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# Stakeholder Bulletin

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## Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19): Derby and Derbyshire stakeholder bulletin #45



Dear partners

The NHS reached another significant milestone on Monday when it met the government's deadline of vaccinating 15 million of the most vulnerable people in the UK against COVID-19 – all within 10 weeks. Indeed, vaccination teams across Joined Up Care Derbyshire reached a greater percentage of over-70s patients than almost any other area in the country, ahead of the national target. When everyone works together, the NHS can achieve amazing things, and there's probably no better example in NHS history than this.

Monday also marked the start of the vaccination programme's next phase with letters going out to patients in cohorts 5 and 6. Cohort 5 is people aged 65-69, and is a natural development from the earlier vaccinations of patients aged over 70 years old. Cohort 6 is made up of people who are deemed clinically vulnerable. There's more information on this in the 'Derby and Derbyshire' section below.

Last week Chris spoke about the challenges the spread of disinformation about the COVID vaccination is causing the vaccination programme and this week the head of NHS England, Sir Simon Stevens, described the country as being locked in a battle against a "pandemic of disinformation" and highlighted the importance of fighting both the virus and disinformation with "equal vigour". To support this Joined Up Care Derbyshire has launched a Community Representatives' Communication Toolkit aimed at tackling disinformation and vaccine hesitancy in our communities.

This week we are beginning to see headlines emerge about there being a “strong decline” in the number of coronavirus infections and while the number of infections is indeed falling, it is so important to remember that virus levels are still high, with one in 200 testing positive between 4 and 13 February. As the Prime Minister said this week about where we find ourselves now: “we can be optimistic ... but [this is] no time to relax”. Patients are still being admitted to hospital with COVID-19 and there are still pressures on critical care services so please continue to be vigilant.

Together we are reducing the spread of coronavirus in Derbyshire but there’s still work to be done. The vaccination is a big step forward in the fight against the illness but there is still a long way to go with the vaccination programme and so everyone needs to carry on with the basics – hands, face, space – and continue to follow the rules. I know it’s difficult and tough at times, but I’d urge everyone to keep going – you are making a difference.

With best wishes and please do stay safe.

Chris

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## National updates

[Boris Johnson to focus on 'data, not dates' for lockdown easing](#)

Boris Johnson says it is "absolutely right" to take a "data not dates" approach to leaving lockdown, stressing England will ease measures "cautiously".

[Coronavirus R number falls below 1 in UK for first time since July](#)

Reproduction number estimated to be between 0.7 and 0.9, suggesting epidemic is shrinking.

[Commercial TV channels unite to screen Covid vaccine myth-busting video](#)

A star-filled video urging people from ethnic minority communities to get the Covid vaccine will be shown across the UK's main commercial TV channels later.

#### [Claims vaccinations harm fertility unfounded](#)

Claims on social media that the Covid vaccine could affect female fertility are unfounded, experts have said.

#### [World's first human trials given green light in UK](#)

Healthy, young volunteers will be infected with coronavirus to test vaccines and treatments in the world's first Covid-19 "human challenge" study, which will take place in the UK.

#### [Why goal is to live with the virus - not fight it](#)

The government says it hopes to make Covid a manageable disease like flu.

#### [How will we know if the vaccine is working?](#)

More than 15 million people in the UK have received a first dose of coronavirus vaccine - but how will we know if it's working?

#### [What are the UK's lockdown rules and when will they be reviewed?](#)

All of the UK is under a lockdown to try to bring down the rate of coronavirus and protect the NHS.

#### [Downing Street press conference statement 15 February, slides and datasets](#)

#### [Groundbreaking COVID-19 treatments to be fast-tracked through clinical trials](#)

#### [Muslim community ambassadors launch appeal to donate plasma for COVID research](#)

### 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

Whilst the numbers of COVID patients in hospital are now falling, it is important to remember that patients are still being admitted to hospital with COVID-19 and intensive Care Unit (ICU) occupancy remains high. In-hospital outbreaks continue to cause capacity challenges as does staff sickness which is still high (though has fallen significantly in recent weeks).

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:

- Have their COVID-19 vaccination if invited to do so
- 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 - Derbyshire among best in England for vaccinating people over 70

Vaccination teams across Joined Up Care Derbyshire reached a greater percentage of over-70s patients than almost any other area in the country, ahead of the national target of vaccinating everyone aged over 70 by February 15.

Official figures up to February 7 showed 92.5% of people aged over 70 had received a vaccination, which was the top performance for any system across the Midlands and the second best in England. Only Somerset, with 93.5%, performed better.

[Find out more](#)

[See also coverage in the Derby Telegraph](#)

### Mop-up of Cohorts 1 to 4

Mop-up of Cohorts 1 to 4 continues with practices proactively following up patients alongside local and national reminders for people in these cohorts to contact their GP if they have not had their vaccination.

### Latest developments

Letters have now gone out to patients in two new cohorts, known as Cohort 5 and Cohort 6. Cohort 5 is people aged 65-69, and is a natural development from the earlier vaccinations of patients aged over 70 years old. [Cohort 6](#) is made up of people who are deemed clinically vulnerable. Letters have been sent out by the National Booking System and by GP-led vaccination sites, so some people will receive letters from both and can choose. If you are in either of these groups, please be patient and wait to be invited for your appointment.

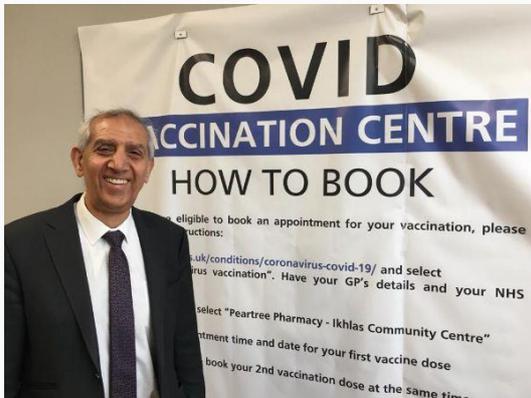
### Tackling Vaccine Hesitancy In Our Communities

Joined Up Care Derbyshire has launched a [Community Representatives' Communication Toolkit](#) aimed at tackling vaccine hesitancy in our communities and disinformation. The first four toolkits aim to assist African, Bangladeshi, Caribbean and Pakistani community and faith leaders in conversations with their communities to encourage vaccine uptake using information from reputable sources including scripts, videos from trusted voices, social media images and useful links, some translated into community languages. More materials will be added to reach other priority communities over the coming weeks.

See also: Derbyshire County Council's ['COVID-19. Get the Facts'](#) campaign.

### Hardyal Dhindsa, Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner gets his vaccination

Hardyal Dhindsa, Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner had his COVID-19 vaccination on Thursday at the Ikhlas Community Centre in Derby, one of the seven pharmacy led vaccination centres in the county. Hardyal was vaccinated by Atfab Rehman, lead pharmacist at Peartree Pharmacy and after his vaccination Hardyal said; "The vaccination is safe, it's easy, its painless, do not believe the myths and lies about it being bad for you."



### Vaccination statistics

We receive a tremendous amount of interest in the vaccination statistics which are collated, validated and published nationally every Thursday. 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 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 news

### Help Us, Help You lung cancer campaign launched

Cancer remains a priority for the NHS and the latest phase of the Help Us, Help You campaign urges people worried about possible symptoms of lung cancer to contact their GP practice. It focuses on the key symptom – a cough that lasts for three weeks or more.

[www.nhs.uk/cancersymptoms](http://www.nhs.uk/cancersymptoms)

### Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service

Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service is keen to hear from you if you know, support or care for someone that you believe may be at risk of fire due to:

- Careless smoking
- Overloaded sockets/poor electrics
- Hoarding
- Dangerous heat sources
- Dangerous cooking methods
- Limited mobility

Find out more at [www.derbys-fire.gov.uk](http://www.derbys-fire.gov.uk).

### New local health apps library to manage your health and wellbeing from home

Online and digital health and wellbeing services have seen a huge boom in recent years but with thousands of apps out there it can be hard to know what is trustworthy.

That's why Derbyshire County Council has been working in partnership with The Organisation for the Review of Care and Health Apps (ORCHA) to develop a new digital apps library.

Health and care professionals and Derbyshire residents can now visit [derbyshire.orchaco.uk](http://derbyshire.orchaco.uk) and search and download from 100s of quality assured health and wellbeing apps.

### Views sought on making oral contraceptive available from pharmacies

The Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) has launched [a public consultation](#) on the reclassification of two progestogen-only contraceptive pills containing desogestrel, asking whether they should be available over the counter without a medical prescription. The consultation closes on **Friday 5 March**.

### Keep alert - be fraud aware

Since March 2020, there has been an increase in fraud, with fraudsters using different coronavirus related scams, which can leave people vulnerable to computer viruses and malicious software, as well as out of pocket. The fraud team at Derbyshire Police have put together [a leaflet](#) to highlight some of the frauds being encountered in Derbyshire, at the moment.

## Support, guidance, advice and wellbeing

### Mental health

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](#)

[Patient-friendly information on coronavirus](#)

Accessible, high-quality information on COVID-19 is available at [library.nhs.uk/coronavirus-resources](https://library.nhs.uk/coronavirus-resources).

#### **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.

#### **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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## 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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