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Dear partners

I'm pleased to say that pressure on the health and social care system in Derbyshire continues to abate with a further decrease in the number of people testing positive for coronavirus or being admitted to hospital. Though this is welcome news, it is important to remember that patients are still being admitted to hospital with COVID-19 and there are still pressures on critical care services which still remain well above the levels seen during the first wave therefore we must continue to remain vigilant as hospital trusts and primary care services remain incredibly busy.

At the time of writing, the Prime Minister has just confirmed that 13 million people in the UK have now had their first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine adding that one in four adults in England have been vaccinated. He is also highlighting that there are two million people in the phase one priority groups who haven't yet had their jabs. People in those groups who have not yet been vaccinated are now being encouraged to [contact the NHS](#) to arrange their vaccination. Vaccines are our best defence against the virus and so I would urge anyone in those priority groups who has not yet had their vaccination to get booked in. Wherever you are you won't be more than about 10 miles away from a vaccination centre now.

Ensuring equity of access to the vaccination programme across our diverse communities remains front of mind for all of us. This week we have launched our programme to address the issue of low vaccine take up in some communities across our county. The people who are dying disproportionately of COVID-19 are

the same communities that are vaccine hesitant. This creates health inequalities in our system and we are determined to close this gap. Our aim is to inform and educate our communities with the right information to increase COVID-19 vaccine uptake at the point of offer. With that in mind, you will see that much of this week's content is focussed on dispelling myths about the vaccine and reaffirming the facts.

With best wishes and please do stay safe.

Chris

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National updates

[Call for people aged 70 and over to contact NHS for a COVID jab](#)

People aged 70 and over who have not yet been vaccinated against COVID and who would like to be are today being asked to contact the NHS to arrange a jab.

[WHO backs Oxford vaccine 'even if variants present'](#)

The World Health Organization recommends using the vaccine developed by the University of Oxford and AstraZeneca even in countries tackling new variants of coronavirus.

[VIDEO: Top London surgeon tackles Covid 'vaccine hesitancy' in minority communities](#)

A leading surgeon whose work includes helping knife crime victims has a new mission - tackling Covid "vaccine hesitancy" in ethnic minority communities.

New BBC video content in five South Asian languages now available (Urdu, Punjabi, Tamil, Sylheti and Gujarati)

Please share this content where appropriate through your channels. Content includes:

- [Vaccine myths busting](#)
- [Vaccine explainer](#)
- [Vaccine Q&A](#)
- [Lockdown rules explained](#)
- [Test and trace](#)

[‘Tracking my Mum’s fake Covid message’](#)

Sima Kotecha follows the origins of a “dangerous” viral video about a false COVID-19 treatment.

[Vaccine rumours debunked: Microchips, 'altered DNA' and more](#)

The BBC Reality Check Team look into some of the most widely shared false vaccine claims.

[The health claims that won't go away](#)

BBC Reality Check's Shruti Menon takes a look at some of the misleading coronavirus health claims that keep appearing online.

[Hospital staff and COVID-19 patients remind the public of the extreme pressures still facing the NHS](#)

As at 22 January, someone was being admitted to hospital every 30 seconds with coronavirus and a quarter of those were under the age of 55.

[Latest monitoring data confirms safety of COVID-19 vaccines](#)

Data published from UK’s independent medicines regulator confirms approved vaccines meet strict regulatory standards for safety.

[Vaccine rollout and variant mitigation](#)

Vaccine Deployment Minister Nadhim Zahawi explains why the current vaccine rollout is vitally important for protecting the healthcare system.

[New vaccines partnership to rapidly respond to new virus variants](#)

UK Government and CureVac enter new partnership to tackle new future variants of Covid-19.

[Strengthening our health protection at the border \(oral statement to Parliament\)](#)

Statement by the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care on the new system of health measures at the border that will come into force on Monday 15 February.

[Government confirms mandatory hotel quarantine to be introduced from 15 February](#)

From 15 February anyone travelling to the UK from a country on the UK’s travel ban list will be required to quarantine in a government-approved facility for 10 days.

Statistics

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

The [national release of vaccination statistics by the NHS on Thursday](#), indicates that Derbyshire continues to vaccinate people at a good pace.

Update for Derby and Derbyshire

Current situation

Pressure on the health and social care system in Derbyshire continues to abate with a further decrease in the number of people testing positive for coronavirus or being admitted to hospital.

The lockdown would appear to be having an effect, albeit slowly, with progress slow because the rates were high before the lockdown and the emergence of newer (more contagious) COVID variants.

The latest COVID-19 Mobility Data Report shows that travel to work, use of public transport and visits to supermarkets are well below the baseline (pre-pandemic) figures.

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hospital is welcome news, it is important to remember that patients are still being admitted to hospital with COVID-19 and there are still pressures on critical care services which still remain well above the levels seen during the first wave. We must continue to remain vigilant as hospital trusts and primary care services remain incredibly busy.

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

COVID-19 vaccination programme

The vaccination rollout in our county continues to make tremendous progress with 23 different sites now running.

Getting these sites up and running is a tremendous task and the result of fantastic cross system working. As at the end of January, Derbyshire had administered 172,302 doses, which was the fourth best performance of any system within the Midlands.

On Monday Prime Minister Boris Johnson visited the unique COVID-19 vaccination facility at Derby Arena where we have a Local Vaccination Service and Vaccination Centre operating together under one roof. One side is a local vaccination service, run by 30 GP practices for local people, and the other side is a vaccination centre, managed by Derbyshire Community Health Services (DCHS) NHS Foundation Trust.



Mr Johnson met clinical directors, staff and volunteers working at both sites, praising the work done by all the teams in delivering thousands of vaccinations since operations began at the Arena on January 7. For more information about the visit see issue #26 of our vaccination programme stakeholder bulletin available [here](#).

Working together to combat vaccine hesitancy

As we continue with our programme to vaccinate the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation's (JCVI) four priority groups as fast and safely as possible, partners are simultaneously working together to ensure vaccination myths are dispelled and community leaders are helping to support positive messaging around the vaccination campaign, particularly in our communities that have been identified as most

vaccine hesitant or who are seldom heard. We have linked to a number of resources in the 'national updates' section of this bulletin and below are links to other helpful resources. We would be grateful if you could circulate these as far and wide across your networks and in any communication channels you have access to:

- Citizen Khan actor Adil Ray and other public figures including Sadiq Khan, Baroness Warsi, Meera Syal and Sanjeev Bhaskar [speak of the importance of getting vaccinated](#) and debunk many vaccination myths in the process.
- Encouraging staff and the public to use the government's '[SHARE](#)' [checklist](#), which helps to identify false content, and [NHS.UK](#), [GOV.UK](#) as reputable sources.
- [Dr Bola Owolabi](#), GP and Director of Health Inequalities at the Health Foundation, discusses vaccine safety.
- Vaccination letters in 16 languages which point to [further translated information](#).

Vaccination statistics

We receive a tremendous amount of interest in the vaccination statistics which are collated, validated and published nationally. These are being provided at STP level and are available [here](#).

Vaccination FAQs and the latest information on the community vaccination programme

Vaccination 'frequently asked questions' and the latest information on the community vaccination programme in Derby and Derbyshire is available [here](#).

GP registration campaign

We are encouraging anyone who is not registered with a GP to do so. Being registered with a GP has many benefits, including how to identify those people who are clinically vulnerable to COVID-19 and ensuring that they receive a vaccine.

- Anyone can register with a GP surgery.
- You do not need proof of address or immigration status.
- You might be able to register with a GP surgery that's not in the area you live.

Find out how to register at a GP surgery [here](#).

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

[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 news

Service concerns alert process paused

Due to many colleagues at NHS Derby and Derbyshire Clinical Commissioning Group being redeployed to support the national COVID-19 vaccination programme, it has become necessary to pause an integral part of the CCGs service concerns process. Find out more about this change [here](#).

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

Support, guidance, advice and wellbeing

Patient-friendly information on coronavirus

Accessible, high-quality information on COVID-19 is available at library.nhs.uk/coronavirus-resources. Selected by Health Education England's national NHS Knowledge and Library Services team this resource provides a gateway to the best available resources, gathered from a range of relevant health and third sector providers. Most recently sections have been added on long-COVID and vaccination.

Advice on healthcare for refugees and migrants

Public Health England has [published advice](#) on healthcare for refugees and migrants.

Support for Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities

Friends, Families and Travellers has a [service directory](#) on its website, and relevant information on [COVID-19](#).

COVID-19 vaccination: British Sign Language resources

British Sign Language (BSL) [videos](#) on COVID-19 vaccination.

Coronavirus (COVID-19): providing unpaid care

[Information](#) for people who are caring, unpaid, for friends or family during the coronavirus outbreak.

Enabling safe and effective volunteering during coronavirus (COVID-19)

[This guidance](#) aims to help organisations and groups understand how to safely and effectively involve volunteers during the pandemic.

Mental health

The pandemic has for many people of all ages had an increasingly negative effect on their mental health. NHS mental health services remain open. NHS urgent mental health helplines are for people of all ages and you can call for:

- 24-hour advice and support – for you, your child, your parent or someone you care for
- help to speak to a mental health professional
- an assessment to help decide on the best course of care

[Find a local NHS urgent mental health helpline](#)

Other resources you may find useful:

- [advice for parents, guardians and carers](#) on how to support a child or young person if they are concerned about their mental health
- [guidance](#) for young people who may be suffering stress, anxiety or depression
- a wide range of further support, such as [Every Mind Matters](#) and [Young Minds](#).

If you're finding home schooling tough, you are not alone

[This article](#) will, at the very least, reassure you that you are not alone if you are finding home schooling tough.

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

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](#)

[Bereavement support](#)

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

[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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You can download previous editions of this bulletin [here](#).

Contact

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

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