Control Code: Domestic Abuse Calls - Lockdown Weeks vs Mar19-Feb20 Average



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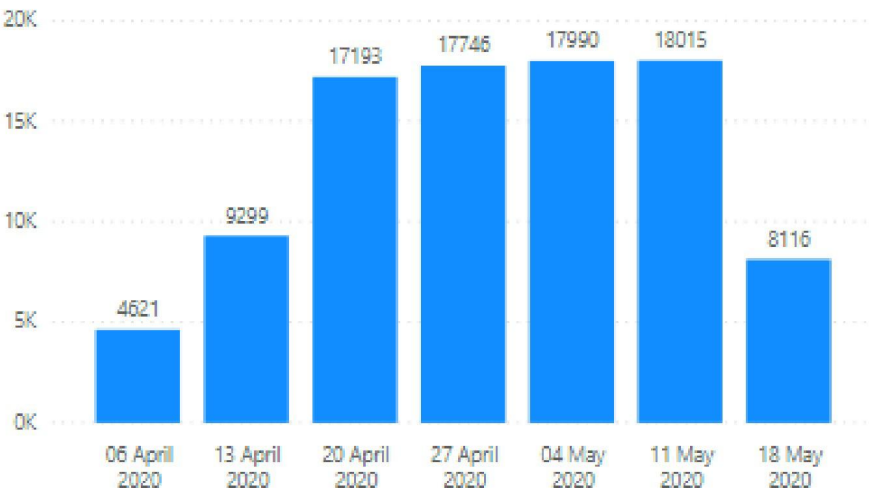
Theme – People and Communities

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2	EA key worker placement registration scheme – continuing to receive requests. At 18 May, 42 children waiting to be placed (down 8 from 14/05/20) of which 27 require immediate placement 13 pupils were removed from the list.	DE	A	↓
3	DE is engaging with other departments to develop a number of options to help address the issue of holiday hunger. Free School Meals direct payments to eligible children are due to stop from 30th June. As no Department has the lead on food poverty/holiday hunger it will be for the Executive to decide on the way forward.	DE	A	-

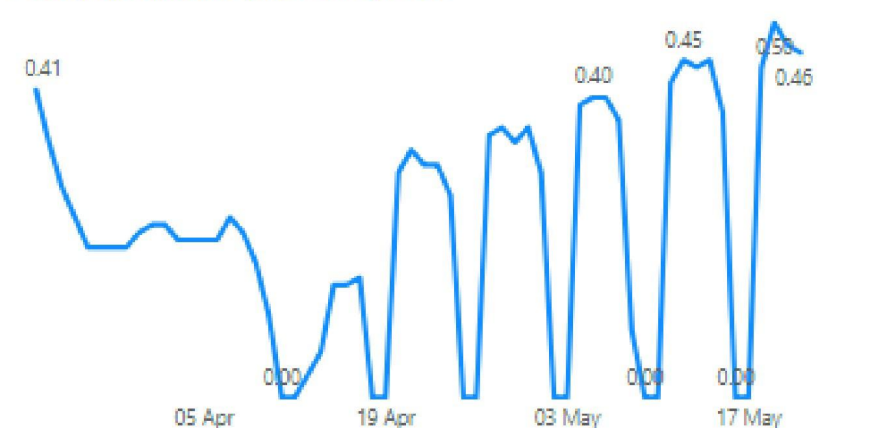
RECENT ACTIONS	
1	DfC is working with the NIHE to confirm funding and arrangements for medium- to long-term PPE supply for non-jointly-funded Supporting People providers. It is expected that an order for 12 weeks' supply for non-co-funded providers will be placed by NIHE imminently.
2	AFBI commenced live testing on Thursday with 94 samples tested.

Supporting Data

Food Parcels Delivered By Week (Week Commencing)



School Attendance Rate (%) by Date



Key Takeaway



School attendance rate was **0.5%** on the 19 May which is the highest it has been since the start of lockdown on the 23 March. This compares to school attendance levels of 1.1% in Scotland, 1.2% in Wales and 2.6% in England.

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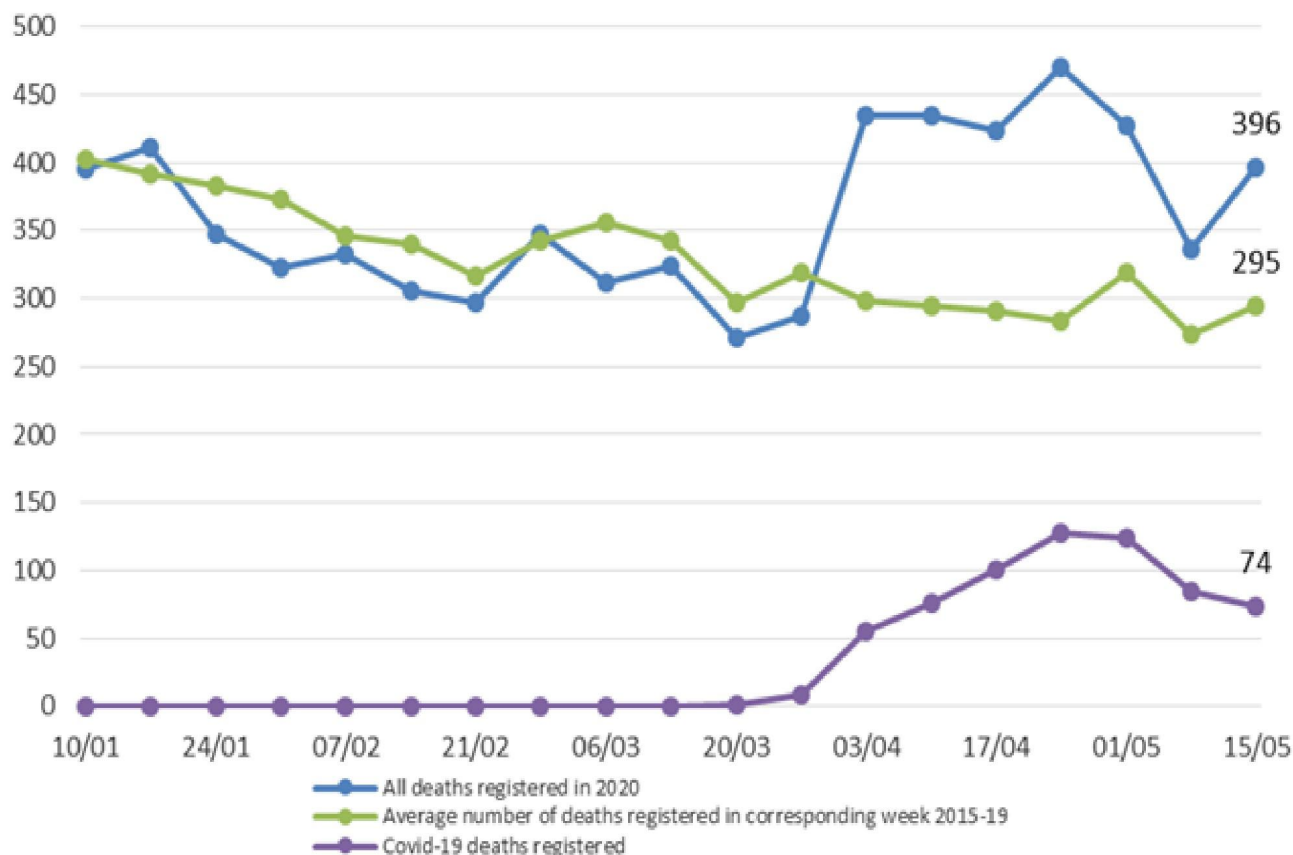
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NISRA Weekly Death Registrations – (Week 19 – week ending 15 May 2020)

Weekly registered deaths in Northern Ireland



w/e 15 May 396 Deaths <u>Registered</u>	Total 6,874 Deaths <u>Registered</u>
w/e 15 May 74 Covid deaths <u>registered</u>	Total 652 Covid deaths <u>registered</u>

Analysis by **deaths registered**
 (These data refer to all deaths registered in NI by close of 15 May)

Key Takeaway

- COVID-19 registered deaths for w/e 15 May were 74, down 12% since the previous week
- COVID-19 registered deaths made up 54% of 'respiratory deaths' in w/e 15 May, and 29% of these deaths in the year to date.
- Registered deaths have increased by 18% since the previous week (to 396); this is 34% higher than the average for the corresponding week over the previous 5 years
- 21% of deaths registered are in Belfast Local Government District
- All other LGDs range between 6.1% (Fermanagh & Omagh) and 9.8% Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon)

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