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# Stakeholder Bulletin

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## Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19): Derby and Derbyshire stakeholder bulletin #43



Dear partners

Last week I reported the tremendous pressure the health and social care system in Derbyshire was under and this week, while a huge amount of pressure still exists, I can report that the number of hospital beds occupied by confirmed COVID-19 cases (as reported by NHSE at 8am 27/01/2021) stood at 693 (494 UHDB, 170 CRH, 21 DCHS, 6 DHcFT\*) compared to 703 last week. This represents the first decrease in weekly occupancy since November.

Both Pillar 1\*\* and P2\*\*\* positive tests have decreased again from the previous week – by 14% and 8% respectively. This is the second consecutive week of decrease and presents a very encouraging sign that the national lockdown may now be taking effect to reduce local incidence. The number of hospital outbreaks has also reduced from the previous week.

Though these are encouraging figures, there is no room for complacency as our system continues to respond with urgency to address the ongoing pressures we face. All of us must continue to do everything in our power to help further reduce the infection rate. That means complying with government guidance on staying safe and taking up the offer of a vaccination if we are eligible.

Thanks to the grit and determination of colleagues across the entire health and care system in Derbyshire, the vaccination programme in Derbyshire continues to perform well achieving all of its targets last week

(you can see figures relating to local performance in the statistics section of this bulletin). This is a great achievement, especially when you consider the additional challenges posed by the adverse weather during this time. All energy now is on achieving the 15 February deadline to offer a first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine to cohorts 1-4.

Despite the positive progress of the vaccination programme, we know that there are lower levels of take up of the vaccination in some of our communities than others and we are working with behavioural psychologists, local authority colleagues and others across the system to help address this. As part of our approach we are using locally derived video materials and also nationally available materials which we link to in the 'update for Derby and Derbyshire' section below and I would be grateful if you could share.

I was sad to learn that Captain Sir Tom Moore, the Second World War veteran, who inspired the nation in lockdown by raising tens of millions of pounds for the NHS, died at the age of 100 on Tuesday morning after contracting COVID-19. As the Prime Minister said in his tribute to Sir Tom, his was a "life well lived" and he "inspired the very best in us all". Not only did he unite us during the first lockdown but he cheered us all up. Sir Tom, thank you, we salute you.

With best wishes and please do stay safe.

Chris

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\*\*pillar 1: swab testing in Public Health England (PHE) labs and NHS hospitals for those with a clinical need, and health and care workers

\*\*\*pillar 2: swab testing for the wider population, as set out in government guidance

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## National updates

### [Captain Sir Tom Moore: Nation claps for NHS fundraiser](#)

People have been taking part in a national clap to honour Captain Sir Tom Moore.

### [More than 10 million people receive first dose of COVID-19 vaccine in UK](#)

Significant milestone reached as almost 1 in 5 adults in the UK get the vaccine.

### [PM hails care home vaccine 'milestone'](#)

A Covid vaccine has been offered to all older residents at eligible care homes in England, the NHS has announced.

### [COVID-19: Study showing Oxford vaccine slows virus spread 'superb' - Hancock](#)

Results that show the Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine might reduce the spread of coronavirus have been hailed as "absolutely superb" by the health secretary. It is the first time a study has shown a vaccine can reduce the spread of COVID-19.

### [Antibodies last at least six months in most](#)

As many as 88% of people still have antibodies in their blood to fight Covid-19 six months after infection, a study of almost 1,700 people suggests.

### [Bank of England: Economy to rebound strongly due to vaccine](#)

The UK's rapid Covid-19 vaccination programme will help the economy rebound strongly this year, according to the Bank of England.

### [Boris Johnson 'optimistic' about summer holiday prospects](#)

Prime Minister says he is "optimistic" people will be able to have summer holidays this year - but it depends on certain things going well.

### [Covid trial in UK examines mixing different vaccines](#)

A UK trial has been launched to see if giving people different Covid vaccines for their first and second doses works as well as the current approach of using the same type of vaccine twice.

### [Novavax vaccine shows 89% efficacy in UK trials](#)

COVID-19 vaccine Novavax – of which the British Government has ordered 60 million doses – proves 89.3% effective in large-scale UK trials.

### [Covid-19: People in South African variant test areas urged to 'think twice'](#)

People in areas that have been singled out for enhanced testing for the South African variant should further limit the time they spend away from home, a minister has said.

### [When will schools reopen?](#)

Schools across the UK currently remain closed to most pupils, with remote learning being offered instead.

### **Back to basics**

[All you need to know about COVID-19](#)

[Am I allowed to give my friends a hug?](#)

[Who can get a coronavirus test?](#)

[Covid symptoms: Is it a cold, flu or coronavirus?](#)

[Where do I have to wear a mask?](#)

### **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

### Rate of infection per 100,000 population

As at Friday 29 January 2021 the rate of infection per 100,000 population in Derby city is reducing, now down to 521, although this improvement is slow. Sinfin, Rose Hill and Normanton have the highest rates, but are reducing. The rate of infection per 100,000 population in Derbyshire is reducing marginally, now at 371 with the highest rate in Bolsover.

As at Friday 29 January 2021 the demand for urgent care has been lower than in December. However, hospital flow is significantly challenged due to the volume of COVID presentations. A&E 4hr performance has been maintained at both Chesterfield Royal Hospital and University Hospitals of Derby and Burton. See and Treat percentages continue to be above the previous year, showing a sustained improvement in performance.

### Planned care and cancer

Cancer waits above 62 days are within the target recovery trajectory at CRH but have increased at UHDB in December. The number of patients waiting longer than 52 weeks has continued to grow with the largest percentage being in trauma and orthopaedics (T&O). All patients on waiting lists have been clinically triaged and are being treated in priority order as services resume.

Elective service restoration is now at risk due to rising COVID demand with the majority of elective lists being cancelled. The Independent Sector is continuing to provide support to both Trusts in delivering elective and cancer surgery. December data on Elective Recovery shows that daycase actuals were close to plan despite challenging circumstances. Elective actuals were below plan, however, due to COVID-related capacity constraints.

### Capacity

Staff COVID-19 related absences at acute trusts have fallen to 54% of total absences. The worst affected provider is UHDB where staff sickness rates are still close to 11%. Sickness rates remain high at other providers.

86% of beds with Oxygen support are currently occupied, 28% are occupied by confirmed or suspected COVID patients. Both Trusts' overall General Anaesthesia (G&A) occupancy is very close to capacity at present. Both Trusts have been utilising ICU surge or super surge capacity and are above core occupancy but usage has been roughly static over the last two weeks at UHDB. CRH are now utilising super surge capacity but occupancy has fallen from the beginning of the week.

### Covid forward look

The scenario modelling has been updated to include recent COVID occupancy. ICU occupancy has been reduced based on current conversion levels seen and is under further review as ICU conversions appear to have reduced during the third wave. On current trends, all sites are modelled to stay within their surge ICU capacity and the forecast is improving on previous models.

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 programme in Derbyshire continues to perform well – even the snow on Tuesday did not cause any delays for the vaccination sites. For two weeks' we have had vaccination locations countywide and this week began with the encouraging news that every eligible care home with older residents across England has now been offered the COVID-19 vaccine, and Derbyshire has played its role in this success. This milestone has been achieved thanks to the professionalism and dedication of colleagues from multiple organisations. You can read more about this milestone [here](#).

### Lower levels of uptake in some of our communities

Despite the positive progress of the vaccination programme, we know that there are lower levels of take up of the vaccination in some of our communities than others and we are working to address this. In the

introduction to this bulletin, Chris highlighted our use of local and national materials to support our work in this area and we would be grateful if you could share the below videos and the important messages in them:

- [Dr Bola Owolabi](#), GP and Director of Health Inequalities at the Health Foundation, discusses vaccine safety
- 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](#)

### Vaccinations and Ramadan

The British Muslim Council have [confirmed](#) that receiving the COVID-19 vaccines currently licensed in the UK will not invalidate the fast and so individuals should not delay their Covid vaccinations on the account of Ramadan.

### Three new pharmacy-led vaccination sites open

On Thursday pharmacy-led teams began vaccinating at Casa Hotel in Chesterfield, St John's Methodist Church in Allestree, and Pinxton Village Hall.



Graham and Rose Saint were among the first patients to receive their COVID-19 vaccination at casa hotel.

June Barnes received her vaccination at St John's Methodist Church with the help of BSL signer Siobhan Shaw from Derby City Council. Siobhan was also able to lip read which is why she's only wearing a visor covering.



John Newsan, pictured with pharmacist Catherine Leaf-Lomas, received his vaccination at casa hotel. He is looking forward to seeing friends again and going on walks further afield once it is safe to do so

Pharmacy-led COVID-19 vaccination sites are an important development and will help us to reach yet more people with the vaccination programme.

### **Vaccination statistics**

We receive a tremendous amount of interest in the vaccination statistics which are collated, validated and published nationally. From 21st January these are being provided at STP level and show that the area covered by Joined Up Care Derbyshire is performing well in providing first doses of COVID-19 vaccine. You can see the full data set [here](#).

### **Forward look**

The next few weeks are expected to be very busy on all the vaccination sites as everyone works towards the target of vaccinating all patients in the first four priority groups by February 15.

### **Vaccination FAQs**

#### **Who is being offered a COVID-19 vaccine currently?**

The NHS is currently in the process of offering the vaccine to people who are aged 70 and over, those who live or work in care homes, and frontline health and social care staff. When everyone in these groups has had the chance to get their first dose of the vaccine, the programme will expand to other people that are at risk either due to their age group or medical condition in line with the advice from the Joint Committee on Vaccinations and Immunisations.

#### **What should I bring to my vaccination appointment?**

If you have been sent an invitation letter or text message, please bring this with you. If you do not have an invitation, bring evidence of your age, staff identification (for frontline healthcare workers) or evidence that you are officially considered to be extremely clinically vulnerable. Please do not bring bags or rucksacks and family members and friends should only attend with you if they are needed to help you to understand or receive your vaccination. Staff will use their discretion, but please follow these guidelines where possible to reduce delays and make your vaccination experience as smooth as possible.

For more 'frequently asked questions' and the latest information on the community vaccination programme in Derby and Derbyshire see the bulletin we produce and publish [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 listed below:

[University Hospitals of Derby and Burton 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](#).

### **Children's mental health week**

The theme this year is "Express Yourself". Expressing yourself is about finding ways to share feelings, thoughts, or ideas, through creativity. It's important to remember that being able to express yourself is not about being the best at something or putting on a performance for others. It is about finding a way to show who you are, and how you see the world, that can help you feel good about yourself. [Find out more](#).

### **World Cancer Day**

[World Cancer Day](#) took place on Thursday 4 February and is aimed at spreading awareness and support for those living with cancer.

### **Time To Talk Day**

[Time to Talk Day](#) also took place on Thursday 4 February. This year's focus is on the power of small, because however you have a conversation about mental health, it has the power to make a big difference. If you didn't find 'time to talk' on Thursday, then don't worry as every day is an opportunity to start a conversation with a friend, colleague or family member about mental health.

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

## Support, guidance, advice and wellbeing

### **Support for Derby city families caring for those with special educational needs and disability**

[Click here](#) for information on a variety of support and activities available to Derby city families caring for those with special educational needs and disability at this time.

### **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](mailto:ddccg.enquiries@nhs.net).

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