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Derbyshire

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Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19): Derby and Derbyshire stakeholder bulletin #22



Dear partners

I am pleased to say that further to my update last week the R number in Derbyshire remains stable at the national average of between 0.8 and 1.0. Our health and care system continues to be in a state of high vigilance following the recent local outbreaks we have experienced but overall we continue to be in a stable position. However, I am always keen to remind everyone that there is never any room for complacency and we will continue to closely monitor and maintain a high state of readiness should anything change.

As we continue with our programme of restoration and recovery of services whilst simultaneously being vigilant with regard to COVID-19, we must also be mindful of our broader responsibilities and priorities. Prior to the pandemic and subsequent lockdown in March of this year we were progressing well on our journey towards being one of the early health and care systems in the country to become an Integrated Care System in 2021. Whilst that journey has been on temporary hold as we conducted our emergency response to the pandemic, it is vitally important that we resume it now if we are to unlock the potential improvements to service delivery which will benefit our patients and public.

We have numerous priorities at the heart of our ambition as a health and care system and at high level these include improving overall health outcomes for our population and addressing health inequalities through ensuring that our health and care system is able to respond where it is apparent that inequalities exist.

We also know that there are specific areas that present us with immediate challenges such as urgent care, cancer, planned care, mental health and learning disabilities and the challenges of winter and flu are also imminent. This is not an exclusive list but represents areas that we want to tackle quickly. By implication these link in part to our response to the impact of COVID-19 but not exclusively as these were also an important part of our priorities pre COVID. Along with many other aspects they will be a focus for our system over the coming months.

In the meantime we know that for many people there is an immediate challenge as schools re-open in the next few days and that questions and concerns have been widely documented in the media. As always, you will find updates plus advice, support and guidance below and this week there is a particular focus on return to school which I hope you find helpful.

With best wishes and please do stay safe.

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National update

life-saving checks

Famous faces backing the move to increase take-up of NHS checks include the Nolan sisters, who have recently opened about their cancer diagnosis and former BBC Breakfast presenter [here](#).

What parents and carers need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak

The return to school and the questions and concerns that this raises has been well documented in the media. You can find detailed information and sources of support [here](#).

Study finds very low numbers of COVID-19 outbreaks in schools

Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreaks and infections in schools are rare, a new study by Public Health England (PHE) shows [here](#).

“Transformative” treatment announced for Cystic Fibrosis

From 21 August 2020 thousands of NHS cystic fibrosis patients in England can benefit from a ‘transformative’ treatment for cystic fibrosis. NHS patients will be among the first in Europe to be

more easily and enhancing their overall quality of life. Find out more [here](#).

NHS Test and Trace successfully reaches over 80% of close contacts since launch

More than 272,000 people have now been reached by NHS Test and Trace - where communication details have been provided, the service has reached 88.6% of close contacts since launch or 81% of close contacts overall. Read more [here](#).

Statistics

As of 4pm on 26 August 2020, 15,177,265 tests have been confirmed as lab-processed in total. The total number of lab confirmed cases is reported as 328,846, of which 284,155 positive cases have been identified as being in England.

Update for Derby and Derbyshire

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.

Local People Asked For Their Views on Virtual Appointments | Amber Valley Info | 18/08/2020

Patient health and social watchdog care Healthwatch Derbyshire is asking local people the reasons behind why they have not accessed virtual appointments with a doctor, nurse or carer during lockdown as part of a new research project. The aim is to understand the knock-on effects of COVID-19 on Derbyshire residents who have either been unable to access virtual appointments by telephone or video or who have chosen not to. Read more [here](#).

Service changes updates

To help people to keep up-to-date with any service changes we are continually providing updates via the Joined Up Care [website](#) regarding all the latest health service information and what to expect when they arrive.

More targeted action in local areas to curb the spread of coronavirus

The Health and Social Care secretary, local leaders, NHS Test and Trace, the Joint Biosecurity Centre (JBC) and the Chief Medical Officer for England have agreed changes to the local restrictions in some parts of England. Read more [here](#).

Derbyshire Dialogue

We would welcome your help in spreading the word about a new network called 'Derbyshire Dialogue'. The first of these meetings will take place at 11.00 am on the 10th September, where there will be the opportunity to hear about Derby and Derbyshire's response to the Covid-19 pandemic and the restoration and recovery of services going forward. Please see [leaflet](#).

We are keen that Derbyshire residents have the opportunity to influence and shape our local plans. Ensuring that our population is fully represented is really important and we are encouraging local people from diverse backgrounds to participate so please feel free to share with your networks. Further meetings will take place in October to discuss in more detail plans for Primary Care, Mental Health and Urgent Care.

It is our intention that we grow this network and continue these conversations. The meetings will be held using Microsoft Teams initially and are open to any member of the public. For further information and to book a place visit this [link](#).

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Back to school

In September schools and colleges will reopen for all. It is vital that children and young people return to school and college, for their educational progress, for their wellbeing, and for their wider development. School attendance will be mandatory from the beginning of the new academic year. This means that it is the legal duty of parents to send their child (if they are of compulsory school age) to school regularly. Resources are available on the Joined Up Care Derbyshire [website](#).

Joined Up Care Derbyshire newsletter

You can view the latest Joined Up Care Derbyshire newsletter [here](#).

Statistics

As at 4pm on 26 August 2020 the East Midlands has a total of 25,907 cases.

As at 4pm on 26 August 2020 there were 1,408 confirmed cases in Derby and 3,591 confirmed cases in Derbyshire.

Breakdown of 3,591 Derbyshire confirmed cases: South Derbyshire: 431; NE Derbyshire: 627; High Peak: 466; Erewash: 439; Derbyshire Dales: 266; Chesterfield: 531; Bolsover: 364; Amber Valley: 467.

Sadly 36,818 deaths in England have been reported as of 26 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.

[funding, health services and support for health, social care and community care](#)
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. 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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