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## Stakeholder Bulletin

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### Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19): Derby and Derbyshire stakeholder bulletin #17



Dear partners

Just as the proverbial ink had dried on last week's bulletin, the Prime Minister convened a briefing at Downing Street to provide an update on measures the Government is planning to further relax the lockdown in England and make a number of announcements relating to winter preparedness. We provide a link to the full briefing below and summarise some of the key points to come out of the briefing.

In addition to the announcements and updates made by the Prime Minister, there has been a significant amount of national news pertaining to coronavirus in the last week. More information can be found below in the 'national updates' section. One item that is of concern comes from the United Nations as they warn that the number of childhood immunisations have dropped dramatically during the pandemic. If your child is due an immunisation, please contact your local GP practice today.

In our Derby and Derbyshire section below we provide an update on the number of beds occupied by COVID patients, the development of the Decision Support Unit and cancer services recovery.

One significant change we will all experience this week will be the requirement to wear a face covering in all shops and supermarkets from Friday (24 July). In our 'support, advice, guidance and wellbeing' section we provide links offering advice on how to make and wear a face covering correctly, which I hope you will find helpful.

With best wishes and stay safe.

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## National update

### **Friday 17 July Downing Street briefing delivered by the Prime Minister**

On Friday, Prime Minister Boris Johnson made a number of announcements and provided an update on further measures the Government is planning to relax lockdown in England. The full briefing is still available to view [here](#). Here are some of the key points at a glance:

- Outlined new powers to be given to local authorities to increase their ability to contain and control future outbreaks in England, including closing down events, sectors and local transport, and imposing 'stay at home' orders.
- The NHS is set to receive an addition £3 billion of funding to support winter preparations and delivery. Other measures to support winter include:
  - Testing capacity will be increased to 500,000 a day by the end of October
  - UK will see the roll out of the biggest ever flu vaccination programme
  - Extra hospital capacity maintained from the independent sector and Nightingale Hospitals maintained until the end of March.
- Public transport is now available for use by everyone
- The guidance for returning to work will be updated on 1 August to give employers more discretion over where their staff can work from.
- From 1 August, other sectors of the economy will be able to re-open, with indoor performances before a live audience being allowed again.
- Confirmed that the plan remains for schools, nurseries and colleges to be open in September for all children and young people on a full-time basis, while universities are also working to reopen as fully as possible

### **EU post-coronavirus recovery fund**

On Tuesday, the European Union agreed a deal on its €750 billion (£677 billion) post-coronavirus recovery fund. Some €390 billion in grants will be awarded to member states hit hardest by COVID-19,

While a further 5000 places in new interest loans will be given to the rest of the EU.

#### **Oxford University/AstraZeneca vaccine**

On Monday Scientists at the University of Oxford working on a coronavirus vaccine said it appears safe and triggers an immune response, though it is not yet clear if it can protect people against the virus.

#### **Review into coronavirus death data in England**

On Friday, Health Secretary Matt Hancock demanded an [urgent review](#) into how coronavirus deaths are counted after it emerged people who had tested positive months before dying of an unrelated condition may have been included.

#### **Prime Minister promises independent enquiry for coronavirus**

At Prime Minister's Questions last week (Wednesday 15 July) the Prime Minister committed to an [independent inquiry](#) into the coronavirus pandemic.

#### **United Nations warning following dramatic reduction in childhood immunisations**

The United Nations has warned that millions of children's lives are at risk as the number of childhood immunisations against diseases such as measles, tetanus and diphtheria have dropped dramatically during the pandemic.

**If your child is due an immunisation, please contact your local GP practice today.**

#### **Ministers set to increase the NHS's capacity to conduct weight-loss surgery**

On Sunday, The Telegraph reported that ministers are set to dramatically increase the NHS's capacity to conduct weight-loss surgery to help tackle obesity, given its role as a risk factor for COVID-19 deaths

#### **Blackburn with Darwen**

Blackburn with Darwen currently has the UK's highest coronavirus infection rate, with 82.6 cases per 100,000 people in the week to 17 July compared with 81.6 cases per 100,000 people in Leicester where a local lockdown is still in place.

#### **Justice**

Ten temporary 'Nightingale courts' will be set up in England and Wales to help tackle the backlog of nearly half a million criminal cases built up during the pandemic.

#### **Captain Tom Moore knighted**

Captain Tom Moore was knighted by the Queen in an open-air ceremony at Windsor Castle. The 100-year-old Second World War veteran raised nearly £33 million for health service charities by walking in his garden earlier this year.

#### **Smokers quit in highest numbers in a decade**

More than one million people have given up smoking since the COVID-19 pandemic hit, a [survey](#) for charity Action on Smoking and Health (Ash) suggests, with 41% saying their decision was in direct response to the COVID-19 crisis

#### **Statistics**

As of 4pm on 23 July, there have been 13,974,097 tests in the UK. Of these, 10,523,054 tests were processed in total. The total number of lab confirmed cases is reported as 297,146 of which 255,740 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.

### Current situation

The number of beds occupied by COVID patients had been operating at a plateaued level of between 90-100 per day since the beginning of June. Over the past two weeks this has reduced further, with around 40-50 beds occupied by COVID-19 patients.

### Decision Support Unit

In Issue 12 we reported that a Decision Support Unit (DSU) would be established as a central place for the health and care system in Derbyshire to feed data, knowledge and insight to better aid decision making.

A workshop will take place in September with a view to agreeing the shape of the DSU. There is already an emerging work plan, including reviewing the impact of COVID-19 on long term conditions and supporting the developing of thinking to inform winter planning.

### Cancer service recovery

Cancer recovery continues to be a primary area of focus in Derby and Derbyshire. During the pandemic we have seen a reduction in presentations of patients with cancer symptoms, resulting in a reduction of 2 week wait referrals from primary care, along with growing numbers of patients waiting more than 62 or 104 days (the regulated waiting time targets). NHS England and Improvement have set out their expectations for health and care systems as to how to respond to the above:

- Phase I – Trajectory for the recovery of 104 day position so that zero patients are waiting 104 days by 21st August and a 20% reduction in patients waiting over 62 days.
- Phase II – Restoration of the remaining cancer services with a view to retrieve cancer performance to pre-coronavirus levels.

We have added an additional phase for Derby and Derbyshire:

- Understand transformation recovery to improve cancer performance position from pre-coronavirus levels where targets not being met.

### Contact your doctor if you have any possible signs or symptoms of 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

### Statistics

As at 4pm on 23 July 2020 the East Midlands has a total of 22,820 cases.

As at 4pm on 23 July 2020 there were 1,311 confirmed cases in Derby and 3,383 confirmed cases in Derbyshire.

Breakdown of 3,383 Derbyshire confirmed cases: South Derbyshire: 407; NE Derbyshire: 597; High Peak: 414; Erewash: 410; Derbyshire Dales: 257; Chesterfield: 506; Bolsover: 348; Amber Valley: 444

\*Figures for the period 19-22 July are subject to validation at the time of writing so this figure is 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

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.

### Services

Joined Up Care Derbyshire has an area of their [website](#) dedicated to bringing you all the latest health service information and contains coronavirus information in accessible formats [here](#).

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

### The UK's new start: let's get going

To help the UK prepare for the end of the transition period on 31st December 2020 following the UK's departure from the European Union on 31 January 2020, the Government has launched a campaign that will run across the UK and internationally. Find out more at [www.gov.uk/transition](http://www.gov.uk/transition)

### Plasma donation

The NHS is [looking for people who have recovered from coronavirus](#) to donate blood plasma as part of a clinical trial to help with the national effort against the virus.

## Support, guidance, advice and wellbeing

### How to wear a face covering

Wearing a face covering in shops and supermarkets in England becomes mandatory from 24 July. The Department of Health and Social Care have produced an [animation](#) to show how to correctly use a face covering. The BBC has also produced an [animation](#). For more information on when to wear one and how to make your own [click here](#).

### Domestic violence and abuse

If you're experiencing domestic abuse or know someone who is, telephone: 08000 198 668 and you'll get help from someone close by. Alternatively call the police on 999 (press 55 when prompted if you can't speak) or Refuge on 0808 2000 247.

[Disposing of business waste \(including PPE and face coverings\)](#)

New guidance on how to dispose of your personal or business waste, including face coverings and personal protective equipment (PPE), during the coronavirus pandemic has been published [here](#).

#### **Apps approved by the NHS to support mental health**

The NHS has approved a number of apps to support children, young people and adults who are experiencing increased mental health needs as a result of COVID-19, disrupted education or end of year exams. These can be seen in the [NHS Apps library](#).

#### **Support for carers**

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

#### **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.

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