



Stakeholder Bulletin

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Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19): Derby and Derbyshire stakeholder bulletin #32



Dear partners

Any doubt as to the seriousness of the situation we now find ourselves in was firmly put to bed on Saturday when the Prime Minister announced plans for a planned four-week lockdown in England from Thursday (5 November) at a Downing Street news conference on Saturday. On Wednesday, MPs overwhelmingly voted to proceed with the second lockdown (516 votes to 38) that is due to end on Wednesday 2 December.

NHS Chief Executive, Sir Simon Stevens, also confirmed at a press conference on Wednesday that the NHS in England will be returning to its highest state of alert from midnight on Wednesday to coincide with the start of the second lockdown. The switch to level 4 means the NHS's response to the resurgence of the pandemic is being handled nationally rather than regionally.

The number of people seriously ill with coronavirus who are being treated in hospitals in England has risen from 2,000 at the end of September to almost 11,000. In Derbyshire there were over 200 patients with coronavirus in our hospitals at the end of last week and we are above that now. We're seeing significant use of Intensive Care Unit beds in Chesterfield which means they can do less of their planned care operating. General practice remains incredibly busy and we are seeing an increase in:

- NHS 111 use
- Community nursing and community beds
- The total number of staff absences related to COVID

Our projections tell us that we are approaching April levels for admissions, though lockdown will stem this.

Sir Simon Stevens was joined on Wednesday by Professor Stephen Powis, NHS Medical Director and Dr Alison Pritard, Consultant in Intensive Care Medicine and Dean Faculty of Intensive Care Medicine (a link to the conference is available below). The overwhelming message was that the best way to ensure the

NHS can do what it needs to do is to reduce infection rates. To put it simply, as the number of patients with COVID rises, the ability of the NHS to respond to patients with non-COVID issues reduces, so preventing infection has to be our significant priority in lieu of a vaccination or other significant treatment.

Sir Simon pleaded with the public to help protect the NHS – that is enabling us to ‘help us help you’ - by following the new rules that come into force on Thursday morning, as well as the government’s “hands, face, space” infection control advice. He spoke about there being “three lines of defence” – the actions we take as individuals and families and the efforts of the test and trace programme – as being vital to ensuring the NHS was not overwhelmed. These messages were further reinforced when Sir Simon joined the Prime Minister for a Downing Street briefing on Thursday.

The pace of change can be dizzying at the moment and as we enter the weekend, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everybody working in the health and care system for their continued hard work and professionalism as we respond to this fast-moving, complex and challenging situation. I’d also like to commend the people of Derby and Derbyshire for their continued resilience and commitment to containing the rate of infection in Derbyshire.

With best wishes and stay safe.

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National update

Prime Minister's 31 October 2020 statement on coronavirus (COVID-19)

The Prime Minister announced plans for a planned four-week lockdown in England from Thursday (5 November) at a Downing Street news conference on Saturday. Read the full transcript [here](#).

NHS response to the Prime Minister’s announcement 31 October 2020

Read [the statement](#) from NHS Medical Director, Professor Stephen Powis, following the Prime Minister’s 31 October 2020 statement on coronavirus (COVID-19).

NHS in England to go back to highest alert level as coronavirus patient numbers rise

NHS Chief Executive, Sir Simon Stevens, has [confirmed](#) that the NHS is to move back to a level 4 incident as of midnight Wednesday. This is a decision made based on the prevalence of COVID-19 in hospitals across the country and the impact it may have on services.

See also:

- [BBC coverage](#) of NHS England’s Wednesday press conference.
- Coverage in [The Guardian](#) following Wednesday’s press conference. This article also contains a quick guide on what you can and can’t do in England’s new national coronavirus lockdown.

New lockdown rules for England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland

Find out more about the [new lockdown rules](#) for England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

Furlough scheme extended

The furlough scheme is to be extended until the end of March with the government paying up to 80% of wages. The chancellor also says any part of the UK will be able to access the scheme if it needs to lock down in that time.

Most pupils can enrol for catch-up tuition

Disadvantaged pupils in England could begin [focused tuition](#) as early as next week, as booking opens for the new [National Tutoring Programme](#).

Liverpool to pilot city-wide coronavirus testing

People in Liverpool will be offered [regular COVID-19 tests](#) under the first trial of whole city testing in England.

Ministers studying if vitamin D might reduce infections

On Monday, the Prime Minister said ministers are considering whether boosting vitamin D levels could reduce the severity of the COVID-19 outbreak.

Statistics

UK Summary – As of 9.30pm on Thursday 5 November 2020

The latest R number is estimated at 1.1 to 1.3 with a daily infection growth rate range of +2% to +4%.

| Cases People tested positive | Deaths Deaths within 28 days of positive test | Healthcare Patients admitted | Testing Virus tests processed |
|---|---|---|---|
| Latest data provided on 5 November 2020 | Latest data provided on 5 November 2020 | Latest data provided on 1 November 2020 | Latest data provided on 5 November 2020 |
| Daily 24,141 | Daily 378 | Daily 1,470 | Daily 301,131 |
| Last 7 days 157,860 | Last 7 days 2,165 | Last 7 days 10,198 | Last 7 days 1,989,783 |
| ↑2,987 (1.9%) | ↑557 (34.6%) | ↑1,546 (17.9%) | ↓-187,641 (-8.6%) |

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As of 9:30pm on 5 November 2020, 8,733,015 pillar 1 and 17,238,950 pillar 2 tests have been confirmed as lab processed in total in England. The total number of lab confirmed cases in England is reported as 955,236 with 21,137 new people testing positive in a day. Sadly, 42,433* deaths in England have been reported with daily 297 people dying in a day.

*Deaths within 28 days of positive test.

Update for Derby and Derbyshire

Current situation

The welcome to this bulletin provides an overview of the situation in Derby and Derbyshire at the moment.

Last week, the health and care system in Derbyshire issued a [media release](#) alerting the public to the pressures the NHS is currently experiencing. Patients are urged to continue to use the NHS where they have concerns about symptoms, but to use it wisely. Patients are advised to use [NHS 111 online](#) or call NHS 111 first if they are not sure which service to use.

Protect yourself, your family and our patients from flu this winter

Getting the flu vaccination protects you, your friends and your family from the flu. [Click here](#) for more information about the flu vaccine and more detailed information about flu in the context of coronavirus.

Early figures indicate that uptake of the flu vaccine in maternity patients, at risk groups and healthcare workers is less than we would like for the time of year so if there is anything you can do to promote awareness and understanding of the vaccine benefits to these groups it would be appreciated.

Derbyshire Dialogue

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

Do you have a COVID-19 story to tell?

Joined Up Care Derbyshire is [encouraging](#) members of the public to share their COVID-19 health and care story.

Dementia Support in Derbyshire during the COVID-19 pandemic

[This document](#) provides helpful information for people living with dementia and their families and carers.

Statistics

As of 9:30pm on 5 November 2020.

| Cases by area | Last 7 days | Rate per 100,000 | Whole pandemic | Rate per 100,00 | Deaths | Rate per 100,000 |
|-----------------------|-------------|------------------|----------------|-----------------|--------|------------------|
| East Midlands | 13,526 | 279.7 | 89,738 | 1,855.7 | 3,430 | 70.9 |
| Derby city | 997 | 387.5 | 4,897 | 1,903.2 | 252 | 97.9 |
| Derbyshire | 2,682 | 334.1 | 13,944 | 1,737.2 | 673 | 83.8 |
| Amber Valley | 388 | 302.8 | 2,015 | 1,572.4 | 95 | 74.1 |
| Bolsover | 334 | 414.6 | 1,532 | 1,901.6 | 46 | 57.1 |
| Chesterfield | 370 | 352.7 | 1,844 | 1,757.9 | 64 | 61 |
| Derbyshire Dales | 132 | 182.5 | 822 | 1,136.5 | 55 | 76 |
| Erewash | 380 | 329.4 | 1,995 | 1,729.2 | 102 | 88.4 |
| High Peak | 285 | 307.6 | 1,787 | 1,928.4 | 106 | 114.4 |
| North East Derbyshire | 346 | 341 | 2,117 | 2,086.5 | 114 | 112.4 |
| South Derbyshire | 447 | 416.7 | 1,832 | 1,708 | 91 | 84.8 |

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Health services

Visitor restrictions

On Monday 19 October University Hospitals of Derby and Burton reintroduced visiting restrictions following a significant increase in admissions for patients who are COVID-19 positive. [Find out more.](#) Chesterfield Royal Hospital have also joined an increasing number of hospitals by taking the decision to suspend all but the most essential on-site patient visiting.

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.

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. For residents without internet access a phone service is available via Healthwatch Derbyshire. Call 01773 880 786, - Mon to Fri, 10am-3.30pm.

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

Supporting local pharmacies

It's 'Ask Your Pharmacist' week (2-9 November). More than ever, local pharmacies are playing a crucial role and this week provides a welcome opportunity to celebrate and promote the importance of the vital and valuable work pharmacists are doing to support our local communities. Find out more about [what to expect from your pharmacy](#)

Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service advises against having bonfires on private property

Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service is calling on members of the public [not to have bonfires on their own private property](#) to mark the Gunpowder Plot.

Remembrance Sunday (8 November) and Armistice Day (11 November)

This year, Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day will be a little different. England is in lockdown during this time and there are different restrictions across Wales, Northern Ireland and Scotland. Downing Street has confirmed, however, that Remembrance services and events can be held, as long as there are strict social distancing measures in place. For more information about Remembrance services near you visit your local council website.

Diwali | Wednesday 14 November

Diwali, the festival of lights, normally sees millions of people attend firework displays, prayers and celebratory events across the world, but with England in a second national lockdown and restrictions in place on social gatherings people are having to find other ways to celebrate safely. In [this article](#), India TV suggests five ways to light up celebrations amidst the pandemic.

Stress Awareness Week

Monday marked the start of International Stress Awareness Week. It also coincides with the start of [November](#), a month focused on men's mental health. [Here](#) Derbyshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust highlight the most common causes of stress and offer advice on how to help combat it.

Purple Tuesday

Tuesday was 'Purple Tuesday'. Purple Tuesday is a change programme for organisations of all sizes from all sectors to get involved in, with the common goal of improving the customer experience for disabled people 365 days a year. [Find out more.](#)

Support, guidance, advice and wellbeing

[Support available to employers, businesses and charities in Derbyshire](#)

[Feeding Derbyshire](#)

[Derbyshire Community Response Unit](#)

[Derbyshire Voluntary Action](#)

[Derby Community Hub](#)

[Information on free school meals during the Christmas school holidays in Derby](#)

[Community Action Derby](#)

[Community Directory Derbyshire](#)

[Guidance on supporting children and young people's mental health and wellbeing](#)

[Guidance for the public on mental health and wellbeing](#)

[COVID-19 Survivors Group UK](#)

Alcohol support

For more information see [this page](#) on NHS Choices.

Help for those experiencing domestic abuse

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

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](#).

Protect the capacity of our health and care services

- Follow the new [national restrictions from 5 November](#)
- [Download](#) the NHS COVID-19 app
- Isolate if ill
- Wash hands regularly
- Wear a face covering when required
- Maintain a safe social distance as appropriate

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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