


Improving Places Select Commission

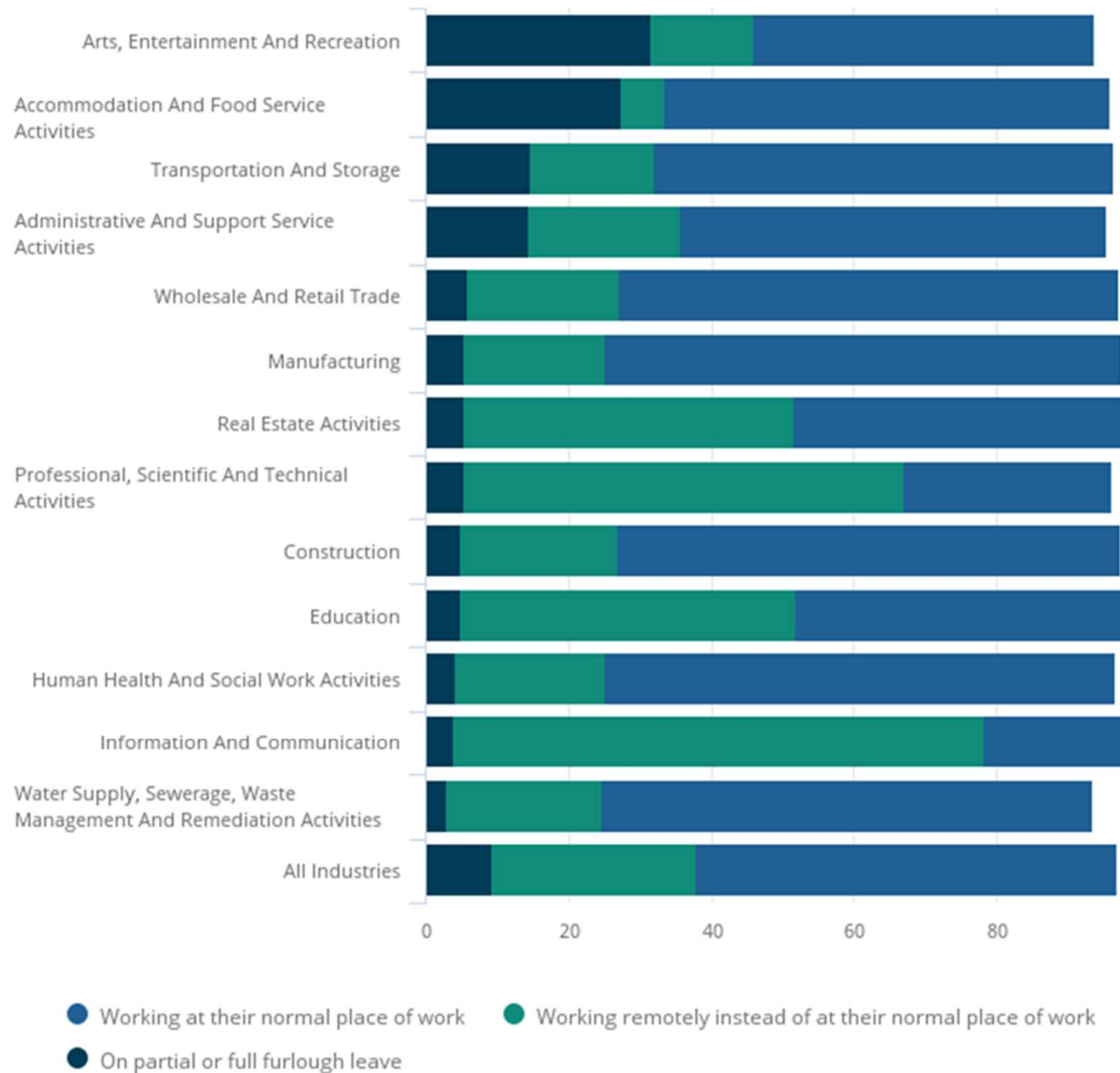
20th October 2020

Summary

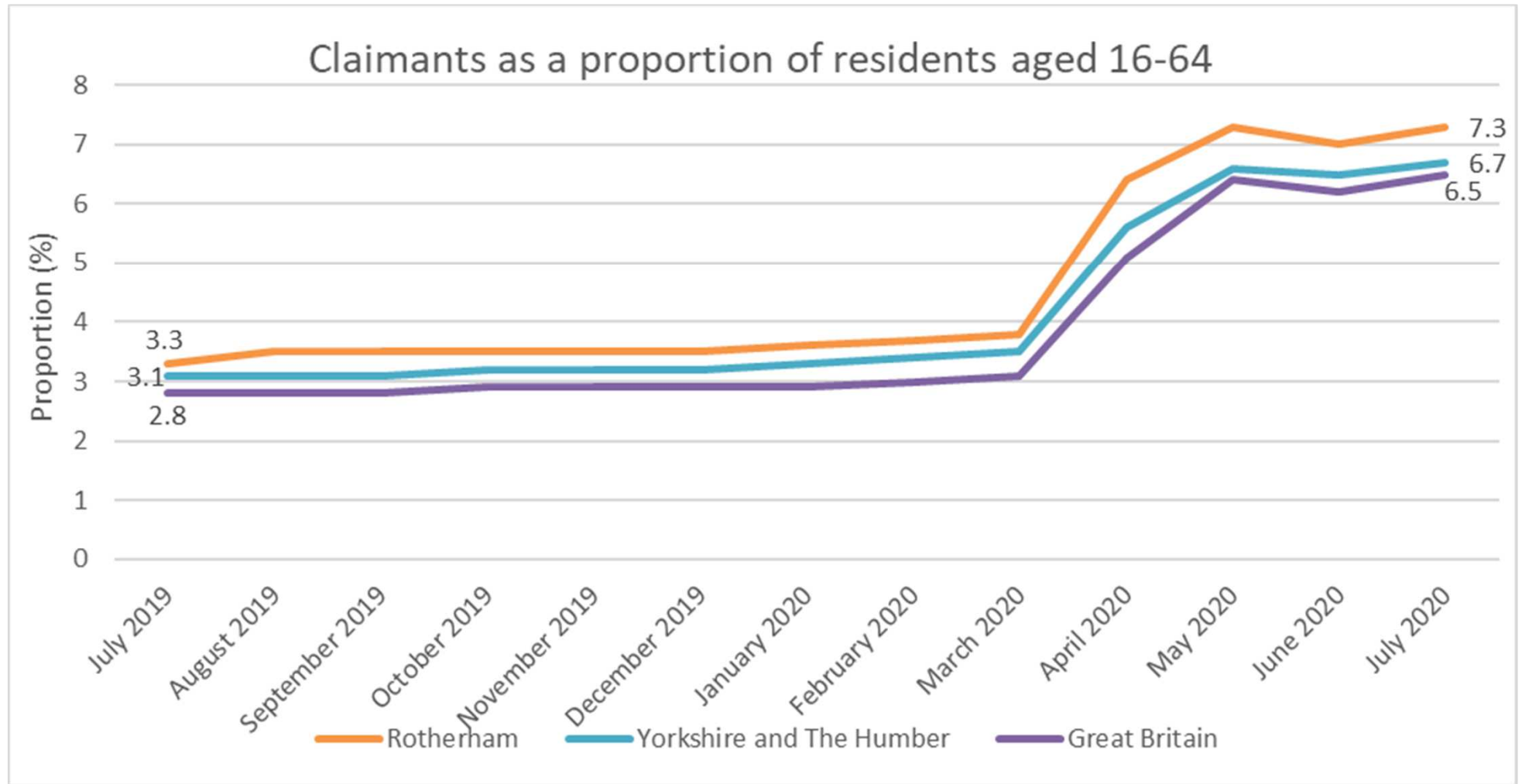
- Impact of Covid-19
 - National Response
 - Regional Response
 - Local Response
 - Key Actions
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URS by Sector

Source: ONS

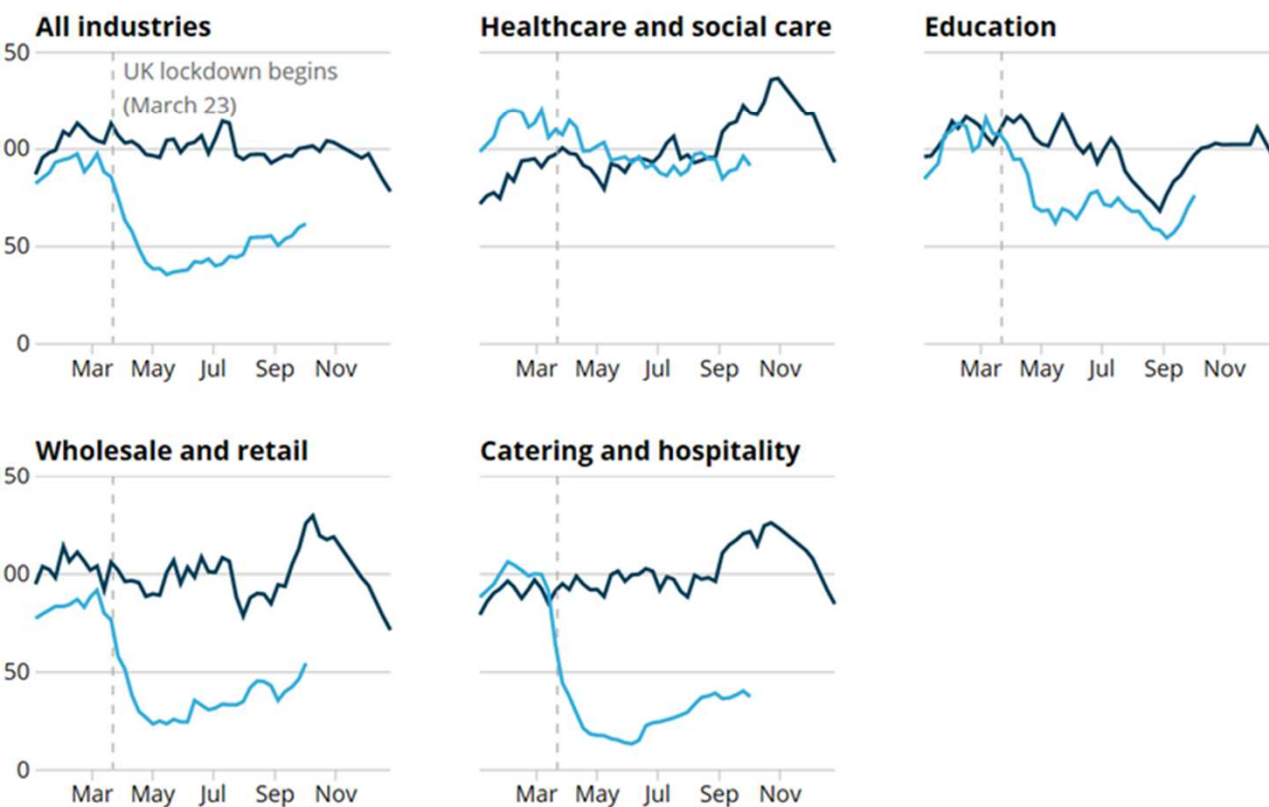


Benefits Claimants



Total weekly job adverts on Adzuna, UK, 4 January 2019 to 2 October 2020, index 2019 average = 100

— 2019 — 2020



National Job Adverts

Source: ONS and Aszuna

National Response

- Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme
- Statutory Sick Pay rebates
- Deferral of VAT and self-assessment payments
- Business rates relief
- Business Support Grants for small businesses and businesses in the retail, hospitality and leisure sectors
- Local Authority Discretionary Grants
- Self-employed Income Support
- Loans and loan guarantees for small and medium sized enterprises
- Loan guarantees and corporate financing for large companies

Government Funding with Local Relevance

- Towns Fund Accelerated Funding - £1m
- Getting Building Fund - £33.6m allocated to SCR
£6.68m proposed to deliver:
 - Century II Business Centre – Dearne Valley (£2m)
 - Town Centre Capital Investment (£2.18m)
 - Transport Improvement at The Whins, Greasbrough (£2.5m)
- Brownfield Housing Fund - £40m allocated to SCR

Regional Response – SCR Renewal Action Plan

£1.72 billion to support delivery

- **People** – invest to ensure local people have the opportunity to develop their skills, and to find, stay and progress in work.
- **Employers** – will invest to ensure employers can survive, adapt and thrive
- **Place** – invest to create jobs and thriving places, in a way that reduces inequality and enhances our environment

Local Response – Grants for Local Businesses

National Scheme and
Rotherham 'take-up'

Grant	Eligible Businesses	Amount	Number of Businesses Paid	Total grant amount Paid
SBBR GRANT	3,547	10,000	3,339	33,339,000
RETAIL <15k	313	10,000	250	2,500,000
RETAIL >15K	414	25,000	341	8,525,000
Total	4,274		3,930	44,415,000

Discretionary Local
scheme for Rotherham

Business Types	Claims	Grant Value	Total Paid Value
Small businesses in shared offices or other flexible workspaces	135	10,000	1,210,000
Bed and Breakfasts	0	1,000	-
Charities	33	10,000	330,000
Private Childcare Nurseries	16	10,000	160,000
Private Childcare Nurseries	19	25,000	475,000
Regular Market Traders	70	2,183	152,837
Totals	273	68,183	2,467,837

Local Response - Economic Recovery Cell

1. Co-ordinating local intelligence and response
2. Delivery of major projects
3. Re-opening the town centre
4. Developing the response to emerging funding opportunities
5. Co-ordination with Sheffield City Region to inform and develop the Renewal Action Plan

Key Actions + Dates

- Renewal Action Plan
- Employment Support
- Business Centres — Century II: Planned start Spring 2021
- Forge Island Development
- Towns Fund: Submission to government likely 29th January 2021
- Rotherham Markets Redevelopment (including Library): Decision - Autumn 2020.
Potential start January 2022.

Rotherham Town Centre Public Realm

Site	Start	Finish
Bridgegate	September 2020	November 2020
College Street	January 2021	May 2021
Frederick Street	January 2021	June 2021
Howard Street	May 2021	July 2021
Effingham Street	February 2022	June 2022
Riverside Gardens Upper Mill	January 2022	September 2022

Town Centre Housing

Milestone	Completion Date
Start on site (enabling works)	Feb 2020
Main construction contract signed	Jul 2020
First tranches of Homes England funding (£4.3m)	Aug – Oct 2020
Demolition of Millfold House and associated buildings	Sep 2020
Final tranche of Sheffield City Region funding (£3.9m in total)	Autumn 2020
First home	Autumn 2021
Final tranches of Homes England funding (£1.4m)	Nov 2021 – Mar 2022
Wellgate Place	Early 2022
Westgate Riverside	Spring 2022
Millfold Rise	Summer 2022

Transportation Schemes

- **Junction Improvement at Coach Road, Greasbrough:** Commencing October 2020, completion Spring 2021.
- **The Whins Junction Improvement Scheme:** Commencing March/April 2021, completion by March 2022.
- **A630 Parkway Widening Scheme:** Awaiting Ministerial sign-off, once approved construction will commence immediately with a completion date of Spring 2022.
- **New Motorway Service Area M1 Junction 33**