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Dear partners

Like most of you I watched with interest as the Prime Minister outlined on Monday afternoon the government's 'roadmap' for bringing the country out of the current lockdown. Schools are set to reopen on 8 March, non-essential retail in England could reopen by 12 April and we now have a tentative date of 21 June to end all legal limits on social contact. The dates are subject to four tests which must be met before we can move through each step of the COVID-19 roadmap. Decisions at each step will be made on the latest data and the government has said that they will proceed cautiously in the hope the roadmap becomes 'irreversible' and does not undo the progress that has been achieved so far. You can find out more about the government's plans by following the links in the 'national updates' section.

This week we also welcomed the news that the COVID-19 vaccination programme appears to be having a "spectacular" impact on preventing serious illness. This is a significant development as evidence that the vaccines are sufficiently effective in reducing hospitalisations and deaths in those vaccinated is the second of the four tests. The UK has one of the most advanced vaccination programmes in the world, with over 18 million people being reached at the time of writing. We truly are in a fortunate position. The COVID-19 vaccination programme continues to be a source of great hope and optimism, but despite considerable efforts to reach the most vulnerable members of our communities, and the high level of vaccine confidence

reported across older age groups, the risk of widening inequalities among some groups is ever present and that is why I would be extremely grateful if there is any action you can take to help tackle what the head of NHS England, Sir Simon Stevens, describes as the "pandemic of disinformation" and the issue of vaccine hesitancy in our communities. Each week we include resources in this bulletin to help with these two issues, so please utilise them to support the effort to address vaccine inequalities.

Whilst the COVID-19 vaccination programme, decline in infection rates and a reduction in the amount of serious illness and deaths caused by COVID is overwhelmingly positive, I must continue to stress that the health and care system in Derby and Derbyshire is still under very significant pressure and will continue to be so for some time yet. That is why it is so important that we all continue to play our part by following government guidelines. You may notice a new advertising campaign this week to encourage people across the UK to "keep going" and remain at home. If we do then we will be that bit closer to a future that is more familiar.

On a final note I want to say a huge thank you to everyone who has been working so hard for so long, not just in our hospitals but also in primary and community care, mental health and learning disability services. I know you will join me in appreciating their tremendous efforts and acknowledging the work they do, day in day out.

With best wishes and please do stay safe.

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National updates

[The COVID-19 Roadmap for England: Step 1](#)

The government has published the 'COVID-19 Response - Spring 2021', setting out the roadmap out of the current lockdown for England.

See also: [What's the roadmap for lifting lockdown?](#); [Why can't we unlock more quickly?](#); [What are the risks of schools, pubs and shops reopening?](#); [Why has Boris Johnson opted for caution on lockdown rules?](#)

[New education recovery package for children and young people](#)

New £700 million plan laid out to help young people in England catch up on lost learning due to the pandemic.

See also: [When will schools reopen?](#); [A-level and GCSE results to be decided by teachers](#); [Summer catch-up schools planned for pupils in England](#)

[Covid vaccines - 'spectacular' impact on serious illness](#)

The first results of the UK vaccination programme suggests it is having a "spectacular" impact on preventing serious illness.

[Johnson and Johnson vaccine: FDA finds the single-shot jab safe](#)

US regulators have found the single-shot Johnson & Johnson coronavirus vaccine is safe and effective.

[150,000 with learning disabilities to be prioritised for vaccine](#)

Everyone on the GP learning disability register should be prioritised for a Covid vaccine, the joint committee on vaccination has advised the government.

[WHO scheme Covax delivers first vaccines](#)

Ghana has become the first country to receive coronavirus vaccines through the Covax vaccine-sharing initiative.

[Adverts urge people to 'keep going' and remain at home](#)

An advertising campaign has been launched to encourage people across the UK to "keep going" and remain at home.

[COVID-19 home testing kits now easier to order](#)

The government has introduced a number of new accessibility improvements to the home testing programme to make it even easier to get tested. Updated: 18 February 2021.

[£18.5 million to tackle long COVID through research](#)

People experiencing the longer-term effects of long COVID to benefit from research projects to help better understand the causes, symptoms and treatment.

[Nearest testing site now on average under 2 miles away](#)

The median distance travelled for a PCR test is just 1.9 miles, a record for the service, while 86.9% of cases, and 93.6% of their contacts, are reached this reporting week.

[How to stop the spread of coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)

This guidance is for everyone to help reduce the risk of catching coronavirus (COVID-19) and passing it on to others. By following these steps, you will help to protect yourself, your loved ones and those in your community. This helpful document is available in **Arabic, Bengali, Simplified Chinese, Traditional Chinese, French, Gujarati, Polish, Portugese, Punjabi and Urdu.**

[Dame Fiona Caldicott tribute](#)

A tribute to Dame Fiona Caldicott, the first National Data Guardian, whose work over many years leaves a lasting legacy for patients and service users.

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

As at 19 February there has been a significant decrease in COVID hospitalisation and reduction in community and hospital incidence. This would seem to follow the significant decrease we saw in both P1* and P2* positive tests the previous week.

17% of beds with oxygen support are occupied by confirmed or suspected COVID patients which is a significant improvement at both Chesterfield Royal Hospital and University Hospitals of Derby and Burton.

Both Trusts have been utilising ICU surge capacity with occupancy varying but not increasing overall. Overall General and Acute capacity is challenged at both Trusts and progress with elective service restoration continues to be impacted by the third wave of COVID-19.

Staff COVID-19 related absences at our hospitals have fallen to 43% of total absences – a decrease of 2%. COVID-related absence has also fallen at other providers.

*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

COVID-19 vaccination programme

The vaccination programme in Derby and Derbyshire is progressing well and continues to focus on people aged 65 to 69 and those who are clinically vulnerable against COVID-19. At the same time, vaccination teams across Derby and Derbyshire are preparing to administer second doses. Vaccination teams have been preparing carefully for this important stage, with GP-led vaccination sites in particular gearing up to administer second doses as people return to the same place as they had their first dose. **People will be told when to come for this if they do not already have an appointment. They do not need to call their GP or vaccination centre.**

The government has added 1.7million people to the shielding list in England. It comes after a new model was developed that takes into account extra factors rather than just health. The model has been applied to all of the central medical records of NHS patients in England with the outcome resulting in the additional people being added to the shielding list and newly identified as Clinically Extremely Vulnerable. Those newly identified as Clinically Extremely Vulnerable have been able to book via the [National Booking Service](#) since Saturday 20 February as have adult carers. According to the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation and Public Health England Green Book, adult carers are “those who are eligible for a carer’s allowance, or those who are the sole or primary carer of an elderly or disabled person who is at increased risk of COVID-19 mortality and therefore clinically vulnerable”. If you are in either of these groups or you know people that are, please urge them to get booked in for their vaccination. If they are unable to access the NHS website they can call **119** free of charge.

New support materials for delivery of COVID 19 vaccinations for people with a learning disability

This week it was confirmed that everyone on the doctors learning disability register will be invited to have their coronavirus vaccination if they haven’t already had it.

[This short film](#) produced by Skills for People and Learning Disability England describes what a vaccine is, why it is important to have the vaccine and how you might feel when you have the vaccine.

Public Health England have produced an [easy read guide to your COVID-19 vaccination leaflet](#) and another leaflet describing [what you can expect after the vaccine](#) which can be requested in an accessible format.

A woman with Down’s Syndrome was so impressed by her recent experience of getting the coronavirus vaccination that she decided to help others by making her own video to help demystify the process.

Joanne from Rugby received the coronavirus vaccine at her local GP led service last week. The 40 year old is in cohort six and is now a priority group for the vaccination. She has produced a [video](#) to share her experience of receiving the vaccine which has hopes will encourage others with Down’s Syndrome to get vaccinated.

Addressing vaccine resistance

Figures published by NHS England last week showed that people of black ethnicity were still around half as likely as people of white ethnicity to get vaccinated. People of Asian ethnicity remained around two thirds as likely as their white counterparts to accept vaccination.

Michelle Bateman, chief nurse for Derbyshire Community Health Services NHS Foundation Trust, who is black Caribbean, spoke to the Derby Telegraph this week encouraging anyone with concerns about the vaccine to talk to their GP or a health professional. She said: "If we don't get as many people getting the vaccinations as possible it is going to affect how we get out of this."

Following the launch of the [Community Representatives' Communication Toolkit](#) to assist African, Bangladeshi, Caribbean and Pakistani community and faith leaders in conversations with their communities to encourage vaccine uptake we are now working to encourage uptake of the vaccine among other groups including homeless, Roma gypsy travelling communities, asylum seekers and others.

BBC video content available in Urdu, Punjabi, Tamil, Sylheti and Gujarati

Please share this content where appropriate. Content includes:

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

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](#).

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

Multi-million build to transform emergency care in north Derbyshire

A [multi-million pound building development](#) at Chesterfield Royal Hospital NHS Foundation Trust is set to transform the face of emergency and urgent care for more than 420,000 people who live in north Derbyshire.

Community testing sites

[Two new community testing centres for people who don't have coronavirus symptoms open in Derbyshire this week](#). The two centres – in Erewash and Derbyshire Dales – will mean there are testing centres in each district and borough across Derbyshire.

Help Us, Help You – lunch cancer

Cancer remains a priority for the NHS and the NHS is urging people worried about [possible symptoms](#), particularly a cough that lasts for three weeks or more, to contact their GP practice.

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. Find out more at www.derbys-fire.gov.uk.

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

Derbyshire County Council has been working in partnership with The Organisation for the Review of Care and Health Apps (ORCHA) to develop a new quality assured [digital apps library](#).

Views sought on making oral contraceptive available from pharmacies

The [public consultation](#) is open until Friday 5 March.

Keep alert - be fraud aware

The fraud team at Derbyshire Police have put together [this leaflet](#) to highlight some of the frauds being encountered in Derbyshire, at the moment.

Support, guidance, advice and wellbeing

An easy read guide to personal health budgets

[This](#) easy read guide brings together information on what a personal health budget is, who can have one, what they can be used for and how some people have used them. The guide is aimed at people, families and carers that receive or know someone who receives/has a personal health budget as well as health and care staff that offer and support people to get a personal health budget.

Mental health

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

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

Patient-friendly information on coronavirus

Accessible, high-quality information on COVID-19 is available at 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.

Lockdown learning

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

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

Other useful links

[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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