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Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19): Derby and Derbyshire stakeholder bulletin #47



Dear partners

Millions of people will I'm sure be poring over the detail in the budget presented by Chancellor Rishi Sunak on Wednesday and trying to understand how it will affect them. The budget was a stark reminder of the economic damage caused by coronavirus as hundreds of billions have been spent supporting businesses and jobs, and fighting the pandemic. While it can be overwhelming to think about the amount of money that has had to be borrowed in order to respond to the pandemic, there was positive news from the Office for Budget Responsibility as they predict that our gross domestic product - GDP – will return to pre-pandemic levels in the middle of next year. We've included a number of links below in the 'national updates' section to help you understand what the budget means for you.

According to the latest figures, the number of weekly registered deaths related to COVID-19 in England and Wales has fallen by a quarter. These figures are encouraging and the decline in deaths is mirrored in the rate of infection and the incidence of serious illness. This downward trend is, I'm sure, in no small part thanks to the successful rollout of the COVID-19 vaccination programme and people's ongoing efforts in the third national lockdown. What's important now is ensuring that the downward trend continues as this will enable us to move forward with the restoration and recovery work that began last year.

There have been a number of occasions over the last few months where there were more patients with COVID-19 in our hospitals than at any point during the first wave of the virus. This was most prominent during January 2021, when our intensive care units were looking after 150% more patients than usual and

Since since the number of COVID-19 patients were in our hospital beds than we saw in the first wave. This has had an impact on our ability to restore services as it has for other NHS Trusts nationwide and healthcare systems in Europe. As NHS Chief Executive, Simon Stevens, has said, as the number of patients with COVID rises, the ability of the NHS to respond to patients with non-COVID issues reduces. Inevitably this has meant our capacity for elective surgery has been less than it would ordinarily be, and we will be talking more about this issue in the weeks to come.

At the time of writing, more than 20 million people in the UK, including 17 million across England, have had their first COVID-19 vaccination. A comprehensive update on the vaccination programme in Derby and Derbyshire is available below, but I would like to highlight here that 353,000 vaccinations have now been delivered in Derbyshire. More than a third of people in Derbyshire aged 16 or over have now been vaccinated, including 97% of people aged over 70. These are staggering figures which I do not think would have been achieved were it not for everyone involved in the vaccination programme going above and beyond the call of duty in remarkable ways, showing extraordinary dedication, skill and compassion.

It is with this last point in mind that I was extremely saddened to hear that staff in our vaccination centres are being subjected to aggressive behaviour from members of the public who, to put it politely, prematurely feel that it is their turn to receive the vaccine. The vaccination programme is being delivered in line with the advice from the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) which put forward which groups should be prioritised for vaccination. You can [click here](#) to find out more about when and how you are likely to receive your COVID-19 vaccination. You might see people who are on the face of it younger or healthier than you going for their vaccination, but if they have been invited then it will be for good reason. Please be patient. No one should go to work worried that they will have to face violence or abuse so please could I ask that you help to spread the message to be kind as the vaccination programme progresses. The prime minister has pledged that all adults in the UK will be offered their first dose of a coronavirus vaccine by the end of July. We will get to you.

With best wishes and please do stay safe.

Chris

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Budget 2021

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Other news

[JCVI interim statement on phase 2 of the COVID-19 vaccination programme](#)

[Response from the Department of Health and Social Care to the interim statement from the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation \(JCVI\) on phase 2 of the COVID-19 vaccination programme](#)

[New data show vaccines reduce severe COVID-19 in older adults](#)

[UK charities join together to boost vaccine drive](#)

[Health and Social Care Secretary's statement on coronavirus \(COVID-19\): 1 March 2021 \(after 20m milestone\)](#)

[All households with children of school age to get two rapid COVID-19 tests per person per week](#)

Note: The Department of Education has said that letters with “advice on where to access testing” will be “made available for schools to share with parents and staff shortly”. As with the tests for pupils, testing of family members is encouraged, but not mandatory.

[COVID-secure election campaigning will go ahead](#)

[Ban lifted to allow UK blood plasma to be used for life-saving treatments](#)

[COVID-19 vaccination: why you are being asked to wait](#)

[Global Travel Taskforce meets to map out safe return to international travel](#)

The roadmap out of lockdown - explainers in South Asian languages

Follow the links in the ‘related’ section for lots more videos in South Asian languages.

[Sylheti](#), [Gujarati](#), [Tamil](#), [Urdu](#), [Punjabi](#)

And finally...

[‘Vaccine, vaccine’ - Dolly sings before COVID-19 jab](#)

Singing to the tune of her hit song Jolene, the country star, 75, promotes coronavirus vaccinations. This article also looks at other celebrities who have had their jab, including Arnold Schwarzenegger who implores those watching to ‘come with me if you want to live’. If you haven’t yet seen it, [Elton John’s message to get the vaccine](#) may also bring a smile to your face.

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 reported in recent weeks, the COVID-19 activity levels in Derby and Derbyshire continue to decrease. This improved picture highlights the gains being made to protect communities through the combined success of the COVID-19 vaccination programme in Derby and Derbyshire and the national lockdown.

The decline in deaths, rate of infection and the incidence of serious illness is encouraging, but 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 as it moves once again to restore services and work its way through the backlog of elective care. That is why it is so important that we all continue to “keep going” with following government guidelines and going to the right NHS service when we need treatment.

We are also mindful of other factors that could have a bearing on our plans to restore services; factors such as possible increases in COVID-19 activity following the reopening of schools next week and restrictions being eased over the coming months, increases in non-elective (urgent) care and possible requests for mutual aid requirements to support critical care.

COVID-19 vaccination programme

The vaccination programme in Derby and Derbyshire is progressing well and continues to focus on people in cohort 5 (All those 65 years of age and over) and cohort 6 (adults aged 16 or over in an at-risk group, including carers and people on the GP Learning Disability Register). Anyone in cohorts 1 – 4 who still has not been vaccinated is being urged to book their appointment through the [National Booking System](#) or calling **119** if they do not have access to the internet. We also began delivering second doses of the COVID-19 vaccine for Derbyshire patients.

Dr Steve Lloyd, medical director at NHS Derby and Derbyshire Clinical Commissioning Group, spoke to the Derbyshire Times this week about the importance of the second dose. He said: “The second dose of vaccine is critical, as it provides even better protection for longer, and this is key to us all being able to return to a more normal way of life.”

People will be told when to come for their second vaccination if they do not already have an appointment. They do not need to call their GP or vaccination centre.

This week we are also pleased to confirm the opening of another pharmacy-led site, Hathersage Memorial Hall.

[COVID-19 patient journey communication resources – please promote and share](#)

Please watch and share our [NHS COVID-19 Vaccination Patient Journey video](#) which explains what to expect when getting your vaccine. The video is available in multiple languages and we have also developed a patient flyer that explains the journey. We are continuing with our work to understand the latest data and insights regarding vaccination uptake and ensuring information is disseminated to our various communities in Derbyshire in the right formats.

Carers

Carers in receipt of Carer's Allowance are now able to book their vaccination through the [National Booking System](#) – [find out more about Carer's Allowance on GOV.UK](#)

Homeless

Groundswell have lots of [useful information](#) about the COVID-19 vaccine and GP registration for people experiencing homelessness and those supporting them. They have also produced a short accessible [guide](#) which is available in English, Romanian, Polish and Turkish.

Other resources available in different languages

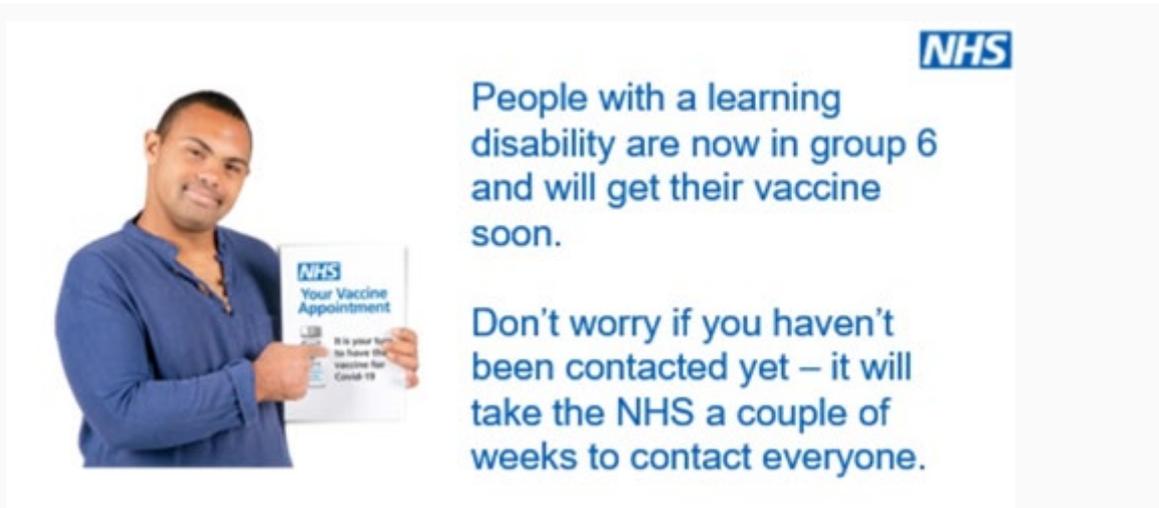
Doctors and Nurses from NHS England & NHS Improvement London have recorded messages about the COVID-19 vaccine in some of the most commonly spoken languages in the capital – Arabic, Bengali, Gujarati, Igbo, Nepali, Polish, Punjabi, Romanian, Somali, Spanish, Swahili, Turkish, Urdu and Yoruba. View these [here](#).

Speech Therapists produce video to encourage people with learning disabilities to get their COVID-19 vaccine

People with learning disabilities are being encouraged to get the COVID-19 vaccination in this [new video](#) produced by the Coventry and Warwickshire Vaccination programme.

The video was produced in response to feedback from local people with learning disabilities who told staff that one of the main reasons they didn't want to get a vaccine is because of a fear of needles.

Learning disability



NHS

People with a learning disability are now in group 6 and will get their vaccine soon.

Don't worry if you haven't been contacted yet – it will take the NHS a couple of weeks to contact everyone.

Anyone that is not sure whether they are on the learning disability register can contact their GP to check.

Reasonable adjustments

Did you know that you can ask for reasonable adjustments when booking your coronavirus vaccine? Reasonable adjustments include things like easy read information, extra time for your appointment, or a quiet place to wait.

Royal Derby Hospital Theatre Practitioner has written and recorded a song encouraging people to come forward to have their COVID-19 jab.

Lloyd Balatongan composed the song with his family band The SoulM8s and can be seen performing it by clicking on the image below. The story has also been covered by the [BBC](#).



Be kind as the vaccination programme progresses

Following reports of abusive behaviour towards staff at our vaccination centres we are urging people to be kind as the vaccination programme progresses. People who are being abusive or turn up for a vaccination without an appointment will not be vaccinated.



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

Please share this content where appropriate. Content includes:

- [Lockdown mental health tips – Newly added](#)
- [Vaccine scams – Newly added](#)
- [Vaccine myths busting](#)
- [Vaccine explainer](#)
- [Vaccine Q&A](#)
- [Lockdown rules explained](#)
- [Test and trace](#)

Vaccination statistics

Vaccination statistics are published every Thursday 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 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

Derbyshire's first step towards a new all-in-one integrated NHS and local authority social care record for each resident

The first step is being taken towards creating a [single NHS and social care record for each resident](#) in Derby and Derbyshire so that all the information to help in an individual's care from health and local authority social care services is available to professionals in one secure place.

Views wanted: Digital Mental Health Service in Derby and Derbyshire

If you're a younger person with experience using digital mental health services in Derby and Derbyshire or a parent, carer or guardian of a young person who requires mental health support we want to hear from you.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Kooth> - Aimed at all Children and Young People (aged 11 – 25) in Derby and Derbyshire.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Qwell> - Aimed at Parents, Carers and Guardians of Children who require online mental health support in Derby and Derbyshire.

Surveys close on Friday 12th March.

[Find out more](#)

Eating Disorders Awareness Week, 1-7 March 2021

From 1-7 March join [the campaign](#) to create a future where people experiencing binge eating disorder are met with understanding and compassion.

First Steps ED are supporting the campaign with their #SupportNotStigma campaign and are inviting you to '[Lend a Hand](#)' in raising awareness.

International Women's Day - Monday, 8 March 2021

The theme for [International Women's Day](#) this year is 'choose to challenge'. Celebrate women's achievement. Raise awareness against bias. Take action for equality.

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

Access coronavirus business innovation support package

[More information](#) on how businesses can access the scheme providing continuity grants, loans for existing award holders and additional business advisory support services.

Personal health budgets

[Easy read guide to personal health budgets](#)

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.

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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