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Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19): Derby and Derbyshire stakeholder bulletin #21



Dear partners

As I mentioned last week we are continuing to see more local outbreaks across the country and local health and care systems are responding to these in ways that reflect their specific local context.

It is positive to note that the R number in the midlands remains stable according to the latest Public Health England data and the Derbyshire position also remains stable despite the recent localised increases in cases. I am pleased to say that the recent increase in cases for High Peak and Glossop has now declined and is returning to normal ranges. Similarly we have recently seen the well publicised increase in cases in Ilkeston where there has been an extensive testing programme in place with results from this awaited. In both cases the local authority led local outbreak plan was implemented and we saw Mobile Testing Units in Glossop and Ilkeston town centre, both of which were busy but it is reassuring that the plans for both areas were quickly implemented and well supported by the wider system.

This makes it all the more important that we continue to be highly vigilant as a system but also that we keep promoting the "stay alert" messages to our local population. In the national update section I have included a link to the latest surveys from the Office For National Statistics which provides some really interesting insights regarding the social impacts of Coronavirus and also how current behaviours align with the latest Government guidance.

We continue to work hard to address the issue of patients not seeking help and advice at the earliest opportunity and particularly where they have potential cancer symptoms. As I have mentioned previously

we still have patients who think that their GP practice is closed or only dealing with COVID-19 patients which we are keen to change. I have included a form of words in the local news items below and would be very grateful if you could share with your colleagues for onward sharing with their wider networks.

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.

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National update

Doorstep delivery of chemotherapy to keep patients safe

Thousands of patients with cancer have had chemotherapy delivered to their doors so that they can more safely receive treatment during the coronavirus pandemic. Up to 10,000 chemo home deliveries were made over three months at the peak of the outbreak, avoiding the need for patients to venture out and risk infection when their immune [here](#).

NHS People Plan for 2020/21

We are now working on our local version of the People Plan. As a reminder from a previous item on this, the NHS is made up of 1.3 million people who care for the people of this country with skill, compassion and dedication. [This plan](#) sets out what the people of the NHS can expect – from their leaders and from each other – for the rest of 2020 and into 2021. It sets out actions to support transformation across the whole NHS. It focuses on how we must all continue to look after each other and foster a culture of inclusion and belonging, as well as action to grow our workforce, train our people, and work together differently to deliver patient care [here](#).

Coronavirus and the social impacts on Great Britain: 14 August 2020

Indicators from the Office For National Statistics Opinions and Lifestyle Survey covering the period 5 August to 9 August 2020 explain the impact of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic on people, households and communities in Great Britain [here](#).

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Infection Survey pilot: England and Wales, 14 August 2020

Results include estimates for England and initial results for Wales. This survey is carried out in partnership with IQVIA, Oxford University and UK Biocentre [here](#).

Statistics

As of 9am on 19 August 2020, 14,988,134 tests have been confirmed as lab-processed in total. The total number of lab confirmed cases is reported as 321,098, of which 277,516 positive cases have been identified as being in England.

Update for Derby and Derbyshire

Reducing the risk of cancers not being diagnosed and treated as quickly as they would have been prior to COVID-19

The CCG is working with NHS health care providers and partners across the health and care system to:

- Make sure patients are aware they should contact their GP if they have any concerns or symptoms so they can be referred and screened.
- Give patients rapid access to diagnosis by working with the county's hospitals to support them with their plans to manage cases while Covid-19 measures continue.

Also, Dr Louise Merriman, Clinical Lead for Cancer for NHS Derby and Derbyshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) has spoken on local TV and radio news and she said;

- "We really appreciate the support of the public in protecting the NHS while we all fight Covid-19, but the NHS is – and always has been – open for business.
- "Nobody should risk their health because they feel like they don't want to take up valuable appointment time.
- "And if you're worried about visiting your practice because of the risks of contracting Covid-19 you should know that stringent infection and prevention control measures are in place to keep patients and staff safe and well."

The NHS website has more information about cancer symptoms [here](#).

Videos and information to help patients and visitors know what to expect in hospital

Colleagues at the University Hospitals of Derby and Burton NHS Foundation Trust have produced a short film so patients and visitors at their sites know what to do and expect as COVID measures remain in place and you can see it [here](#).

Colleagues at Chesterfield Royal Hospital NHS Foundation Trust have a dedicated information section on their website explaining all the work they have been doing on COVID measures which you can see [here](#).

Mental health support for children, young people, parents and carers

You can find information on a whole range of support services [here](#) including Information about the new Derby and Derbyshire Emotional Health and Wellbeing website, which has been set up to support the mental health and wellbeing of children, young people, parents and carers and professionals in Derby and Derbyshire. On the website you can find a range of information including local and national support, training and resources.

Statistics

As at 9am on 19 August 2020 the East Midlands has a total of 25,305 cases.

As at 9am on 19 August 2020 there were 1,385 confirmed cases in Derby and 3,556 confirmed cases in Derbyshire.

Breakdown of 3,556 Derbyshire confirmed cases: South Derbyshire: 431; NE Derbyshire: 625; High Peak: 455; Erewash: 431; Derbyshire Dales: 263; Chesterfield: 528; Bolsover: 361; Amber Valley: 462.

Sadly 36,757 deaths in England have been reported as of 20 August 2020.

*Figures as reported at <https://coronavirus.data.gov.uk/cases>

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.

Your GP Practice continues to be open for all health matters

Your GP Practice continues to be open for all health matters as well as COVID-19. If you are ill or believe yourself to be ill, and you require medical attention, your GP is open. You will be triaged first online or by telephone or video where the majority of ailments will be managed. Where face to face assessment is required then you will be seen in a safe environment with a specific appointment time. You will be asked to wear a face covering or mask.

Hospitals

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

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

Survey to understand experiences of leaving hospital during COVID-19

Healthwatch England are undertaking a [survey](#) to help understand the experiences of those who were discharged from hospital during COVID-19.

Support, guidance, advice and wellbeing

Guidance on shielding and providing home care

The guidance on shielding and protecting people defined on medical grounds as extremely vulnerable has been [updated](#) to clarify the position for travelling to work in local lockdown areas.

The guidance for those providing personal care to people living in their own home during the coronavirus outbreak has also recently been [updated](#) to reflect wider changes to shielding guidance and to include further details about the new online recruitment platform for social care.

Coronavirus testing

The [guidance](#) on coronavirus testing, including who is eligible for a test and how to get tested, has been updated. The section on home testing now includes a step-by-step guide as well as a guide on how to test a child.

DVLA COVID-19 update

[Online services](#) have not been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and are running as normal.

Advice for UK visa applicants and temporary UK residents

Advice for UK visa applicants and temporary UK residents is available [here](#).

Help and support if your business is affected by coronavirus (COVID-19)

Watch videos and register for the free webinars to learn more about the [support](#) available to help you deal with the economic impacts of coronavirus.

Mental health support available 24 hours a day

24 hour support is available via the freephone number 0800 028 0077.

At home shouldn't mean at risk

If you're experiencing domestic abuse, [click here](#) for a list of organisations that can assist you.

Website to support people recovering from the long-term effects of COVID-19

[Your COVID recovery](#) 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

[Click here](#) for more information about face-covering exemptions.

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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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. 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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