

Twitter Thread by Dr Dominic Pimenta



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I came across this tweet from "Caroline Mansfield" about my local hospital being "empty".

So let's take a look:

First up, some warning signs:

- 1) A generic username, and another real Twitter account (I've emailed)
- 2) No registration with GCRN
- 3) Only recently joined Twitter

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WARNING SIGNS

FOR REVIEW:



RECENTLY JOINED

GENERIC USERNAME

"REGISTERED" NATUROPATH

NO "CAROLINE MANSFIELD" REGISTERED WITH GCRN WITHIN 300 MILES OF LONDON



CAROLINE HAS AN OFFICIAL TWITTER ACCOUNT ALREADY (LINKED TO HER WEBSITE)

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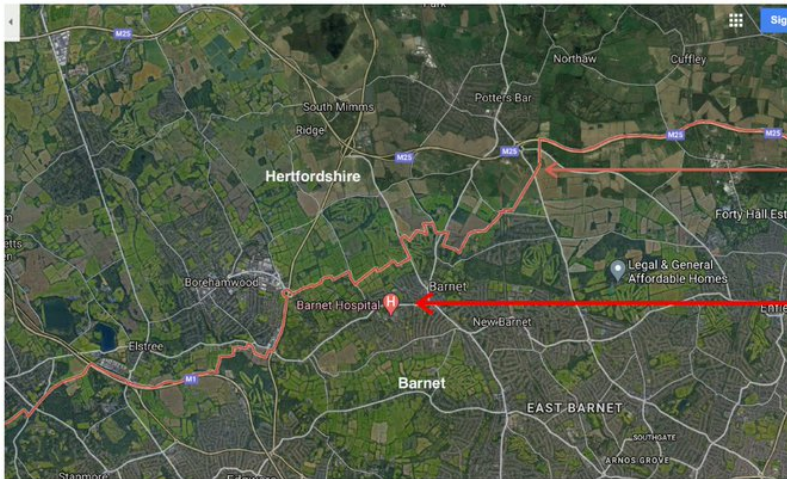
On to the Issues.

Issue No. 1: Barnet Hospital isn't actually IN Hertfordshire. It's in Barnet, with an Enfield postcode.

Which is confusing, but wouldn't be counted in Hertfordshire's hospital admission data.

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ISSUE NUMBER 1:

BARNET HOSPITAL ISN'T IN HERTFORDSHIRE

IT'S IN BARNET (AND HAS AN ENFIELD POSTCODE)

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Issue No. 2

Barnet is actually VERY busy with COVID cases, with 22% of our ENTIRE pandemic caseload in the LAST 7 DAYS ALONE

Source: <https://t.co/IECfMo8FAK>

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ISSUE NUMBER 2:

BARNET HAS HAD A LOT OF COVID IN THE PAST 7 DAYS.

Incomplete for the most recent dates, the period represented is the 7 days ending 5 days before the date when the website was last updated.

Nation	Region	Upper tier LA	Lower tier LA
Area	Cases	Rate per 100,000 population	
Barking and Dagenham	2,354	1,105.7	
Barnet	2,950	745.2	

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Area	Cases	Rate per 100,000 population	
Angus	1,426	1,227.2	
Argyll and Bute	831	967.7	
Barking and Dagenham	10,475	N/A	
Barnet	13,552	N/A	

BARNET REPORTED 2,950 CASES IN THE LAST 7 DAYS...

...WHICH IS 22% OF BARNETS CASES FOR THE WHOLE PANDEMIC TO DATE

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Issue No. 3:

Barnet Hospital is seeing incredible pressures, the trust (The Royal Free Trust) has cancelled most non-urgent and routine work,

and as of 23rd Dec had admitted 244 patients with COVID, roughly half the peak of March, and climbing v. fast.

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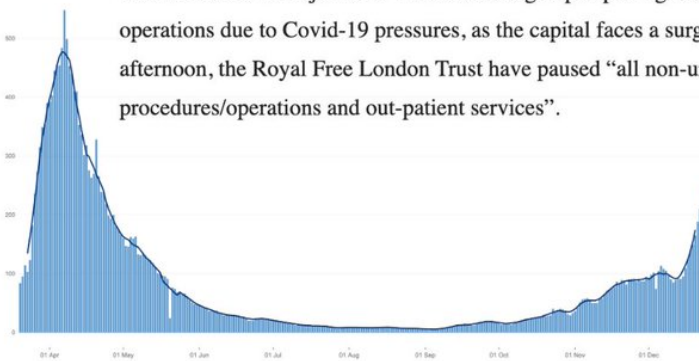
ISSUE NUMBER 3:

BARNET HOSPITAL IS VERY BUSY

London NHS Trust Hospitals Begin Postponing Non-Urgent Care And Operations Due to Covid-19 Pressures.

Two of London's major NHS Trusts have begun postponing routine care and non-urgent operations due to Covid-19 pressures, as the capital faces a surge in cases. From Monday afternoon, the Royal Free London Trust have paused "all non-urgent, time-critical planned procedures/operations and out-patient services".

The trust (the whole organisation) has cancelled a lot of non-urgent appointments and operations.



...and the trust currently has 244 patients admitted with COVID, around half the peak of the first wave and climbing fast.

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Issue No. 4

Even busier is Intensive Care - the whole trust only has 57 beds (23 - Barnet & 34 at the Royal Free Hospital).

As of 23rd Dec, 40 of them were occupied by COVID patients. That's 70% of the ENTIRE CAPACITY used up by COVID ALONE.

Source: <https://t.co/zGmMSuoywN>

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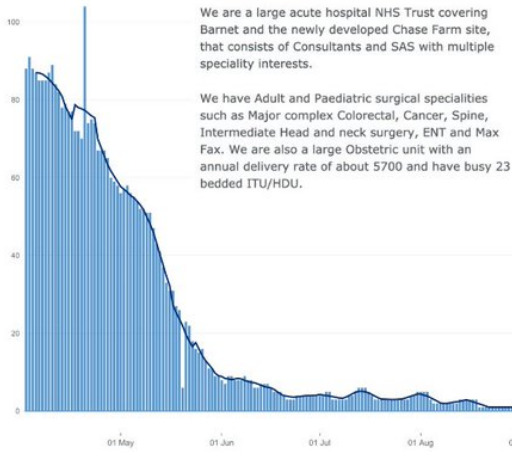
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ISSUE NUMBER 4:

BARNET ICU IS VERY BUSY

Barnet and Chase Farm Hospitals



Intensive care at the Royal Free Hospital

The ICU (intensive care unit) at the Royal Free Hospital comprises 34 intensive care beds. The ICU beds are located in the three intensive therapy we

THERE ARE ONLY 57 USUAL ICU BEDS ACROSS THE TRUST (23 + 34)

AND 40 OF THEM WERE OCCUPIED BY COVID PATIENTS ON 23RD DEC 2020, AND RISING.

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Why is this a problem?

For every COVID patient in an ICU bed, another patient isn't - ICU takes routine complex operations, unwell ward patients, other emergencies and even transfers from other hospitals.

We can cancel operations, but can't stop the other unexpected patients.

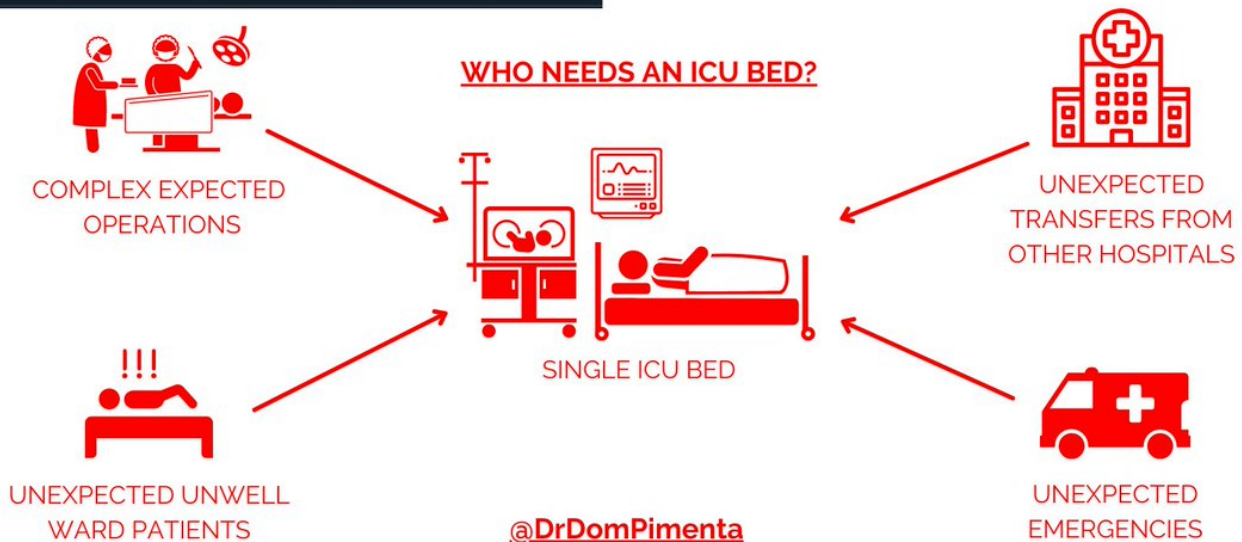
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And if you need ICU but do not get ICU, unfortunately you will most likely die.

This is why the mortality for COVID shoots up when resources locally are exceeded. Like in Lombardy in the Spring.

Lastly, the ambulance service is the busiest it's EVER been in London, with more calls than the first wave in the past few weeks.

And if they are eating sandwiches in their cab, that's their break. In their vehicle. Think about that a little bit more.

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FOR REVIEW:



Covid-19: London Ambulance Service receives as many 999 calls as first wave

By Dr Faye Kirkland and Noel Titheradge
BBC News

1 day ago

Coronavirus pandemic



ISSUE NUMBER 5:

LONDON AMBULANCE IS THE BUSIEST ITS **EVER** BEEN IN THE PANDEMIC

AND YOU ARE WATCHING AMBULANCE DRIVERS HAVE A **BREAK**. IN THEIR AMBULANCE STILL.

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This kind of COVID denialism is not just Internet rubbish, it's dangerous and real and led us in part to the disaster we are in right now.

Do not RT, even to trash it. Block, report and move on.

And as ever, hands, face, space, fresh air and please, stay at home. /end