



## Stakeholder Bulletin

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### Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19): Derby and Derbyshire stakeholder bulletin #18



Dear partners

Much attention has been paid this week to signs that there is a second wave of coronavirus emerging in Europe. This has led to the government reintroducing quarantine measures when travelling between some countries. The World Health Organisation has questioned this terminology instead likening the pandemic to unfolding in 'one big wave' as there is no evidence that it follows seasonal variations common to influenza and other coronaviruses, such as the common cold.

Regardless of terminology, the daily news serves to remind us of the importance in being prepared for a possible resurgence in cases. As I said in the 10 July edition of this bulletin we continue to review and update plans for a local outbreak and I want to reassure you that there is intensive 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.

The relative position in Derby and Derbyshire is improving at the moment with the number of new cases per week reducing and no areas causing concern in terms of elevated numbers of cases.

Our winter preparations are well underway and, following the Government's announcement on Friday to deliver the most comprehensive flu programme in UK history, we believe that c500k Derby and Derbyshire residents will be eligible for the flu jab. The planning for our Flu Cell is underway with operational leads from across the system.

We continue to work hard on cancer service recovery and the latest county figures show that 'two week wait' (2ww) referrals – requests from GPs for an urgent hospital appointment for a patient who has symptoms that might indicate cancer – are now at around 85% of pre-Covid levels. This week our Clinical Lead for Cancer, Dr Louise Merriman, has been speaking to the media to raise awareness of the importance of people going to see their GP if they have any possible signs or symptoms of cancer. You can find out more [here](#) and if there is anything you can do to share this important message with your friends, families and colleagues I would be extremely grateful.

As always, below you will find a useful round up of local and national updates along with news from our partners and sources for advice, support and guidance to support wellbeing.

With best wishes and stay safe.

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## National update

### **What's the evidence that Europe's having a second wave?**

[Here](#) the BBC considers the evidence of a second wave in Europe

### **Obesity**

On Monday the Prime Minister [unveiled plans](#) to tackle obesity in England. Cyclists in England will be able to claim a £50 voucher to repair their bikes as part of this initiative.

### **Better Health**

Public Health England has launched the [Better Health](#) campaign to support people to live healthier lives and reduce their risk of serious illness, including COVID-19.

### **Flu vaccination programme announcement**

On Friday the [government announced](#) an expansion to the routine flu vaccination programme. The aim is to vaccinate more than 30 million people during this flu season.

### **[Covid studies to examine virus link with ethnicity](#)**

UK scientists are to receive millions of pounds of government funding to study why people from an ethnic minority background are significantly more likely to die from Covid-19 than the white population.

### **Vaccine**

The government has signed a fourth deal for a coronavirus vaccine securing 60 million doses of an experimental treatment being developed by GSK and Sanofi.

### **Local restrictions: areas with an outbreak of Coronavirus (COVID-19)**

The Government has published [a list](#) of areas with additional local restrictions and an [overview](#) of the government's approach to managing local coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreaks

### **Economy**

HMRC has reported that employers have claimed £31.7 billion for 9.5 million furloughed employees and data released by the CBI reveals that shops saw a much better bounce back than expected from the lockdown, enjoying their best sales in more than a year.

### **Statistics**

As of 9am on 29 July 2020, there have been 15,478,728 tests (either processed or sent out) in the UK. Of these, 11,349,983 tests have been processed in total. The total number of lab confirmed cases is reported as 301,455, of which 259,722 positive cases have been identified as being in England.

# Update for Derby and Derbyshire

## Infographic highlighting key outputs delivered in Derby and Derbyshire during the COVID-19 pandemic 2020

[Click here](#) to download an infographic highlighting some of the key outputs delivered as part of the response to Coronavirus (COVID -19) in Derby and Derbyshire.

### Restoration and recovery

Over the past three weeks we have seen the number of beds occupied by COVID patients reduce by more than 50%, with around 35-45 beds occupied by COVID-19 patients on average, compared to 90-100 per day at the beginning of June. We have also seen the occupied bed rate stabilise at around the mid 60% over the last three weeks too.

Both rapid response and routine nursing services are now operating at higher activity levels than pre-COVID. Some community teams are experiencing significant increase in demand especially in Derby City at present.

Work is underway to better understand where there may be increasing demand/capacity pressures within the wider social care provider market which could impact NHS partners and Local Authorities.

### Winter planning

Our winter plan will be reviewed by the A&E Delivery Board at the end of August and by the Joined Up Care Derbyshire Board in mid-September.

### Care homes

The government has published [new guidance](#) allowing care home residents in England to be reunited with one of their loved ones. Visits will resume only when local authorities and local public health directors say it is safe.

### NHS Diabetes Prevention Programme

People in the Midlands who are at high risk of developing Type 2 diabetes will now be able to sign themselves up online to join their free local Healthier You NHS Diabetes Prevention Programme. Find out more [here](#).

### Statistics

As at 4pm on 29 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 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

With new face covering rules coming into effect last Friday (24 July) it is now mandatory to wear a face covering when you visit your GP surgery unless you are exempt from doing so. More information on exemptions is provided in the 'support' section below.

### 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

### Mental health support line now available 24 hours a day

The mental health support line operated by Derbyshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust and introduced during the COVID-19 pandemic to offer support and guidance to residents of all ages, has moved to become a 24/7 service. The move to a 24-hour service combined with the change earlier this month to a Freephone 0800 number – should mean that more local people feel able to speak up and seek help. The Freephone number is 0800 028 0077 and more information about the support line can be found [here](#).

## Support, guidance, advice and wellbeing

### Your Covid Recovery -

#### New website to support people with ongoing symptoms on their road to recovery

[Your Covid Recovery](#) is a new NHS website designed to help people recover from the long-term effects of Covid-19 and support them to manage their recovery. It includes information from rehabilitation experts about how to manage ongoing symptoms and health needs at home, and signposts to sources of support.

### Face-covering exemptions

The government has set out a list of face-covering exemptions, as they became mandatory in shops and enclosed spaces last week. These exemptions include anyone under the age of 11, those with disabilities or hidden health conditions such as breathing difficulties, mental health conditions or autism. Face coverings should NOT be worn by children under the age of three. Exemption cards are available to download on gov.uk. More details [here](#).

### Celebrate Eid safely

Eid is celebrated from 30 July to 3 August. [Read](#) the Muslim Council of Britain's 'top tips' on how to celebrate Eid safely amid COVID-19.

### 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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