

# Economic Impact of COVID-19

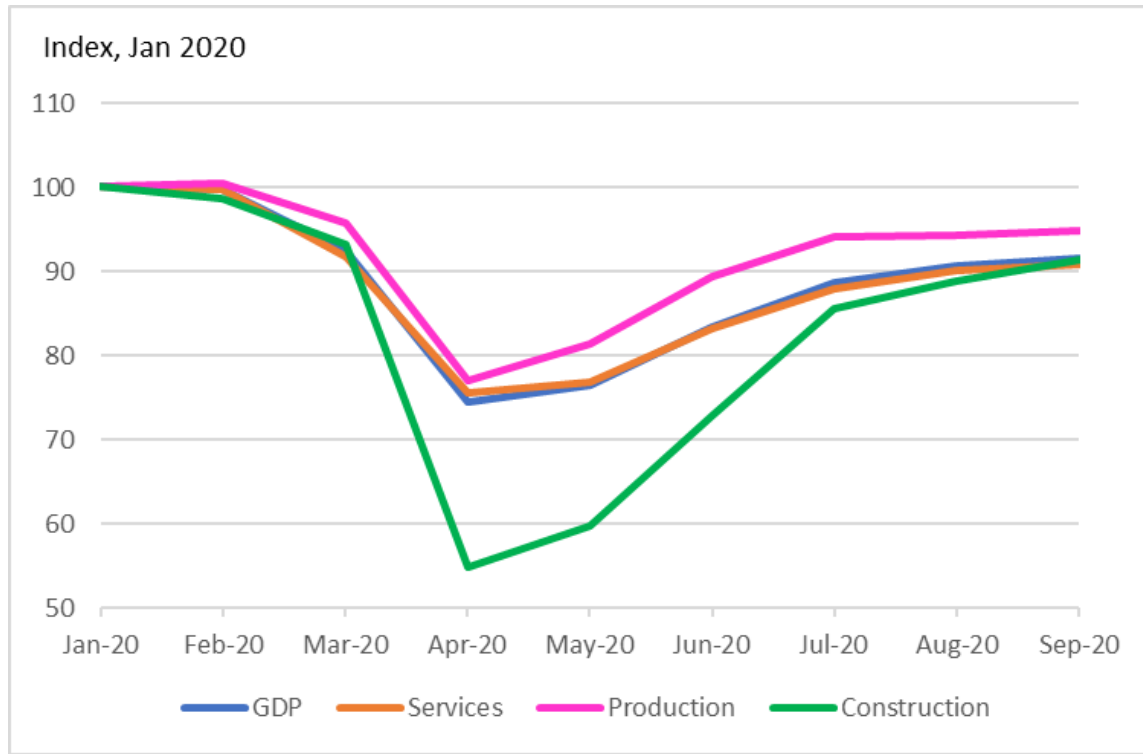
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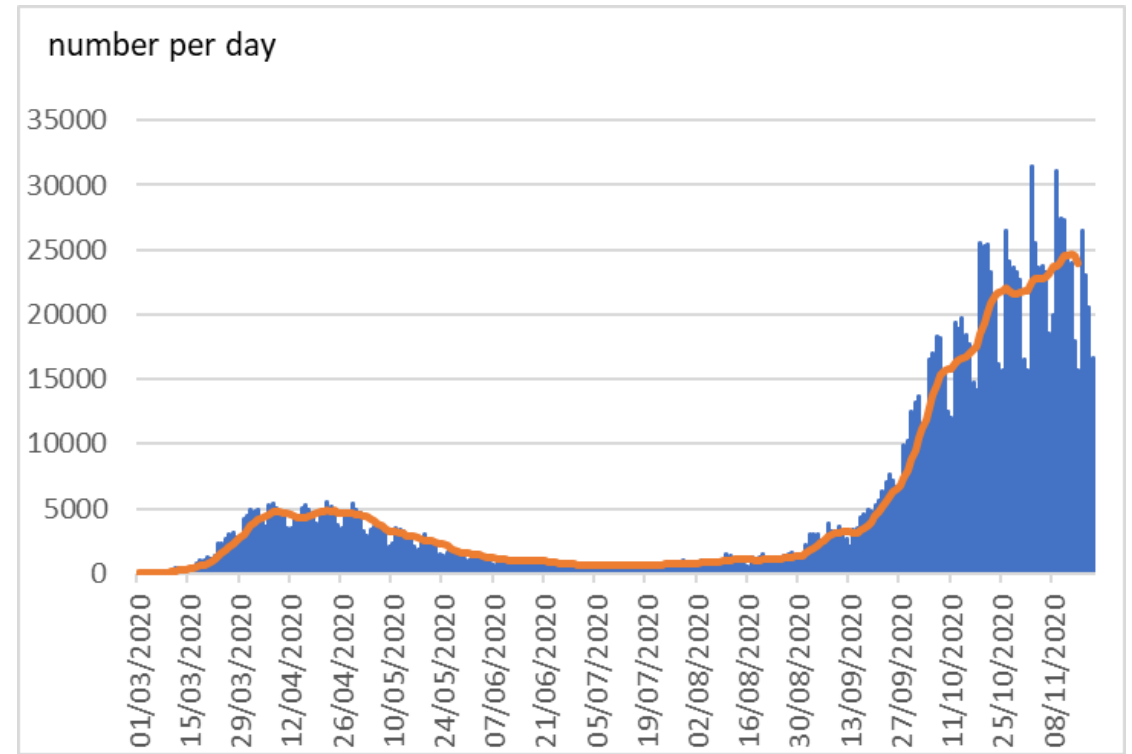
1. Current national position
2. Is unemployment rising more quickly in the NE/NTCA area than other parts of the country?
3. How is the economic impact affecting different communities across the North of Tyne area?
4. What next?

# 1. Current national position

UK GDP: Key sectors



UK Daily COVID-19 cases



## 2. Any evidence of disproportionate unemployment impact in the NTCA / NE?

### Big rise in North East unemployment as pandemic destroys jobs

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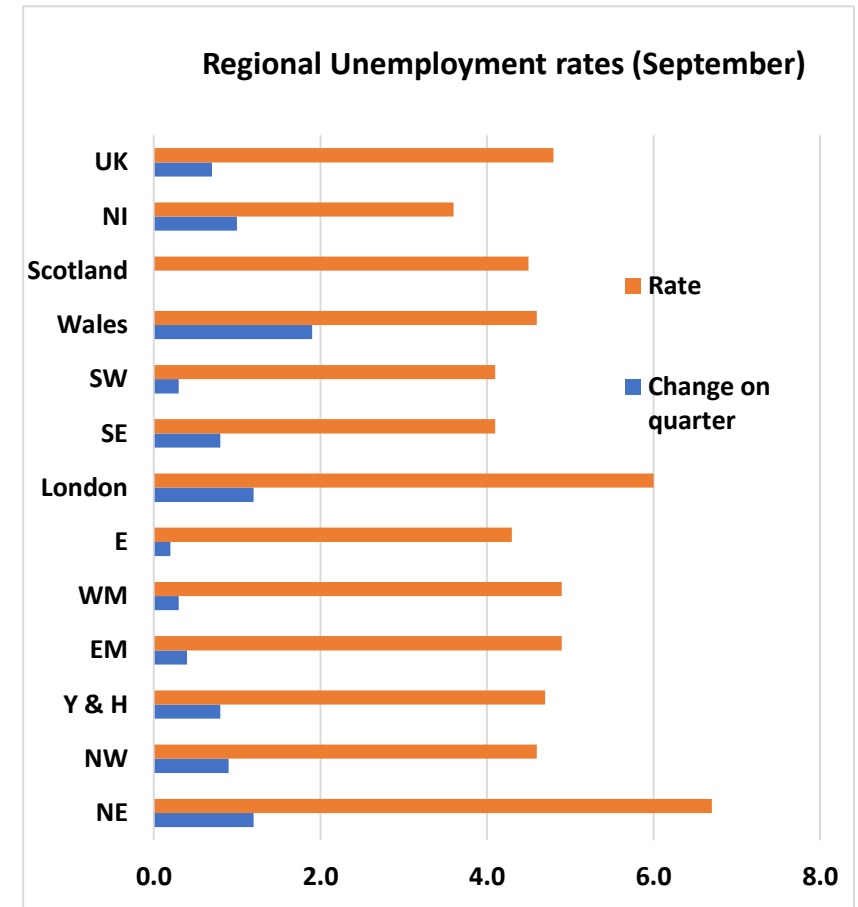
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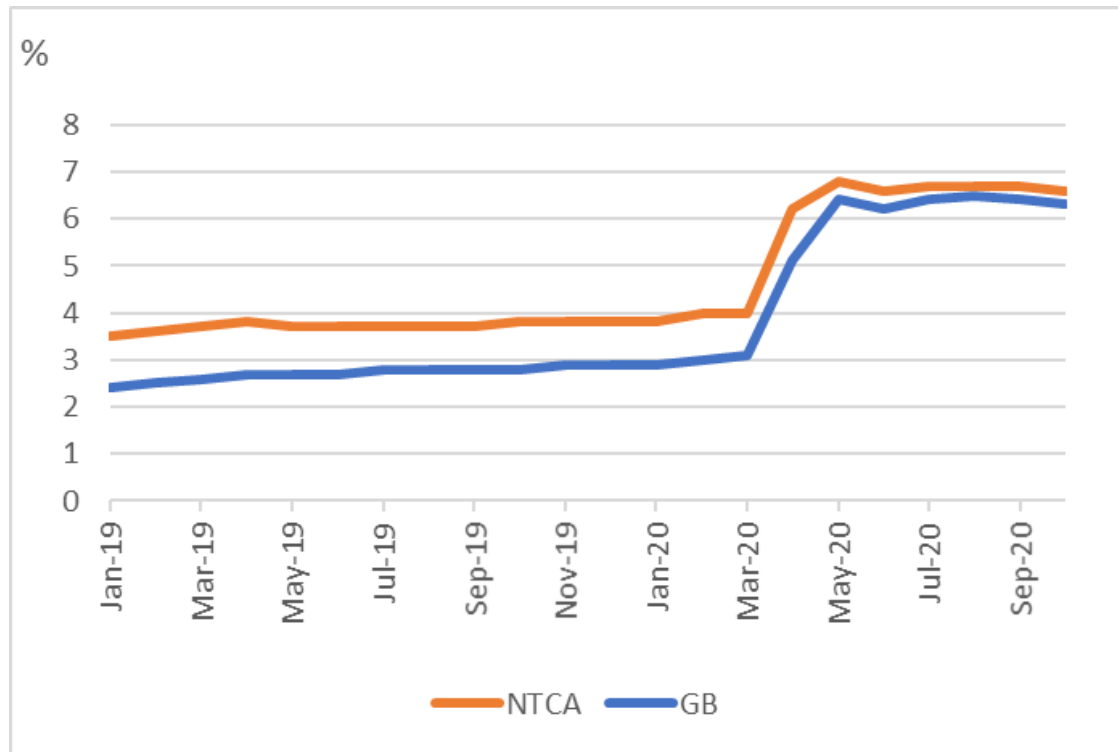
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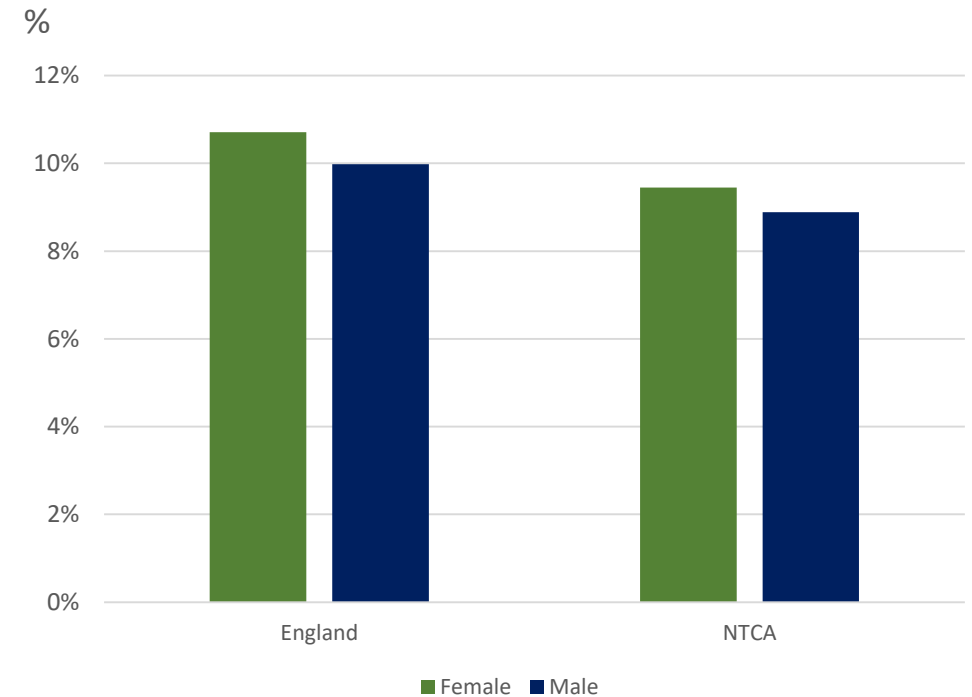
- In the three months to September, the NE and London suffered the largest increase in unemployment...

# ... but other data does not show a disproportionate impact in the NTCA area/NE

**Benefit claimant rate**



**Furlough rate (end-August)**

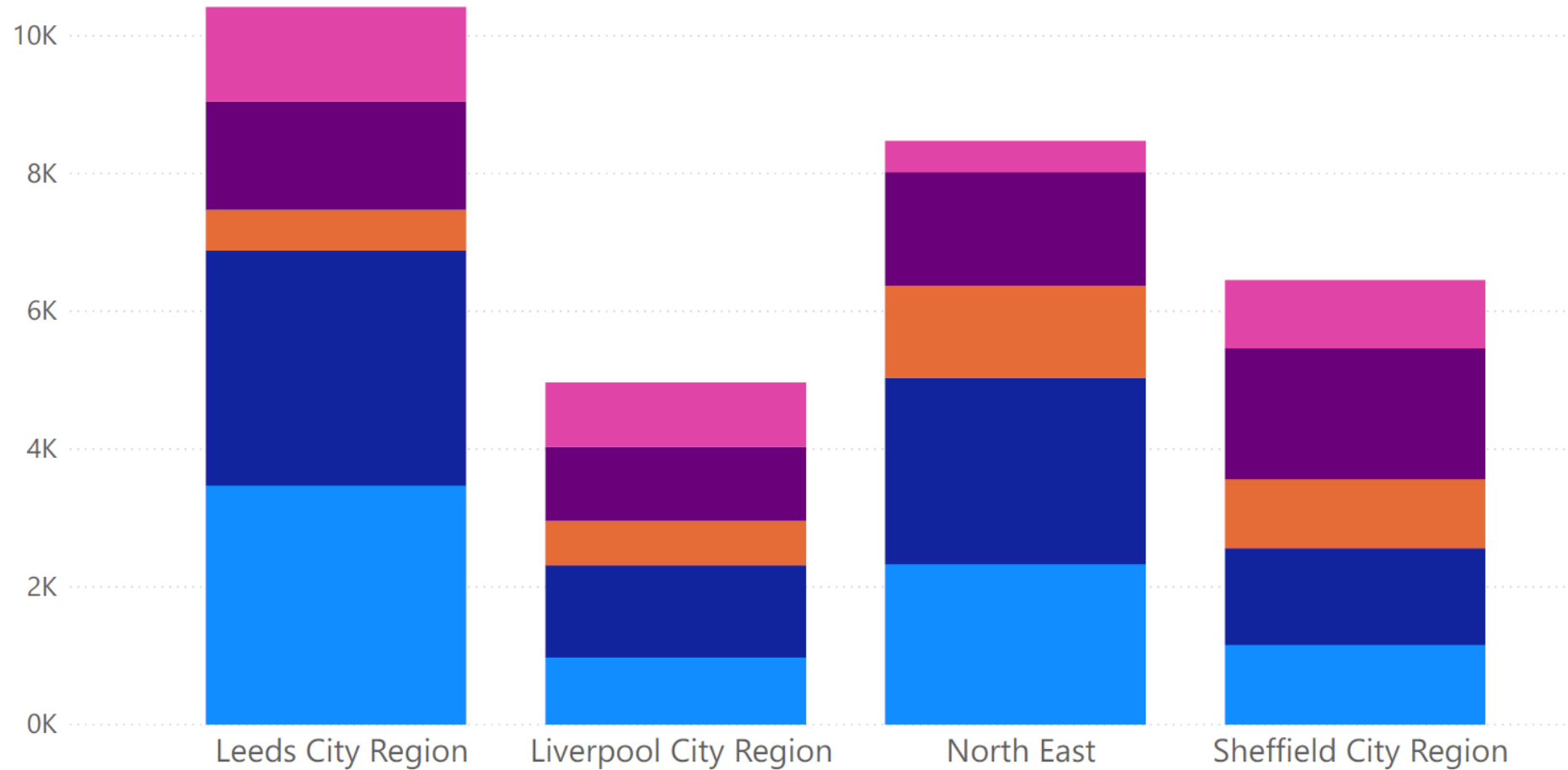


Note: latest data are for 31<sup>st</sup> August and the furlough rate is likely to have increased during November lockdown

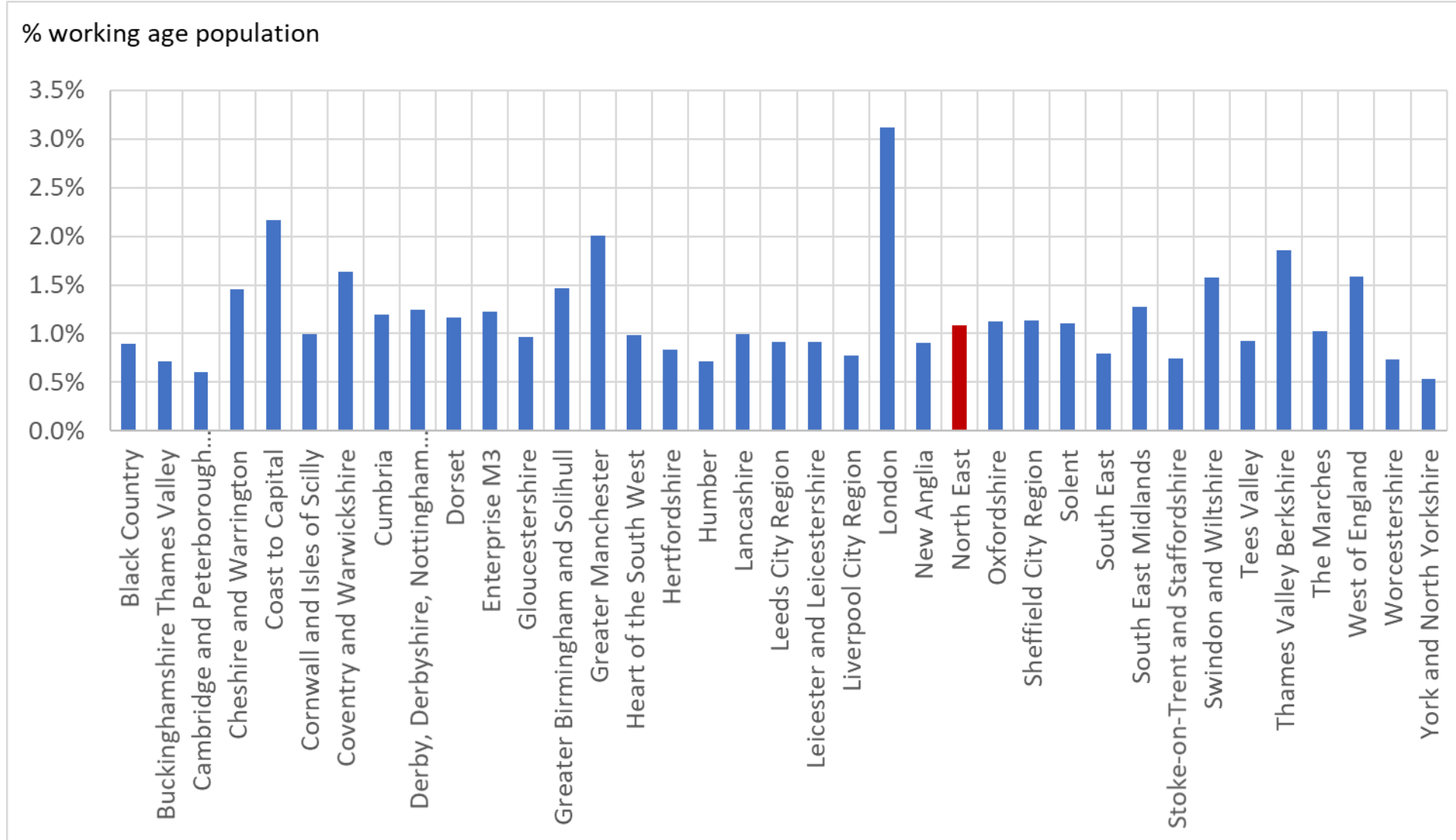
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HR 1 Notifications by LEP Area and Date

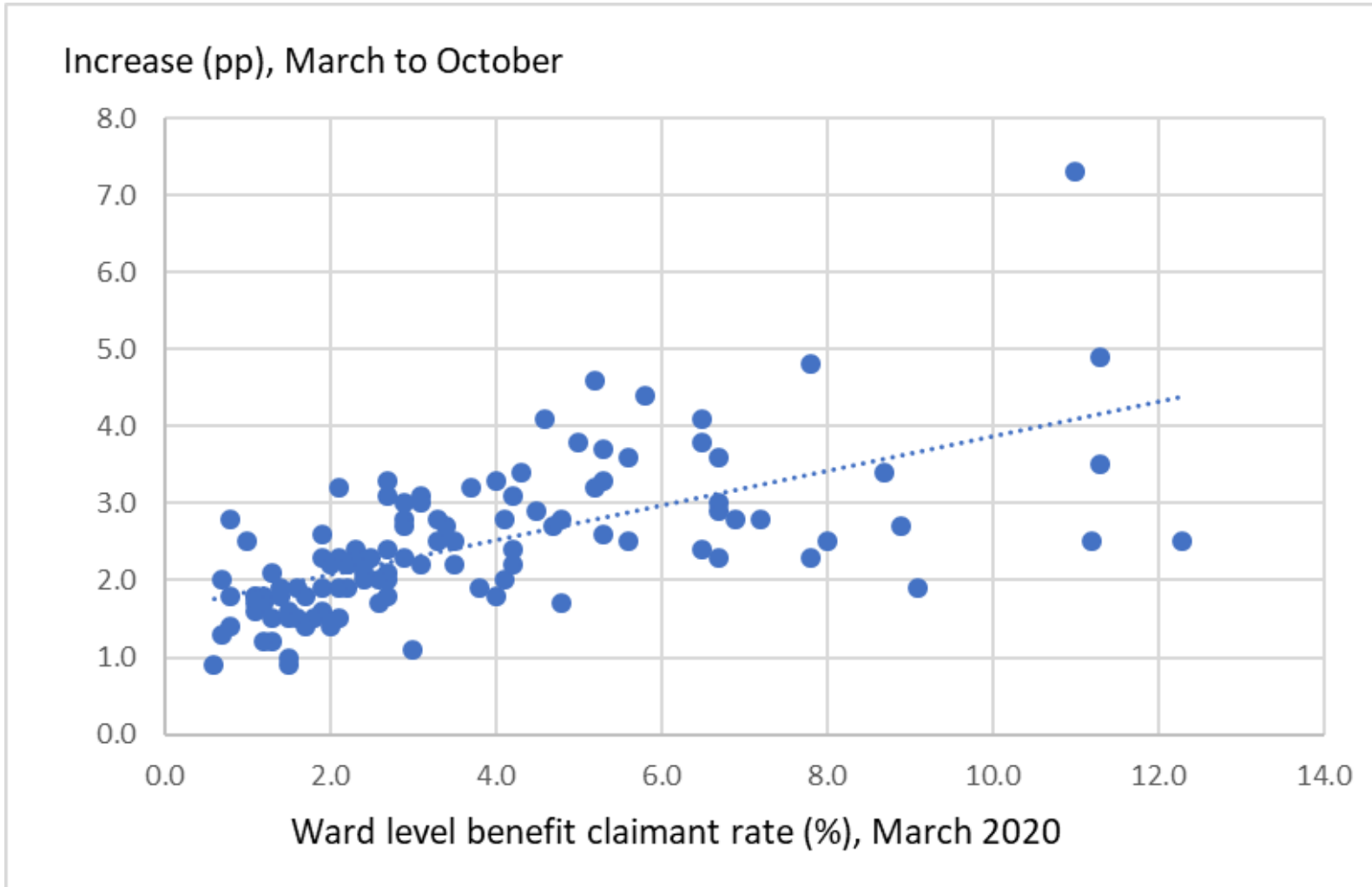
Month (Period Ending) ● 30 June 2020 ● 31 July 2020 ● 31 August 2020 ● 30 September 2020 ● 31 October 2020



# Redundancy notifications – comparisons

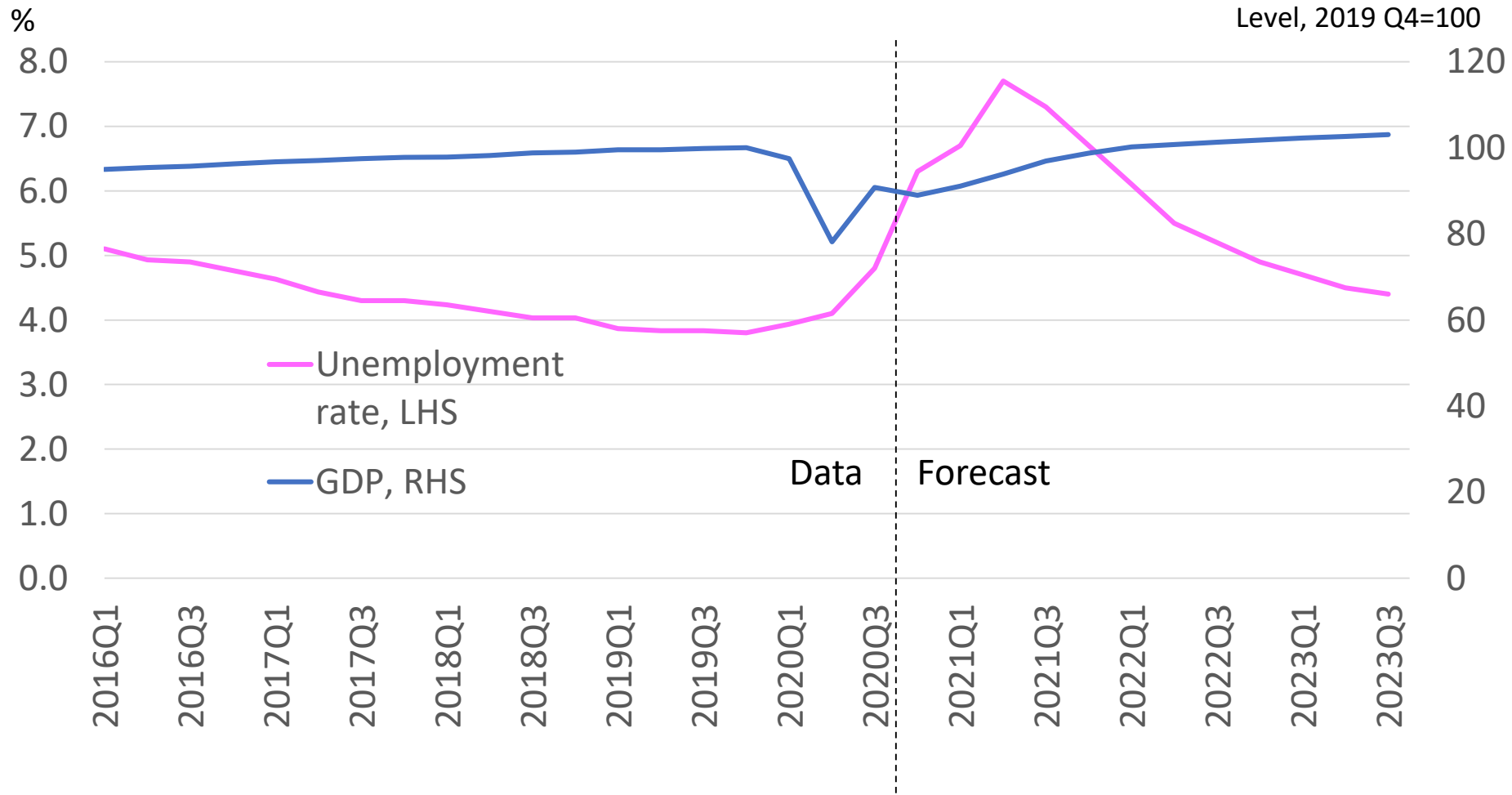


### 3. Impact on different communities





# 4. What next for the UK?



## In Summary

1. Even before November lockdown, economic activity still significantly below pre-COVID-19 levels.
2. Mixed evidence on whether unemployment is rising more quickly in the NE/NTCA than other parts of the country
3. Some signs of a greater economic impact in our more deprived communities
4. Unemployment is a lagging indicator; unfortunately, further increases seem likely