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Dear partners

As of Wednesday 13 January, latest figures show that there are now more than 35,000 people in UK hospitals with coronavirus. That is a huge figure and to put it into context, there were 21,683 patients in hospital at the peak of the first wave of pandemic in the UK. In Derbyshire, the period 28 December – 3 January saw 115 patients admitted to Chesterfield Royal Hospital and 384 admitted to University Hospitals of Derby and Burton and our figures this week are in excess of these.

These figures mean that there is very limited critical care capacity in the health and care system in Derby and Derbyshire at the moment and that is why it is so very important that first and foremost we all do everything we can to protect ourselves and others by following the national guidance on restrictions and ensuring we abide by the infection prevention and control measures put in place – hands – face – space - to help prevent the spread of infection if we have to leave our homes for an essential reason. As the Health Secretary said this week: "We can make this the peak" of the coronavirus pandemic "if enough people follow the rules".

Ensuring that we have enough capacity to treat those with the most urgent care needs – covid and non-covid – is our utmost priority at the moment and now, more than ever, it is critical that anyone who has a health concern chooses the right service. I know it's not always easy to know where to go, but if you or anyone you know finds themselves in a situation where they think they need A&E, I would urge them to

...mean you receive the right treatment, at the right time and at the right place. This will help to protect the capacity we need to treat those in a life threatening situation.

The COVID-19 vaccination programme continues to command a huge amount of media coverage and interest and last week (8 January) we welcomed the news that the Moderna vaccine had been approved for use in the UK. We expect supplies of this vaccine to arrive in the spring. At the time of writing over 2.2 million people have received their first dose of either the Pfizer/BioNTech or Oxford/AstraZeneca vaccine and the vaccination in programme in Derbyshire continues to gain momentum with six more primary care sites added across Derbyshire this week. This follows the high profile launch of Derby Arena last week, and means we will have 15 active primary care sites, with more to follow soon. There's more detail about the community vaccination programme below.

As well as generating a lot of media coverage, the vaccination programme is also generating lots of questions from members of the public and, unfortunately, misinformation. If you have any questions about the vaccination programme or want to check the veracity of any information you have seen, I would urge you to take a look at the 'frequently asked questions' document available [here](#). I can't promise it will answer every question you have as the situation relating to the vaccination programme can change rapidly, but you should find it a helpful document. We also publish a regular update about the vaccination programme at the same link to help keep you up-to-date on progress.

Finally, I was sad to see Dr Samantha Batt-Rawden's account this week of NHS staff and other health workers receiving abuse as they continue to work tirelessly to respond to the challenges posed by coronavirus. In response, Dr Batt-Rawden started her own campaign for people to post blue heart on social media to show their support for health workers. I'm proud to say that NHS Derby and Derbyshire CCG and Joined Up Care Derbyshire now wear the blue heart on their social profiles. It's a small act for sure, but I can't emphasise enough how much every act of appreciation means to all those working in healthcare right now.

With best wishes and please do stay safe.

Chris

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Statistics

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

People vaccinated – 1st dose	2,639,309 as of 12 January 2021
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The latest R number is estimated at 1.1 to 1.4 with a daily infection growth rate range of 0% to +6% as of 8 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 13 January 2021	Latest data provided on 13 January 2021	Latest data provided on 7 January 2021	Latest data provided on 12 January 2021
Daily 47,525	Daily 1,564	Daily 4,253	Daily 584,760
Last 7 days 374,755	Last 7 days 7,421	Last 7 days 26,959	Last 7 days 4,032,480
↓29,139 (-7.2%)	↑2,623 (54.7%)	↑6,964 (34.8%)	↑903,183 (28.9%)

As of 4pm on Wednesday 13 January 2021 the latest available data at <https://coronavirus.data.gov.uk> states that 13,309,716 pillar 1 and 34,706,822 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 2,789,983. Sadly, 74,085 deaths within 28 days of positive test in England have been reported.

*Within 28 days of positive test

Update for Derby and Derbyshire

Current situation

As detailed stated in the introduction to this bulletin, there is very limited critical care capacity in the health and care system in Derby and Derbyshire at the moment due to the number of patients admitted with COVID-19 and an ongoing increase in the number of patients requiring an Intensive Care Unit bed. To ensure that we have enough capacity to treat those with the most urgent care needs – covid and non-covid – it is imperative that the public:

- Follow the [national guidance](#) on restrictions
- [Download](#) the NHS COVID-19 app
- Isolate if ill
- Follow infection prevention and control measures: hands – face – space
- Choose the right service for any health concerns they may have – Think NHS 111 First

There were over 1500 cases in Derby city last week. We are seeing an increase in the 17-21 and 60+ cohorts with main the increase in 20-40 year olds. 50% of people being tested are positive. Rose Hill and Castle Ward have the highest levels of infection and there is specific community work underway to support those areas.

The position in the county last week is similar to that of the city. There were over 3000 cases last week and we are seeing an increase in the 17-29 and 30-34 year old cohorts testing positive. Bolsover, Amber Valley and South Derbyshire have the highest levels of infection.

COVID-19 vaccination programme

The COVID-19 vaccination programme in Derby and Derbyshire continues to gain momentum with six more primary care sites added across Derbyshire this week. This follows the high profile launch of Derby Arena last week, and means there are 15 active primary care sites, with more to follow soon. On Thursday, the Winding Wheel Theatre became the first vaccination site in Chesterfield to open and Wheatbridge Surgery will become the second site to open at the weekend.

PCNs are operating 12 hour days to maximise the number of people vaccinated each day. Alongside operating the PCN based vaccinations our PCNs have also been delivering vaccinations in care homes. This has been done in conjunction with DHU Healthcare who have played a pivotal role in terms of capacity and they have also supported solutions to the complex logistics.

This joined up approach has enabled our system to deliver high volumes of activity in a short timescale and to maximise available times on weekdays, weekends and bank holidays. The fact that some areas have completed or almost completed their care home vaccinations is testament to the work that has taken place so far.

When will I get my vaccine?

“When will I get my vaccine?” is possibly one of the most frequently asked questions the NHS is being asked at the moment in relation to the COVID-19 vaccine programme. Joined Up Care Derbyshire has produced a document of the same name summarising who, when and where patients can expect to receive their vaccine. The document is available [here](#).

The document explains which priority groups the NHS is currently vaccinating and where. It also explains which Primary Care Networks (clusters of GP practices) are currently vaccinating, and from where.

As colleagues across the NHS deliver the largest vaccination programme in our history, the public have an important part to play to help them do this:

- Please wait your turn. When it is your time to be vaccinated the NHS will contact you therefore there is no need to call or visit your GP practice – or any other healthcare service - to find out when you will be vaccinated.
- When we do contact you, please attend your booked appointments.

Second COVID-19 vaccination dose

Another frequently asked question is concerned with why the guidance on administering the second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine has changed. Second vaccination doses are not currently being prioritised to ensure the available vaccine can be distributed widely across the UK. However, everyone will still receive their second dose within 12 weeks of their first.

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

Statistics

As of 4pm on Wednesday 13 January 2021.

Cases by area	Last 7 days	Rate per 100,000	Whole pandemic	Rate per 100,00	Deaths*	Rate p 100,00
East Midlands	23,041	476.5	226,063	4,674.7	6,660	137.7
Derby city	1,736	674.7	13,574	5,275.5	432	167.9
Derbyshire	3,402	423.8	33,605	4,186.5	1,172	146
Amber Valley	678	529.1	6,153	4,801.5	199	155.3
Bolsover	406	504	3,982	4,942.8	113	140.3
Chesterfield	435	414.7	4,149	3,955.2	105	100.1
Derbyshire Dales	181	250.3	1,962	2,663	83	114.8
Erewash	465	403	4,575	3,965.5	183	158.6
High Peak	357	385.3	3,514	3,792.1	153	165.1
North East Derbyshire	350	345	4,299	4,237.1	174	171.5
South Derbyshire	530	494.1	5,007	4,668.1	162	151

*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.

Your GP practice continues to be open for all health matters

[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.

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.

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

‘Green’ social prescribing funding boost for Derbyshire mental health

Derbyshire has secured a [£500,000 government funding boost](#) to provide ‘green’ social prescribing, an initiative aimed at improving people’s mental health.

Derbyshire tele-dermatology project wins at Consultant Connect awards

Hundreds of patients have avoided the need for a referral, thanks to a photo advice and guidance service for dermatology commissioned by NHS Derby and Derbyshire CCG and Joined Up Care Derbyshire. The service has impacted positively on patient flows during the major pressures of COVID-19. [Find out more.](#)

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

Support, guidance, advice and wellbeing

Lockdown learning

[What are the BBC’s lockdown lessons?](#)

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

[BBC Bitesize to be free for BT and EE customers](#)

[How parents plan to tackle lockdown home-schooling](#)

[How to be the school of Mum and Dad \(again\)](#)

[The huge challenge of home-schooling](#)

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.

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

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

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

[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](#))

[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

If you have any feedback, or questions, please email us at: ddccg.enquiries@nhs.net.

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