



Bath and North East Somerset,  
Swindon and Wiltshire Partnership  
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# BSW UEC Update for Health Select Committee

11<sup>th</sup> January 2022



# Usual NHS Winter

- Demand for hospital increases
- Surge capacity planned and used
- Acuity of illness leads to increased length of stay
- Winter bugs e.g. Norovirus

## Plus impact of a sustained pandemic

- Significant Backlogs of elective and cancer care that need hospital capacity
- Complexity of how the available capacity can be used ( Keeping separate COVID, COVID contacts , suspected COVID from COVID negative people)
- Staff fatigue

# BSW acute pressures

## OPEL Status

	26 Dec	27 Dec	28 Dec	29 Dec	30 Dec	31 Dec	01 Jan	02 Jan	03 Jan	04 Jan	05 Jan
GWH	3	3	4	4	4	3	3	3	4	4	4
RUH	2	2	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
SFT	2	2	3	3	3	4	4	4	4	4	4

Validated tool used across NHS to measure levels of pressure and escalation ( note 4 is the highest level prior to a critical or major incident )

# Material escalations

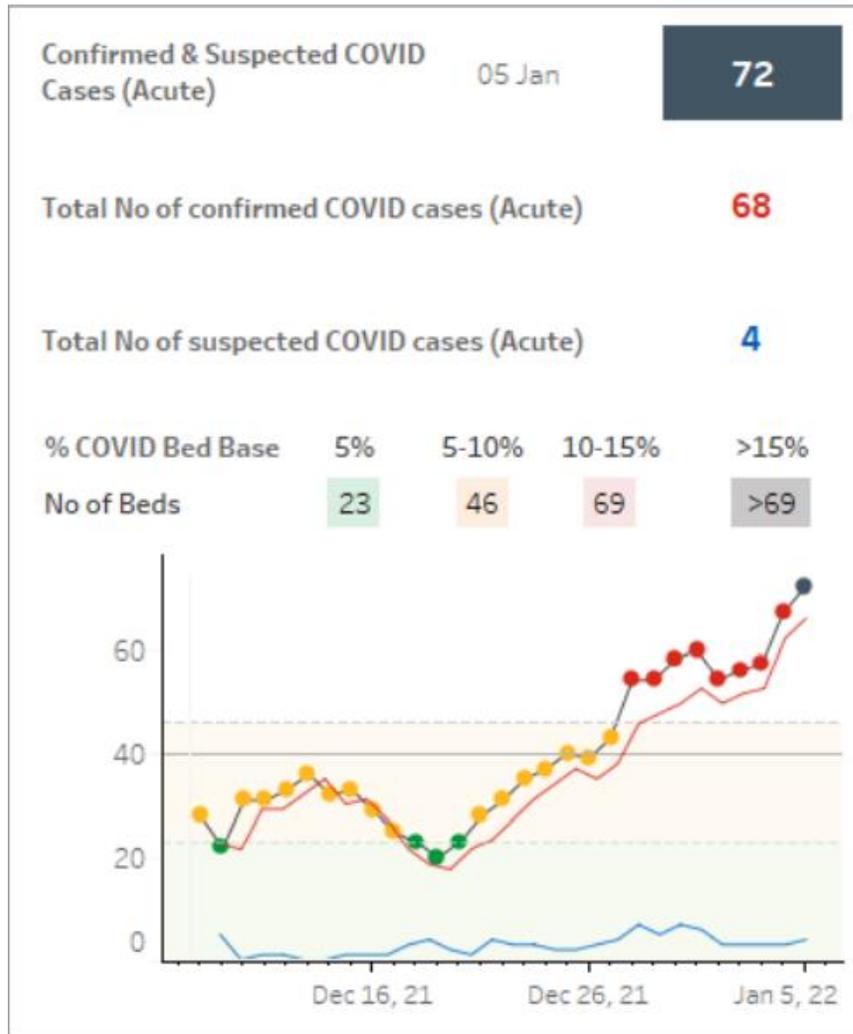
- RUH declared internal critical incident 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 21 ( still ongoing at time of writing this )
- GWH declared internal critical incident 5<sup>th</sup> Jan 22 – de-escalated 7<sup>th</sup> Jan 22
- System declared system level OPEL 4 5<sup>th</sup> Jan 22 – de-escalated 7<sup>th</sup> Jan 22

**Unprecedented levels of escalation** with inevitable increased levels of risks in care delivery and moral injury for staff working under such significant levels of pressure for sustained periods

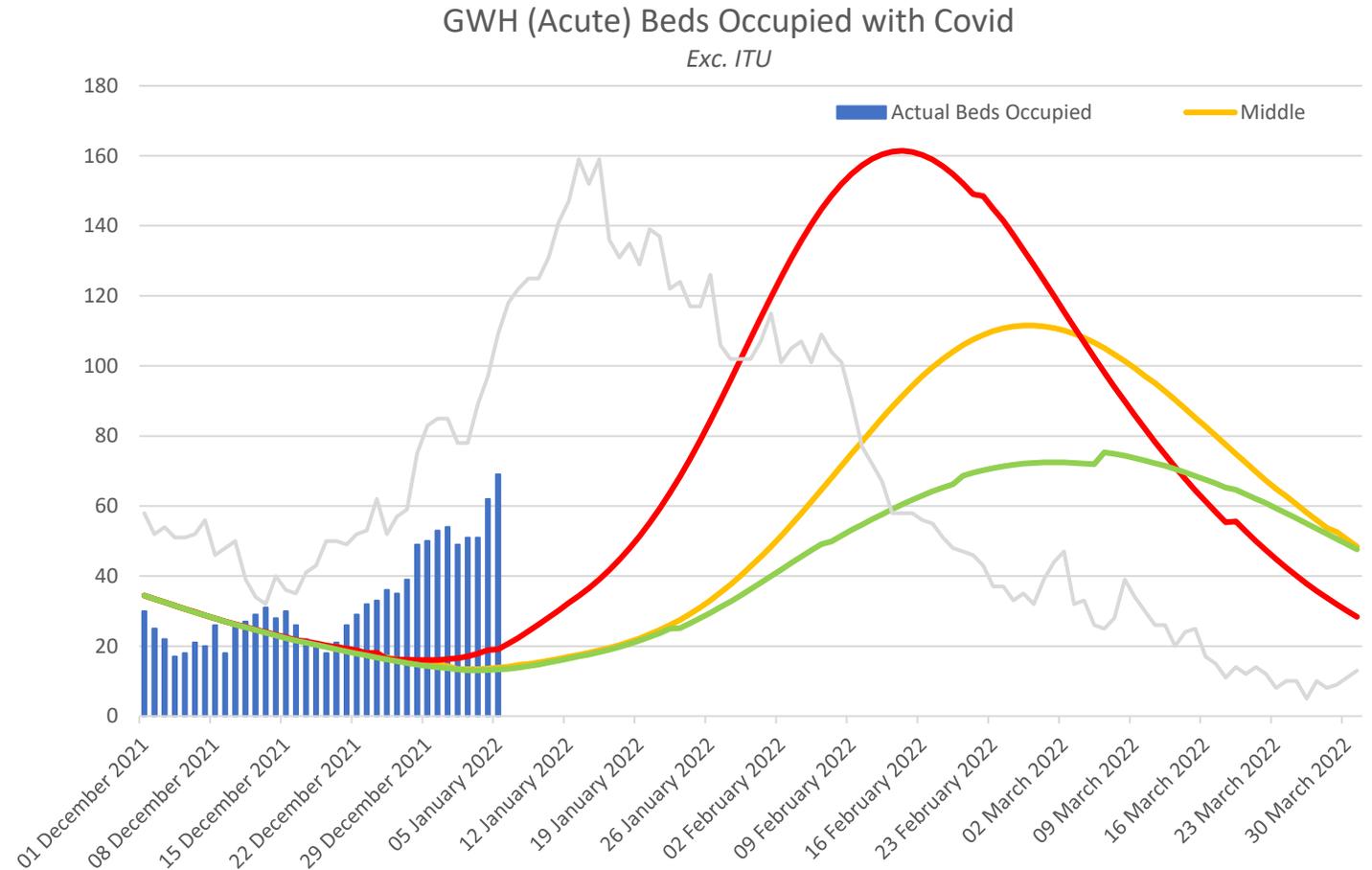
## Triggers

- Staff availability
- COVID hospitalisation numbers
- Increased numbers of people with no criteria to reside in hospitals
- Use of non clinical areas

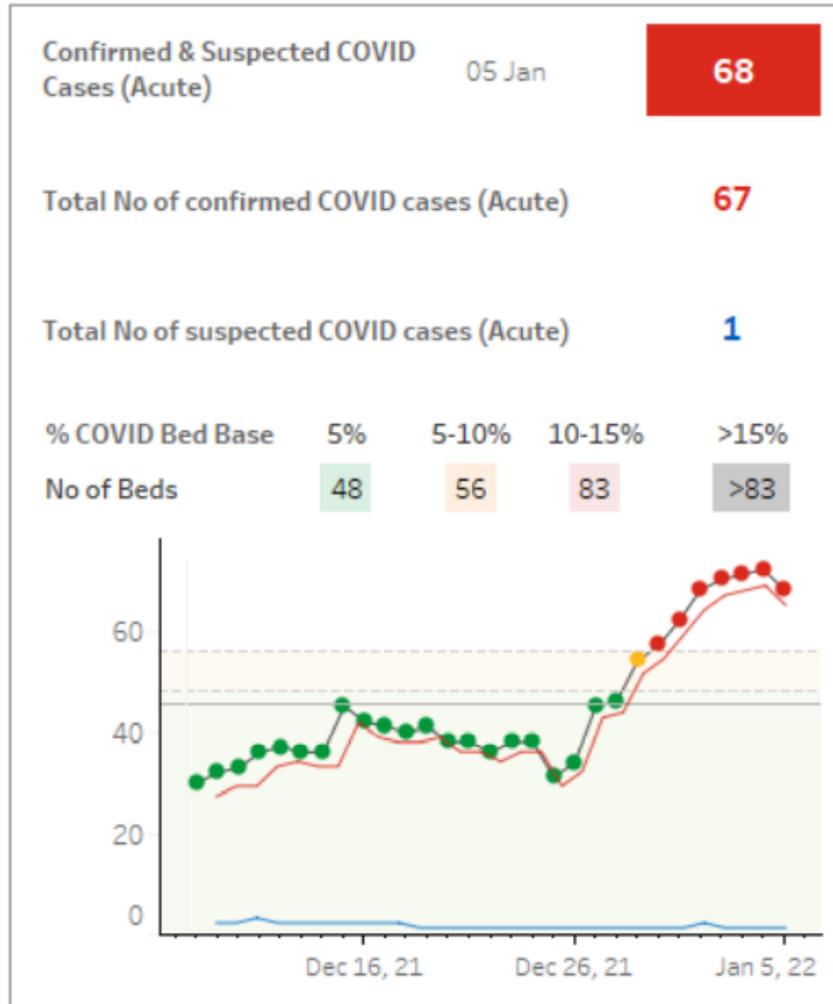
# Covid admissions - GWH



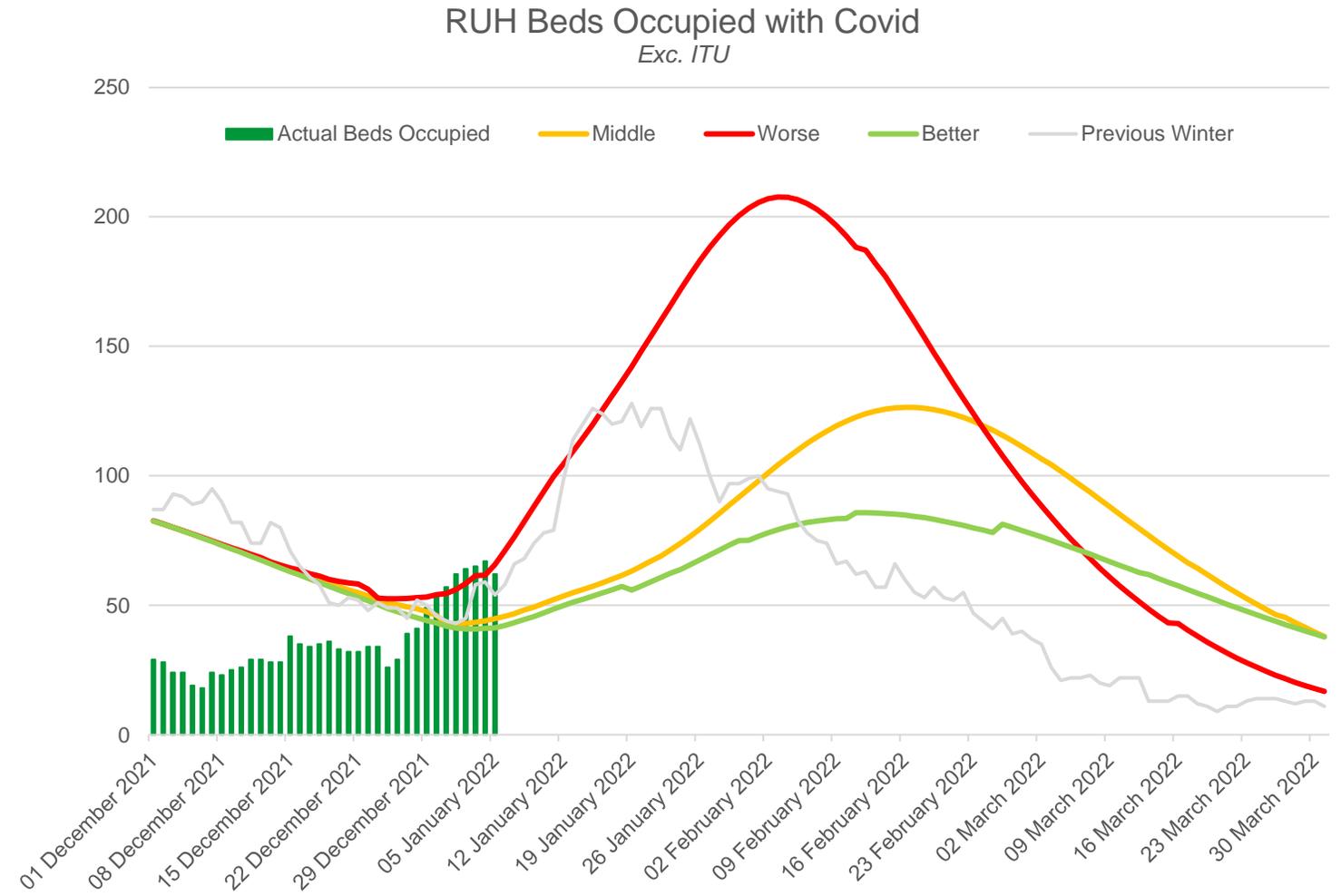
# Covid trajectories - GWH



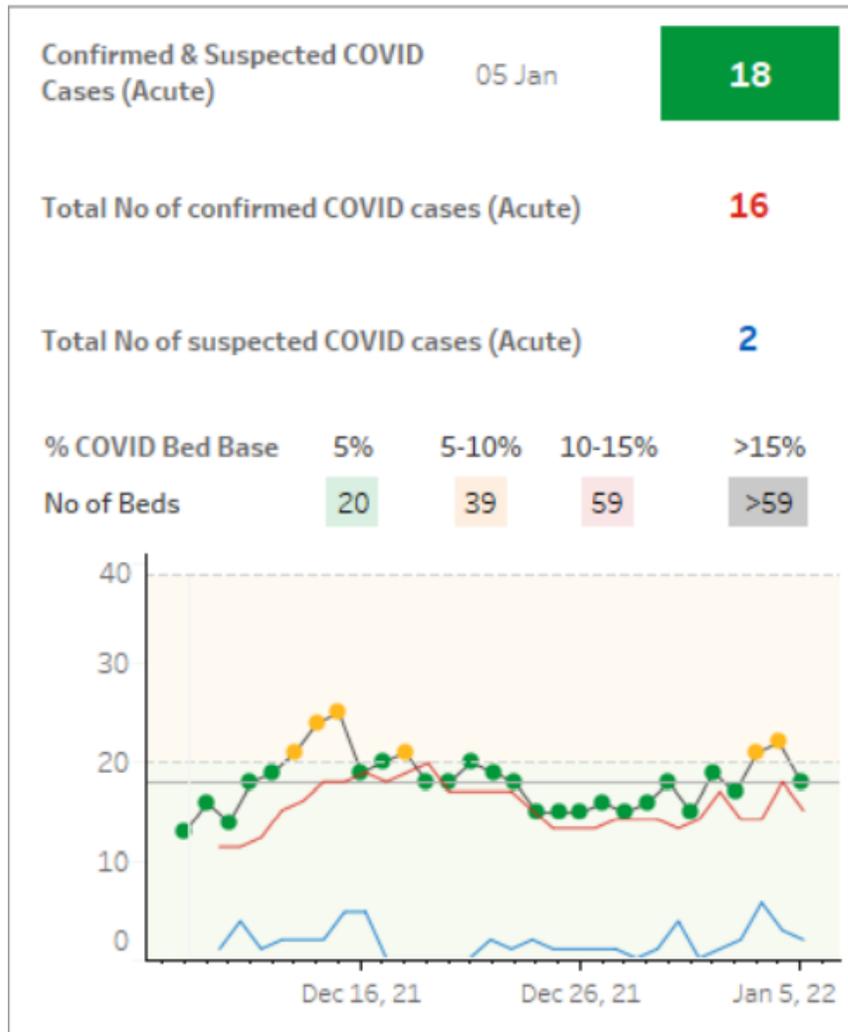
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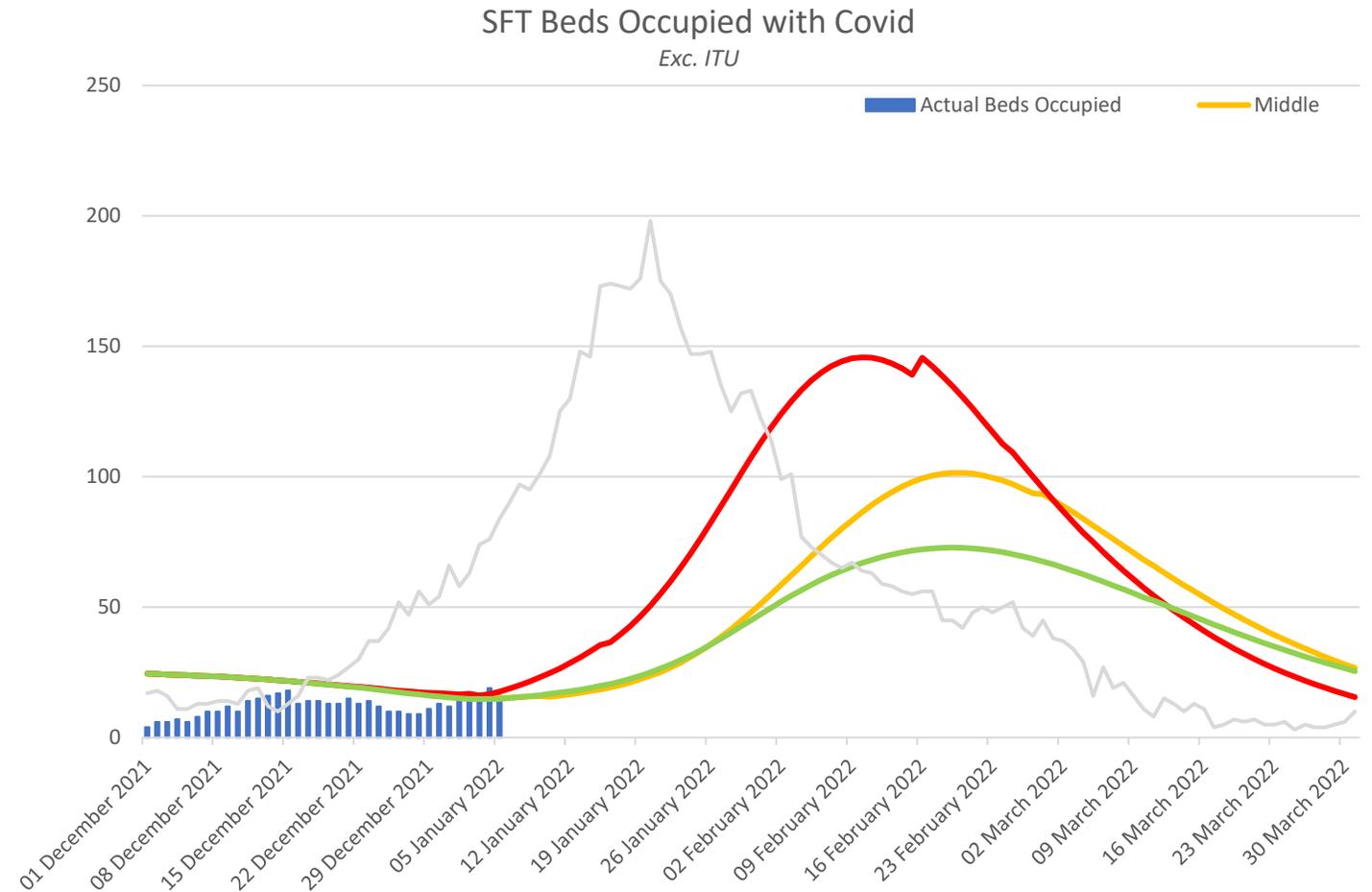
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# Covid admissions - SFT



# Covid trajectories - SFT



# Workforce pressures

	<b>GWH</b>	<b>RUH</b>	<b>SFT</b>
Staffing absence (as at 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan)	318 (155 covid related)	781 (640 covid related)	222 (109 covid related)
% of Absence related to Covid	48.74%	81.95%	49.10%

# The Balance

- Vaccination – South West most vaccinated region and rates across Wiltshire reflect this. Whole team effort.
- Partnership work – the experiences and outcomes for the population in Wiltshire would have been worse without the level of support partners have given. The interdependencies between local authority, health and the voluntary sectors have never been clearer.
- Innovation – required and supported us to test new things much more quickly than previously e.g. virtual wards, working remotely . Enduring legacy
- Broader determinants of health & well being . Wake up call for NHS in respect of much more to do to address Health Inequalities
- Acute Trusts what is our contribution to this in our local communities

# Acknowledgement

- **Our people**

**Staff, volunteers, military colleagues, local community groups and our communities .**

Huge level of support which our teams have really appreciated

