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Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19): Derby and Derbyshire stakeholder bulletin #24



Dear partners

The news this week is very much focused on the rise of coronavirus cases. Indeed the average rate of new infections is now four times higher than it was in mid-July. This is, of course, a cause for concern. However, it's important to consider these figures in the context of the country's testing capabilities as they are now compared to the beginning of the pandemic. It's also important to say that the death rate is still very low. In an article published on Wednesday, the BBC examined five reasons why the rise in numbers isn't straightforward and we link to this in the national updates section below.

The rise in the number of coronavirus cases saw the Prime Minister outline new coronavirus restrictions for England in a briefing at Downing Street on Wednesday. The main headline from the briefing is that social gatherings of more than six people will no longer be able to take place in England from Monday. A link with more detail from the briefing is provided below.

Here in Derby and Derbyshire the health and care system is relatively stable at the moment although there are some emerging issues, which we are working to resolve:

- * An increase in non-elective activity (care that hasn't been planned for and is required urgently).
- * An increase in 111-COVID related enquiries.
- * Difficulty in accessing testing around the county.

increased testing in lockdown areas. The increase in 111-COVID related enquiries is a result of patients being referred from the testing helpline. Issues like the above are to be expected following the return of children to schools last week and more people returning to work.

As we work to resolve these issues, it's important to highlight that the number of COVID-19 hospital admissions in Derby and Derbyshire is low. The number of hospital patients with a COVID diagnosis stood at 16 last week compared to 339 at the April peak. More information about the overall position in Derby and Derbyshire is provided in the 'Derby and Derbyshire' section below.

As I have said before in this bulletin, winter will present many challenges for the health and care system in Derby and Derbyshire. While we will do everything we can to overcome these challenges it's important to remember that each and every one of us can do our bit to help to keep infections down by following the existing rules, particularly:

- * Being careful about social contact with people
- * Isolating if ill
- * Washing our hands regularly
- * Wearing a face covering when required
- * Maintaining a safe social distance as appropriate

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.

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National update

[Prime Minister Boris Johnson outlines new coronavirus restrictions for England](#)
[Social gatherings of more than six people will be illegal in England from Monday](#) - with some exemptions -

aimed at reducing coronavirus cases. The law change will ban larger groups meeting anywhere socially indoors or outdoors, but will not apply to schools, workplaces or COVID-secure weddings, funerals and organised team sports. It will be enforced through a £100 fine if people fail to comply, doubling on each

offence up to a maximum of £3,200. You can read the Prime Minister's statement [here](#) and the government's own [summary](#) of the changes [here](#).

See also: ['We must act' to prevent second lockdown, says PM](#)

Five reasons why rise in cases is not all it seems

The average rate of new infections is now four times higher than it was in mid-July. [Here](#) the BBC examines five reasons why the rise in numbers isn't straightforward.

See also: [New figures show UK faces 'impossible balancing act'](#)

Oxford University vaccine trial paused after participant falls ill

Final clinical trials for a coronavirus vaccine, developed by AstraZeneca and Oxford University, [have been put on hold](#) after a participant had a suspected adverse reaction in the UK.

Clear face masks to support people with hearing loss

[250,000 clear face masks are to be delivered to frontline NHS and social care workers](#) to support better care for people who use lip-reading and facial expressions to communicate.

'Hands. Face. Space': UK government to relaunch COVID-19 slogan

A new government campaign is being launched to remind people to wash their hands, cover their faces and keep their distance, in a bid to keep infections down as the winter months approach.

Statistics

As of 4pm on 9 September 2020, 17,619,897 tests have been confirmed as lab-processed in total. The total number of lab confirmed cases is reported as 355,219, of which 306,555 positive cases have been identified as being in England. Sadly 36,931 deaths in England have been reported as of 9 September 2020.

Update for Derby and Derbyshire

Overview

Overall we have relative stability of performance across the health and care system. Our priorities continue to be elective care and broader recovery in line with plans. COVID-19 incidence in hospital is low in terms of admissions and primary care activity is on a downward trend.

COVID bed capacity in our hospitals is good across all bed types with significant capacity available. Community capacity remains stable and there are no causes for concern. Mental health community capacity has been consistently delivering to a higher level compared to original plan projections.

Elective activity is showing week on week recovery, however, activity increase is slow, variable and below the target levels set nationally. Further plans are being developed for elective recovery and will be monitored via the Planned Care Steering Group.

Our cancer 2ww recovery is exceeding the trajectory we had set and long waits have improved from the previous week with both Trusts now showing an improving trajectory.

Diabetes Pilot in Derbyshire

It has been announced this week that Derbyshire has received funding to support the implementation of a promising new diabetes scheme across the region. [The NHS Low Calorie Diet Programme](#) is an important new development involving 10 localities across the UK. In Derbyshire we are aiming to recruit 500 suitable patients to take part within a two year window, which will contribute towards the 5,000 national target.

Restoration and Recovery - Phase Three Planning

Following the submission of the first draft of our phase three restoration and recovery plans to NHS

England and NHS Improvement, health and care partners in Derby and Derbyshire continue to work together to produce the second draft before the final submission is made on 21 September.

Derbyshire Dialogue

'Derbyshire Dialogue' aims to bring the Derbyshire public into more regular discussions about the developments of health and care. [Click here](#) for more information.

Joined Up Care Derbyshire newsletter

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

Statistics

As at 4pm on 9 September 2020 the East Midlands has a total of 27,595 cases with 1,466 confirmed cases in Derby and 3,769 confirmed cases in Derbyshire. Breakdown of 3,769 Derbyshire confirmed cases: Amber Valley: 483; Bolsover: 386; Chesterfield: 546; Derbyshire Dales: 282; Erewash: 461; High Peak: 500; NE Derbyshire: 651; South Derbyshire: 460.

As at 9 September 2020, 2,946 deaths have been reported in the East Midlands. 227 of these deaths were reported in Derby City and 569 deaths were reported in Derbyshire, of which: Amber Valley: 82; Bolsover: 36; Chesterfield: 64; Derbyshire Dales: 48; Erewash: 77; High Peak: 79; NE Derbyshire: 104; South Derbyshire: 79. One death has occurred since last week's figures were provided.

*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

World Suicide Prevention Day

Thursday 10 September was World Suicide Prevention Day. The day provides the opportunity for people across the globe to raise awareness of suicide and suicide prevention. [Click here](#) for more information about the support available for anyone who may need urgent mental health support and the support available for those coping with losing someone to suicide.

Support for unpaid carers in employment

Derbyshire Carers Association (DCA) have teamed up with The University of Derby, the Chamber of Commerce and other major employers and SMEs to help [support](#) unpaid carers in employment.

Emergency Services Day

Emergency Services Day 2020 took place on 9 September. The day celebrates each and every person who has worked or volunteered in the NHS and emergency services. Find out more [here](#).

Assessing the impact of COVID-19 on day opportunities and short break services in the East Midlands

Sortified are working with East Midlands ADASS (Association of Directors of Social Services) to look at the impact of COVID-19 on day opportunities and short break services in the East Midlands for people with Learning Disabilities and Autism. Find out more [here](#).

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

What you can do to help reduce the transmission of COVID-19

[Advice](#) on how you can help reduce the transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19).

Wedding services: coronavirus (COVID-19), cancellations and refunds

[Click here](#) to access the Competition and Markets Authority's views on how the law operates in relation to contracts for wedding services affected by the coronavirus pandemic.

Joint Biosecurity Centre Action Cards

The JBC has published [Action Cards](#) to provide the latest instructions to anyone responsible for businesses or organisations (e.g. café, hairdresser or place of worship) to identify, report and respond to coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreaks.

Back to school

Resources are available on the Joined Up Care Derbyshire website [here](#). On September 28th there will be a [celebrity assembly](#) to help children worried about bullying and return to classes.

NHS worker's plea not to ignore cancer symptoms

[Karen Lloyd](#) 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

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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