Scottish Government – Shielding team
Local authority Q&A: Public Health Scotland dashboard
Friday 2 October 2020

Overview
- Public Health Scotland (PHS) provide a public-facing dashboard that presents a range of data about Covid-19. This dashboard is being updated with new information today, Friday 2 October at 2 pm.

Issues to be aware of
We have been advised that the dashboard may not work as well on some mobile devices for the first few days because it's not possible to make all the changes necessary until the dashboard goes live. Once we are assured that this is fixed, we will be sending out an SMS to our shielding list. We will email you again to let you know when that SMS is going out. The new data will also be promoted via Scottish Government and PHS social media channels once this has been resolved.

What information does the dashboard provide?
There a number of updates to the dashboard, the most significant of which is that the rate of infection of COVID-19 within each local authority is now provided at a more local, 'neighbourhood' level. The dashboard shows:

- data by neighbourhood areas
- testing numbers
- deaths data
- hospital and intensive care admissions

How do I access local area data?
Select the 'Cases by neighbourhood' from the home page of the dashboard:https://public.tableau.com/profile/phs.covid.19#!/vizhome/COVID-19DailyDashboard_15960160643010/Overview.

To pick a neighbourhood, select a local authority from the drop down and hover over the name of the area of interest – this will bring up data from the past 7 days. The neighbourhood areas presented are classed as 'intermediate zones' which contain between 2,500 and 6,000 household residents.

How up to date is the data?
The figures are updated by Public Health Scotland on a daily basis at 2 pm. The data includes historic data due to reporting time delays. This means that figures reported may not correspond directly to trend charts which are based on the date of test, admission to hospital etc.

What if someone does not have internet access but wants to know what the infection rates are in their local area?
The national helpline can look up this information for them. Their telephone number is 0800 111 4000.

Where can I found out more about the data.
Go to the notes page on the dashboard from the homepage link above.