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Joined Up Care  
Derbyshire

## Stakeholder Bulletin

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### Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19): Derby and Derbyshire stakeholder bulletin #15



Dear partners

The weekend saw a relaxation of many of the lockdown rules and we along with our Local Resilience Forum colleagues had put in robust plans to prepare for a rise in demand for services and I'm pleased to report that the demand was less than planned for and services coped well. However, with many examples worldwide of restrictions needing to be re-imposed – it is important to be vigilant with our new freedoms. This point was made by Prime Minister, Boris Johnson, in his briefing last Friday (3 July).

We continue to review and update plans for a local outbreak based on what we learn from other areas experiencing a surge in cases. Much of this learning is emerging now but I want to reassure you that there is intensive partnership work taking place across the Derbyshire system to ensure that we will be as prepared as we can be should there be a local or community outbreak.

With regard to COVID activity A&E attendances continue to increase and non-COVID primary care volumes are now at pre-COVID levels. Our review into mental health requirements shows that a very large number of people will need additional mental health support and if you or someone you know is struggling with any aspect of mental health then I would urge you to ensure you get the support you need.

The national focus this week has very much been on the economy with Chancellor Rishi Sunak making a number of announcements on Wednesday to support the country's economic recovery. More information is provided in our national updates section below.

Thank you to everyone who joined in with the NHS 72<sup>nd</sup> birthday celebrations on Sunday acknowledging

not only the incredible NHS staff, but also our citizens who played a part in supporting the NHS to respond to coronavirus in the way it has.

With best wishes and stay safe.

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## National update

[Prime Minister Boris Johnson today briefing](#)  
Prime Minister, Boris Johnson, held a Downing Street briefing ahead of the relaxation of some lockdown measures at the weekend. He warned that 'we are not quite out of the woods yet' and said that he would not hesitate to re-impose restrictions if there were spikes in COVID-19 cases. At the briefing he also stated that:

- We are now regularly reporting fewer than 1,000 new cases each day.
- Announcements on a timetable for opening of businesses such as gyms and nail bars are imminent.
- Public Health England and the Joint Biosecurity Centre will monitor and look for rising case numbers and emerging trends – data will be shared on gov.uk.
- If the virus continues to spread the Government will target restrictions and closures. Adding that there will be local lockdowns if previous restrictions haven't done enough.

### **Economy**

On Wednesday, Chancellor Rishi Sunak made a number of announcements to support the country's economic recovery, including:

- A new £2bn scheme to create thousands of job placements for young people.
- A temporary change in stamp duty increasing the threshold to £500,000
- Temporary cut to VAT on food, accommodation and attractions from 20% to 5%
- A new job retention bonus for employers who bring back furloughed staff

The BBC provides more information on the Chancellors announcements [here](#)

#### **Support for arts venues**

On Monday, Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, Oliver Dowden, announced that arts venues including theatres, museums and galleries can apply for grants from a new £1.57 billion support package for the culture sector.

#### **New government unit to take over Covid response**

The BBC [reports](#) that the Government's new Joint Biosecurity Centre is to take a more prominent role in coordinating the response to COVID-19

#### **World Health Organisation rethinking how Covid-19 spreads in air**

#### **Daily testing statistics**

On Tuesday the government announced that it would no longer publish testing statistics on a daily basis and will instead only release data for the total number of tests processed each day.

#### **Statistics**

As of 9am on 8 July 2020, there have been 11,041,203 tests (either processed or sent out) in the UK. Of these, 8,378,199 tests have been processed in total. The total number of lab confirmed cases is reported as 286,979; of which 246,992 positive cases have been 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.

#### **Adjusting to a relaxation in lockdown restrictions**

As stated in the introduction, there was less demand on local services than planned for and services coped well. However, all partners of the LRF are urging people to continue to be vigilant as we adjust to a relaxation in lockdown restrictions.

#### **Responding to a local outbreak**

Plans to respond to a possible local outbreak continue to be reviewed and updated based on what we learn from other areas experiencing a surge in cases. The kinds of things we look at in preparation for a local outbreak are: where we think outbreaks might be a risk (settings rather than geography), the groups who are highest risk due to public health evidence or because they are hard to reach and triggers for an outbreak.

#### **Mental health**

Our review into mental health requirements shows that a very large number of people will need additional mental health support. Every week we have included details of support available in our 'support, advice, guidance and wellbeing' section and this week we have highlighted some key resources should you need them.

#### **Statistics**

As at 4pm on 8 July 2020 the East Midlands has a total of 21,521 cases.

As at 2pm on 08/07/2020 there were 1,277 confirmed cases in Derby and 3,331 confirmed cases in Derbyshire.

Breakdown of 3,331 Derbyshire confirmed cases: South Derbyshire: 399; NE Derbyshire: 590; High Peak: 405; Erewash: 406; Derbyshire Dales: 255 ; Chesterfield: 498; Bolsover: 344; Amber Valley: 434 .

Sadly 5,789 deaths in the Midlands region have been reported as of 08/07/2020.

**Figures from 4 - 7 July are subject to change.**

## **NHS Derby and Derbyshire CCG publish 2019/20 Annual Report and Accounts**

NHS Derby and Derbyshire Clinical Commissioning Group [published its first Annual Report and Accounts](#) on Wednesday. The report is the CCGs first since it formed in April 2019 to replace NHS Erewash, Hardwick, North Derbyshire and Southern Derbyshire CCGs.

## **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**

Since 15 June it became mandatory for all hospital staff to wear face masks and all visitors and outpatients to wear face coverings.

### **GP Surgeries**

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

### **Help us help you**

For more information about the work the NHS in Derbyshire has done to ensure that essential services are safe and available to you when you need them please [click here](#).

### **Services**

Joined Up Care Derbyshire has an area of their [website](#) dedicated to bringing you all the latest health service information.

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)

## **Partner information**

### **Life is for Living Video**

Life is for Living is a seven minute film produced pre-lockdown by the arts group People Express in partnership with Amber Valley Dementia Peer Support Group. It was funded by Public Health through the Health and Wellbeing Partnership in Amber Valley and features people with dementia and their carers talking about their experiences of living with dementia. For more information about the project [click here](#). The video can be viewed on [YouTube](#) or on the Derbyshire County Council [dementia](#) page.

### **Visit Peak District and Derbyshire**

Visit Peak District & Derbyshire has launched a [new video](#) showcasing the measures local businesses have put in place in order to welcome visitors back safely and responsibly. Visitors are being encouraged

to plan their trip at [www.derbyshirecountryside.com/derbyshire.htm](http://www.derbyshirecountryside.com/derbyshire.htm).

With reports of littering over the weekend, Derbyshire County Council is urging people to protect and respect our rural communities and asking visitors to find a car park, take your rubbish home and don't bring BBQs.

#### **Krishna Kallianpur appointed as Chief Nurse at Chesterfield Royal Hospital**

Chesterfield Royal Hospital will welcome Krishna Kallianpur in the autumn, when she will transfer from her current role (covering maternity leave) as Interim Chief Nurse at the University Hospitals of Derby and Burton NHS Foundation Trust. [Find out more.](#)

## Support, guidance, advice and wellbeing

### **Mental health support**

If you, or someone you know, is in immediate distress there are people you can talk to. You can:

- Speak to a friend, family member or someone you trust
- Call the [Derbyshire Mental Health Support line](#) on 0300 790 0596 (seven days a week, 9am to midnight – low cost number)
- Call the Samaritans 24-hour support service phone: 116 123 (free phone) or [contact Samaritans online](#)
- Use the [Staying Safe](#) website for support, information and making your own safety plan
- Make an urgent appointment to see your GP, who may be operating a call-back service.
- Contact NHS 111, though be aware of delays in accessing this service

This advice is available on the [Joined Up Care Derbyshire website](#).

### **Cancer**

If you notice a change that isn't normal for you or if you have any possible signs and symptoms of cancer you should contact your doctor. Cancer Research UK have produced this [short and helpful video](#) which explains the importance of going to your GP if you notice any possible cancer symptoms.

### **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.

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## 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.

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