



Stakeholder Bulletin

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Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19): Derby and Derbyshire stakeholder bulletin #23



Dear partners

Millions of children in England and Wales have returned to school this week, many for the first time in six months. Things will look and feel different, with measures like staggered start times, one-way systems and restrictions on mixing with other year groups now commonplace. There is no doubt that this is a significant milestone in our road to recovery but it is also a significant milestone for both the children returning and their parents and carers who have had to create their own 'normal' and overcome a number of challenges since the national lockdown was introduced in March. It is inevitable that the return to school will bring about a range of emotions and questions and in the 'support' section below we link to a few resources that pupils, parents and carers may find useful at this time.

On Tuesday we submitted our phase three restoration and recovery plan to NHS England and NHS Improvement. There were a number of priorities to address and we provide more detail on these in the 'Derby and Derbyshire' section below. We will respond to any feedback we receive ahead of the final deadline at the end of September.

In terms of performance, the number of people attending A&E is nearly back to pre-COVID levels, non-elective activity is recovering at a similar rate to A&E and cancer performance continues to recover with long waits reducing. Referral rates are an area of concern. It is so important for people with possible cancer symptoms to contact their doctor and in the 'support' section in this bulletin Karen Lloyd, who heads up the engagement team at Joined Up Care Derbyshire, shares her own story of going to see her GP after identifying a possible cancer symptom.

The A&E Delivery Board reviewed the first draft of our winter plan at the end of August and this continues to be developed, identifying action required across all sectors. We will soon be encouraging people to get their flu vaccination!

Until then, 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 please do stay safe.

Chris

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National update

Pupils are back at school in England and Wales this week. In the 'support' section below we link to a few resources that pupils, parents and carers may find useful at this time.

New measures to support development of safe COVID-19 vaccines for UK

A raft of measures to allow the safe future mass rollout of a COVID-19 vaccine have been [outlined](#) by the government.

Coronavirus treatments

Trials [around the world](#) are attempting to identify treatments for people with severe COVID-19.

Surveillance information

The latest Public Health England surveillance report suggests that COVID-19 activity remained stable at a national level during week 34. Case detections in England decreased from 6,871 in week 33 to 5,965 in week 34.

Economy

From Tuesday companies using the furlough scheme have been required to pay 10% of their employees' wages. The government will now cover 70% of wages, with the amount falling to 60% next month before the scheme ends on 31 October.

Research study into long-term health impacts of COVID-19 launched in the UK

One of the world's largest comprehensive research studies into the long-term health impacts of coronavirus (COVID-19) on hospitalised patients was [launched](#) last month.

Statistics

As of 4pm on 2 September 2020, 16,273,209 tests have been confirmed as lab-processed in total. The total number of lab confirmed cases is reported as 338,676, of which 292,418 positive cases have been identified as being in England.

Update for Derby and Derbyshire

Restoration and recovery phase three

On Tuesday we submitted our phase three restoration and recovery plans to NHS England and NHS Improvement. The priorities for this phase included:

- Accelerating the return to near-normal levels of non-COVID health services, making full use of the capacity available in the 'window of opportunity' between now and winter.
- Preparation for winter demand pressures, alongside continuing vigilance in the light of further probable COVID spikes locally and possibly nationally.

- Doing the above in a way that takes account of lessons learned during the first COVID peak; locks in beneficial changes; and explicitly tackles fundamental challenges including: support for our staff, and action on inequalities and prevention

Working across systems, including NHS, local authority and voluntary sector partners, has been essential for dealing with the pandemic to date and the same is true in recovery. This work cannot be done by one organisation alone and we will continue to work collaboratively in our response to this next phase.

Mental health planning

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the organisations responsible for providing mental health services in Derbyshire have been asked to update activity trajectories and planning assumptions for 2020/21 against their five year Long Term Plan submission.

There has been a reduction in the number of people being diagnosed with dementia during the pandemic period. Mitigation steps have been put in place but it is unlikely we can meet the key indicators this year – but it is recognised this is an area where Derbyshire is usually a high performer.

As a reminder of the digital offer and support available please see:

- Kooth online support for children and young people [here](#)
- Qwell online support for parents and carers [here](#)
- Derby and Derbyshire Emotional Health and Wellbeing Website [here](#)
- 24/7 mental health helpline [here](#)

Joined Up Care Derbyshire newsletter

The latest Joined Up Care Derbyshire newsletter is available [here](#).

Derbyshire Dialogue

'Derbyshire Dialogue' is the name given to a new network providing Derbyshire residents with the opportunity to influence and shape local health plans. The first of these meetings will take place at 11am on 10 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. [Click here](#) for more information.

Statistics

As at 4pm on 2 September 2020 the East Midlands has a total of 26,462 cases.

As at 4pm on 2 September 2020 there were 1,424 confirmed cases in Derby and 3,647 confirmed cases in Derbyshire.

Breakdown of 3,647 Derbyshire confirmed cases: South Derbyshire: 440; NE Derbyshire: 633; High Peak: 477; Erewash: 447; Derbyshire Dales: 276; Chesterfield: 532; Bolsover: 374; Amber Valley: 468.

Sadly 36,861 deaths in England have been reported as of 2 September 2020.

As at 2 September 2020, 2,939 deaths have been reported in the East Midlands. 227 of these deaths were reported in Derby City and 568 deaths were reported in Derbyshire, of which: South Derbyshire: 79, NE Derbyshire: 104, High Peak: 78, Erewash: 77, Derbyshire Dales: 48, Chesterfield: 64, Bolsover: 36, Amber Valley: 82.

*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.

Hospitals

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.

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.

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

NHS Blood and Transplant - Could you donate plasma to help treat coronavirus patients?

If you've recovered from COVID-19 the NHS needs your help to fight back. Your donated plasma can be used to treat patients with the virus. Find out more [here](#).

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.

World Alzheimer's Month

September is [World Alzheimer's Month](#).

Self-Care September

Action For Happiness are reminding people to take time to look after themselves in what they have dubbed '[Self-Care September](#)'. Self-care isn't selfish, it's essential!

Support, guidance, advice and wellbeing

It is inevitable that the return to school will bring about a range of emotions and questions and below we link to a few resources that pupils, parents and carers may find useful at this time:

[Advice if your child is anxious about being back at school](#)

www.gov.uk/backtoschool

[What do schools look like now?](#)

[What schools plan to do if any children test positive for coronavirus](#)

[Celebrity assembly \(28 Sep\) to help children worried about bullying and return to classes](#)

Further resources are available on the Joined Up Care Derbyshire website [here](#).

Karen's plea to people ignoring cancer symptoms due to COVID-19 fears

As an NHS worker who heads up the engagement team at Joined Up Care Derbyshire, Karen Lloyd is very much aware of the impact of COVID-19. [Here](#) she shares her story of going to see her GP after finding a lump in her breast.

Help for those experiencing domestic abuse

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.

Wellbeing, health advice and support for health, social care and community staff

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. 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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