



Stakeholder Bulletin

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Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19): Derby and Derbyshire stakeholder bulletin #39



Dear partners

I hope this bulletin finds you well and that you had a good Christmas and New Year.

It was an exceptionally demanding Christmas for the NHS, quite possibly the busiest anyone currently working in the NHS will have encountered. As we entered the last week of December there were over a thousand more patients in hospital across the country with COVID-19 than at the peak of the pandemic's first wave in April.

On Tuesday the number of new daily confirmed cases of coronavirus in the UK exceeded 60,000 for the first time since the pandemic began and there is significant pressure in our hospitals in Derbyshire as the number of COVID positive patients has increased markedly along with an increase in the number of patients requiring critical care. The exponential rise in coronavirus is partly being attributed to a variant mutation of the virus. A study by London's Imperial College concludes that the new coronavirus variant mutation increases the Reproduction or R number by between 0.4 and 0.7.

It is perhaps unsurprising then, given this picture, that the Prime Minister announced on Monday that the UK would enter, with immediate effect, its third national lockdown. The lockdown is set to last until at least 15 February and the new rules mean people can't leave their homes except for certain, essential reasons, akin to the initial March lockdown. It also meant that all schools and colleges were closed to the vast majority of pupils from Tuesday. More information on what you can and cannot do during the national lockdown is available in the 'national updates' section below.

In his address on Tuesday, the Prime Minister acknowledged the frustration people must be feeling but urged people to 'pull together' now more than ever and cited the COVID-19 vaccination programme as providing an end in sight.

The vaccination programme does indeed bring with it hope and it was wonderful to hear that the MHRA approved the vaccine developed by Oxford University and AstraZeneca just before the New Year and see

dialysis patient and retired maintenance manager, Brian Pinker, become the first person in the world outside clinical trials to receive the new vaccine on Monday.

Derby and Derbyshire's community vaccination programme continues to accelerate with vaccinations beginning at Derby Arena on Thursday, making it Derbyshire's largest COVID-19 vaccination site. The number of primary care sites has also more than doubled this week. There's more information on the community vaccination programme below.

As the vaccination programme continues to roll out we must continue to remain vigilant to the threat of COVID-19, which continues to be highly prevalent in our communities. As colleagues across the NHS continue their work on what it is the largest vaccination programme in our history, the public have an important part to play to help them do this:

- please don't contact the NHS to seek a vaccine, we will contact you;
- when we do contact you, please attend your booked appointments;
- and please continue to follow all the guidance in place during the new national lockdown.

I know many people reading this bulletin will have worked throughout the entire Christmas and New Year period and I would like to thank you for everything you have done. I also know the coming weeks are likely to remain very challenging for everyone, but please do try to look after yourselves, and each other.

With best wishes and please do stay safe.

Chris

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National update

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[UK records more than 60,000 new coronavirus cases](#)

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[Covid-19: New variant 'raises R number by up to 0.7'](#)

[Schools closed 'with heaviest of hearts' says Gove](#)

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[Firms cancel holiday bookings as lockdown begins](#)

[Oxford University/AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine approved](#)

[Regulatory approval of COVID-19 Vaccine AstraZeneca Information for healthcare professionals and the public about the COVID-19 Vaccine AstraZeneca](#)

[JCVI issues advice on the AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine](#)

[Brian Pinker, 82, first to get Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine](#)

[Can the UK jab its way out of lockdown?](#)

[COVID-19 vaccination: why you are being asked to wait](#)

[List of all up and running hospital hubs and local vaccination services](#)

[£4.6 billion in new lockdown grants to support businesses and protect jobs](#)

[Seven in 10 adults are motivated to get healthier in 2021 due to COVID-19](#)

Statistics

UK Summary | Data from <https://coronavirus.data.gov.uk>

People vaccinated – 1st dose	1,296,432 as of 3 January 2021
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The latest R number is estimated at 1.1 to 1.3 with a daily infection growth rate range of +1% to +6% as of 23 December 2020.

Cases People tested positive	Deaths Deaths within 28 days of positive test	Healthcare Patients admitted	Testing Virus tests conducted
Latest data provided on 7 January 2021	Latest data provided on 7 January 2021	Latest data provided on 3 January 2021	Latest data provided on 6 January 2021
Daily 52,618	Daily 1,162	Daily 3,600	Daily 557,441
Last 7 days 400,640	Last 7 days 4,996	Last 7 days 22,608	Last 7 days 3,266,246
↑101,288 (33.8%)	↑1,120 (28.9%)	↑6,104 (37%)	↑719,016 (28.2%)

As of 4:20pm on Thursday 7 January 2021 the latest available data at <https://coronavirus.data.gov.uk> states that 12,891,829 pillar 1 and 32,097,302 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 2,372,333. Sadly, 66,795 deaths within 28 days of positive test in England have been reported.

Update for Derby and Derbyshire

Current situation

There is significant pressure in our hospitals in Derbyshire as the number of COVID positive patients has increased significantly along with an increase in the number of patients requiring critical care. ITU surge capacity is being utilised at both Chesterfield Royal Hospital and Royal Derby Hospital. To accommodate

such high numbers of patients, hospitals have had to start taking difficult decisions, including the cancellation of outpatient appointments and some surgery to free up the required beds to care for Covid-19 patients. Illness and the requirement to shield under Tier 4 and the new national lockdown restrictions has also had a significant impact on staffing and resource for most providers. For more information, [click here](#).

Help us help you

The position for the majority of NHS providers has deteriorated since Christmas. The Government decision to proceed with a further national lockdown was taken to help protect NHS services and ensure that our critically ill patients, regardless of whether or not they have a positive diagnosis of COVID-19, can be given the best possible care by our incredibly hard working teams.

It is absolutely crucial that we all follow the [government guidelines](#) and we are also asking you to help us by making sure you use the right service if you do have a health concern – but please, don't ignore your own health. If you are in any doubt then call NHS111 to talk to a health expert about your concern or visit [111.nhs.uk](#). NHS111 will be able to give you the right advice and direct you to the most appropriate service for your needs, whether that's a GP appointment, a visit to your local pharmacy, Urgent Treatment Centre or the Emergency Department.

Derby and Derbyshire community vaccination programme

Further sites have been starting their COVID-19 vaccination delivery programme since the last update before the Christmas holidays. GPs in the Derbyshire Dales started vaccinating patients at local care homes, along with their colleagues in Chesterfield and North East Derbyshire. This follows on from Bakewell's Newholme Hospital, Long Eaton Health Centre, Stubley Medical Centre in Dronfield and Church Farm Medical Centre in Ripley vaccinating in the week prior to the break.

Derby Arena became [Derbyshire's largest COVID-19 vaccination site](#) this week when it began vaccinations on Thursday. As well as Derby Arena, the new wave of openings included four other vaccination sites:

- Babington Hospital, Belper
- St Oswald's Hospital, Ashbourne
- Thornbrook Surgery, Chapel-en-le-Frith
- Sharley Park Leisure Centre, Clay Cross

This new wave of openings means Derbyshire now has nine primary care vaccination sites, joining facilities in Dronfield, Ripley, Long Eaton and Bakewell, plus the two hospital hubs at Royal Derby Hospital and Chesterfield Royal Hospital. The final phase of the PCN rollout for this round will take place during week commencing 11 January and we will confirm more details next week.

For the latest information on the community vaccination programme in Derby and Derbyshire see the bulletin we produce and publish [here](#).

How to access your GP practice animation

[This animation](#) explains how people can access their GP practice, including how to get in contact, the different ways care may be delivered, and how face-to-face appointments have changed.

Statistics

As of 4:20pm on Thursday 7 January 2021.

Cases by area	Last 7 days	Rate per 100,000	Whole pandemic	Rate per 100,00	Deaths*	Rate per 100,00
East Midlands	20,420	422.3	207,629	4,293.5	6,266	129.6
Derby city	1,458	566.6	12,049	4,682.8	389	151.2
Derbyshire	2,968	369.8	30,744	3,833.8	1,098	136.8
Amber Valley	680	530.6	5,635	4,397.3	180	140.5
Bolsover	315	391	3,678	4,565.4	106	131.6
Chesterfield	320	305.1	3,788	3,611.1	100	95.3
Derbyshire Dales	167	230.9	1,771	2,448.7	73	100.9
Erewash	433	375.3	4,149	3,596.2	172	149.1
High Peak	254	274.1	3,172	3,423	147	158.6
North East Derbyshire	355	349.9	3,997	3,939.4	167	164.6
South Derbyshire	444	413.9	4,584	4,273.7	153	142.6

*Within 28 days of positive test

You can now find out more about the situation in your local area by entering your postcode at <https://coronavirus.data.gov.uk> (scroll down to the bottom of the page).

Health services

Urgent Treatment Centres

There are five [Urgent Treatment Centres](#) across Derby and Derbyshire. Urgent Treatment Centres (UTCs) are GP-led, open at least 12 hours a day, every day, offer appointments that can be booked through [111](#) or through a GP referral, and are equipped to diagnose and deal with many of the most common ailments people attend A&E for.

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

~~...more than 50 specialist practitioners have been helping patients to avoid unnecessary trips to hospital.~~
East Midlands Ambulance Service have already recruited 25 specialist practitioners with more expected over the coming months. [Find out more](#).

Managing hearing loss and tinnitus during COVID-19

RNID, the charity working to make life fully inclusive for deaf people and those with hearing loss or tinnitus, has developed a guide to support people who are deaf/have hearing loss or tinnitus to manage their condition during the COVID-19 pandemic. You can access the guide [here](#).

Extra help for rough sleepers with drug and alcohol dependency

In December, the Government announced that rough sleepers across England will receive extra support to help them recover from drug and alcohol misuse. More information can be found [here](#).

Neuro development support resources

NHS Derby and Derbyshire CCG have updated their list of [digital resources](#) available to children, young people and their parents or carers, with a special focus on supporting those who require Neuro Development support (this includes but is not exclusive to autism and attention deficit hyperactive disorder), Learning Disability health checks, and general emotional health and wellbeing support.

[NHS Blood and Transplant \(NHSBT\) is appealing for more people to donate convalescent plasma.](#)

Support, guidance, advice and wellbeing

Don't be scammed – beware of fake COVID-19 vaccine text messages

Fake text messages purporting to be from the NHS or other reputable organisations such as Neighbourhood Watch are currently in circulation informing people that they're eligible to apply for the COVID-19 vaccine. The texts contain a link to a fake website, where fraudsters are attempting to coerce people into divulging personal information. Please remember that the NHS or other reputable organisations will never ask for people's banking information.

With the recent approval of multiple vaccines in the UK, these types of scam attempts are likely to continue, as fraudsters continue to take advantage of the roll-out to so many people.

Derbyshire Police have more information on how to protect yourself [here](#). You may also find [this leaflet](#) produced by the National Cyber Security Centre and the Government Counter Fraud Function useful.

Other useful links

[Home-schooling: BBC guide to help your child's online learning](#)

[BBC to put lessons on TV during lockdown](#)

[Check if your employer can use the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme](#)

[Guidance for British people travelling overseas during the coronavirus \(COVID-19\) pandemic, if they are legally permitted to travel internationally](#)

[Bereavement support](#)

[Updated self-care guidance this winter and during the pandemic](#)

[Coronavirus vaccines explained in five South Asian languages](#) (for more information in English, check out [this explainer](#))

[Find out how driving tests are affected by coronavirus](#)

[Find out how driving theory tests are affected by coronavirus](#)

[NHS talking therapies can help you if you're struggling to cope with feelings of anxiety or depression](#)

[Over 50s alcohol helpline](#)

[Feeding Derbyshire](#)

[The Bee Tree Community – ending social isolation](#)

[Derbyshire Community Response Unit](#)

[Derbyshire Voluntary Action](#)

[Derby Community Hub](#)

[Community Action Derby](#)

[Community Directory Derbyshire](#)

[COVID-19 Survivors Group UK](#)

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 [national guidance](#) on restrictions
- [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

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