

[View this email in your browser](#)



Joined Up Care  
Derbyshire

## Stakeholder Bulletin

3 July 2020

### Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19): Derby and Derbyshire stakeholder bulletin #14



Dear partners

This is the fourteenth edition of our regular briefings to keep you updated on the NHS response to Coronavirus (COVID -19) in Derby and Derbyshire.

Tuesday marked 100 days since the Prime Minister announced the nationwide lockdown and this weekend will be a significant one as it will see a relaxation of many of the lockdown rules that have been in place since then and the NHS celebrate its 72<sup>nd</sup> birthday.

I know many people will be looking forward to pubs, restaurants and other non-essential businesses re-opening this weekend, but we only have to look at what is currently happening in Leicester to see that we're not quite out of the woods yet and so it is important that follow the guidance that is still in place to help avoid a second peak and continue to save lives.

The arrival of coronavirus has made 2020 one of the most challenging years for the NHS and on Sunday, when the NHS turns 72, I will be celebrating by thanking not only the incredible NHS staff, but everyone who has played a part in supporting the NHS to respond to coronavirus in the way it has. I hope you will be able to join me at 5pm on the Sunday for the country-wide clap.

Last week I mentioned that we would be reviewing the frequency of this bulletin and for now we feel that there is still merit in a weekly update.

With best wishes and stay safe.

Chris

**Chris Clayton**  
**Chief Executive Officer**  
**NHS Derby and Derbyshire CCG**

## Items included in this update

- National update
- Update for Derby and Derbyshire
- Health services
- Support, advice, guidance and wellbeing
- What you can do to help
- Download previous editions of this bulletin
- Contact

## National update

On Tuesday Leicester became the first area of England to have a local lockdown imposed. This means the closure of non-essential shops, schools (though children of key workers will still be able to attend) and city residents being urged to avoid all but essential travel.

### **BMA calls on Government to provide data more quickly**

The British Medical Association has called on the Government to act more quickly to provide local authorities with data about potential spikes in coronavirus cases in their areas.

### **Health ombudsman calls on Government for an inquiry into handling of the pandemic**

The health service ombudsman, who investigates NHS complaints, has called on the Government to set out plans for an inquiry into its handling of the coronavirus pandemic; not to attribute blame but in order to ensure mistakes are not repeated in the event of a future pandemic. Ministers haven't committed to holding an enquiry, but have accepted that there are lessons to be learned.

### **Accelerating NHS progress on health inequalities during the next stage of COVID recovery**

The disproportionate impact of coronavirus on people from Black, Asian and minority ethnic communities, people living in areas of high deprivation and low inclusion shows starkly the health inequalities which persist in England today.

NHS England and NHS Improvement have therefore established a Task and Finish Group, composed of a range of system leaders and voluntary sector partners, to focus on what specific, measurable actions should be taken by the NHS in the next few months.

The Group will take account of feedback and ideas already received from BAME organisations, the VCSE sector, local systems and others and seek to provide national clarity as we move towards the next stage of COVID recovery.

### **Furloughed workers able to return part-time**

On Wednesday 1 July, millions of furloughed workers were able to return to their jobs part-time with the Government continuing to pay 80% of their wages.

As of 9am BST on 01/07/2020, the Department of Health and Social Care confirmed that there have been 9,662,051 tests, of which 313,483 tested positive. 160,764 positive cases were identified as being in England.

## Update for Derby and Derbyshire

### Local response

The local NHS and its partners continue to respond to the Coronavirus situation through the Local Resilience Forum (LRF) for Derbyshire.

### Public coronavirus testing sites now available in Chesterfield and Derby

Testing for members of the public is now available at both the Proact Stadium in Chesterfield and the Burnaston Toyota site in Derby. Both sites operate seven days per week. The Toyota site is available 08.00 - 14.00 and the Proact Stadium is available 08.00 - 16.00.

Both sites can be accessed through the [national portal](#). The portal explains the referral criteria and it is important that people follow these carefully as they are vital to ensuring that their test is valid.

### Patients thanked in response to face coverings

Patients are helping to prevent the spread of COVID-19 by wearing face coverings in GP surgeries and hospitals. [Here](#), NHS Derby and Derbyshire CCG's Medical Director, along with other clinicians, thank all the patients who have been following the new guidance.

### Current situation

As mentioned in the introduction to this bulletin there continues to be a uniform decline in COVID-19 demand and a continued increase in core services, including urgent and emergency and routine surgery returning to pre COVID levels.

### Statistics

As at 2pm on 01/07/2020 there were 638 confirmed cases in Derby and 1,826 confirmed cases in Derbyshire.

Breakdown of 1,826 Derbyshire confirmed cases: South Derbyshire: 252; NE Derbyshire: 332; High Peak: 248; Erewash: 216; Derbyshire Dales: 164; Chesterfield: 235; Bolsover: 161; Amber Valley: 213

Sadly 5,733 deaths in the Midlands region have been reported as of 01/07/2020.

\*Figures from 27-30 June are subject to change.\*

## Health services

### Access to primary care services (GP, Pharmacy, Dentist and Opticians)

[This document](#), produced by NHS England and NHS Improvement, provides helpful information about how primary care services are currently operating.

### Hospitals

Following Matt Hancock's announcement on 5 June it became mandatory for all hospital staff to wear face masks and all visitors and outpatients to wear face coverings from 15 June 2020. Visiting restrictions remain in place. Specific visiting information is available on the hospital's websites (see below).

### GP Surgeries

Although it is not mandatory to do so, GPs in Derby and Derbyshire are urging patients to provide and wear their own face covering with the exception of very young children, disabled patients and those with

breathing difficulties.

### **The NHS is here to help**

For more information about the work the NHS in Derbyshire is doing to ensure that essential services are safe and available to you when you need them and for information about the range of wellbeing and other support that is available to you please [click here](#).

### **Service changes**

To help you keep up-to-date with any service changes, Joined Up Care Derbyshire has an area of their [website](#) dedicated to bringing you all the latest health service information. The website is updated daily to provide information as quickly as possible.

If you would like to access the individual websites of our hospital and community NHS partners, these are listed below:

[University Hospitals of Derby and Burton NHS Foundation Trust](#)

[Chesterfield Royal Hospital NHS Foundation Trust](#)

[Derbyshire Community Health Services NHS Foundation Trust](#)

[Derbyshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust](#)

[East Midlands Ambulance Service NHS Trust](#)

[DHU Health Care](#) (provider of the NHS 111 telephone helpline for the East Midlands as well as the out of hours GP services in Derbyshire and Leicestershire)

## Support, guidance, advice and wellbeing

### **CORRECTION | Warning not to leave hand sanitisers in cars due to fire risk**

Last week we featured an item highlighting the fire risk of leaving hand sanitisers containing alcohol in cars during high temperatures. We now understand that the risks associated with hand sanitisers in vehicles - flammable vapours being released - only become apparent when in contact with a spark.

### **Support for carers**

[Derbyshire Carers Association](#) exists to support all those in a caring role in Derbyshire.

### **Coronavirus information in accessible formats**

The Joined Up Care Derbyshire website has a number of resources relating to the needs of specific patient groups and in accessible formats such as easy read, sign language and Makaton. You can view the page [here](#).

### **Wellbeing, health advice and support for health, social care and community staff**

Support in relation to the COVID-19 virus is available on the Joined Up Care Derbyshire website [here](#).

## What you can do to help

Help us to save lives by reinforcing key messages in this bulletin with your key contacts. This should include the updated Government message to stay alert to stay safe. Please use your social media accounts to share only official messages from Government and NHS websites and accounts as there is a lot of misinformation about coronavirus being shared online.

## Download previous editions of this bulletin

You can download previous editions of this bulletin [here](#).

## Contact

If you have any feedback, or questions, please email us at: [ddccg.enquiries@nhs.uk](mailto:ddccg.enquiries@nhs.uk). We are sure you will understand that we are very busy, but we will endeavour to respond to all queries within 72 hours.

**Disclaimer:**

While every effort has been made to ensure the contents of this bulletin are accurate and up-to-date you will appreciate that the situation relating to the coronavirus pandemic can change rapidly and so NHS Derby and Derbyshire CCG do not accept any responsibility of any omission as it is not deliberate. Nevertheless, we will appreciate provision of accurate information to improve our work. Where links are provided to external content, NHS Derby and Derbyshire CCG holds no responsibility for such content or accuracy.

---