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Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19): Derby and Derbyshire stakeholder bulletin #53



Dear partners

Despite each death from Covid being an individual tragedy, we are comforted that the overall death rate is coming down significantly. It was also confirmed that over 10 million people in the UK had been fully vaccinated (with more than 43 million vaccinations given in total). On Tuesday coronavirus hospitalisations dipped to below 2,000, their lowest rate since 24 September.

As at Tuesday 20 April at Chesterfield Royal Hospital there had been no deaths related to coronavirus in the previous 10 days and staff were looking after just one patient with a positive diagnosis of coronavirus. On Thursday 15 April the latest statistics from NHS England showed that Joined Up Care Derbyshire had the fourth highest rate of vaccinations in England (out of 42) and that Derby is one of the better performing cities in England for vaccination uptake. This means that two in every three adults in Derbyshire have been vaccinated against COVID-19, with the vast majority of the remaining third not yet eligible for their jabs.

As COVID-related pressures start to ease across our health and care services, our thoughts inevitably turn to the future. It is clear that the NHS will be coping with the consequences of the pandemic for quite some time and our focus now is on restoring services and reducing the care backlogs that are a direct consequence of the pandemic alongside the continued rollout of the vaccination programme.

While there is still much to do to respond to coronavirus and while we must continue to be vigilant as restrictions ease, I think it is important to reflect on the progress that has been made both nationally and

regionally, demonstrated in the figures above. These, combined with the longer daylight hours, recent sunny weather and easing of restrictions, continue to help build a sense of optimism and rightly so.

With best wishes and please do stay safe.

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National updates on COVID-19

[More than 10m people fully vaccinated in UK](#)

It means more than 19% of UK adults are now fully vaccinated, while nearly 33 million people have had their first dose.

[Pregnant women should be offered Covid vaccine](#)

Pregnant women should be offered a Covid jab when other people their age get one, the UK's vaccine advisers say.

[Indian variant being investigated in UK](#)

Health officials are investigating whether a Covid variant first found in India spreads more easily and evades vaccines.

['COVID-friendly' cancer care at home extended for more patients](#)

Thousands of people with cancer can benefit from 'COVID friendly' treatments from home, the NHS announced today.

[Young people to be reinfected with COVID-19 for study](#)

Healthy young people who have had COVID-19 are being asked to volunteer for a trial that will deliberately expose them to the pandemic virus.

[Plan for pills to treat virus at home by autumn](#)

A search for simple treatments for COVID-19 that can be taken at home has been launched.

[Help solve the COVID puzzle: GenOMICC COVID-19 study](#)

Find out more about a national COVID-19 study aiming to understand why some people become more severely affected by the virus than others and to help the NHS find better treatments.

[4.7 million waiting for operations in England](#)

NHS England figures show that around 4.7 million people were waiting for routine operations and procedures in England in February.

[The UK gig with no social distancing](#)

Music fans in Liverpool are to get the chance to enjoy a near-normal gig as part of a pilot event.

[BBC video content in five South Asian languages \(Urdu, Punjabi, Tamil, Sylheti and Gujarati\)](#)

[Click here](#) to download lots of useful information about the pandemic, including vaccines and the roadmap out of lockdown.

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.

COVID-19 update for Derby and Derbyshire

Current situation

COVID-19 cases continue to decline across Derby and Derbyshire. The number of daily GP appointments related to COVID-19 is currently at 72% of the peak volume seen in late April 2020, whilst the number of overall beds occupied by confirmed COVID-19 patients stands at less than 2% across both Chesterfield Royal Hospital and University Hospitals of Derby and Burton, and 0% in Derbyshire Community Health Services and Derbyshire Healthcare.

Staff welfare and staff absence levels remain concerning with 39% of hospital staff absences related to COVID-19. In addition, it is clear that the impact of the pandemic on the people of Derby and Derbyshire has been extensive and will continue to impact in future years. We are working to understand how we can quantify this to inform the ongoing recovery of waiting lists for operations and other services.

National priorities for the NHS in 2021/2022

Published on March 25, the NHS 2021/22 priorities and operational planning guidance are the result of discussion and development with every part of the NHS and partners. The guidance sets out six priority areas for the year ahead:

- Supporting the health and wellbeing of staff and taking action on recruitment and retention
- Delivering the NHS COVID-19 vaccination programme and continuing to meet the needs of patients with COVID-19
- Building on what we have learned during the pandemic to improve the delivery of services, provide elective and cancer care, manage the increasing demand on mental health services, and continue to improve maternity care
- Expanding primary care capacity to improve access, local health outcomes and address health inequalities
- Transforming community and urgent and emergency care
- Working collaboratively across systems to deliver on these priorities

In Derby and Derbyshire, Integrated Care System partners are now coming together to develop a plan which puts these priorities into action, with final plans expected to be completed by early June.

COVID-19 vaccination programme

The COVID-19 vaccination programme in Derby and Derbyshire continues to make good progress. Vaccinations have now been rolled out to people aged 45 years or older and at the time of writing, Joined Up Care Derbyshire vaccination teams had provided a first COVID-19 vaccination dose to nearly 67% of people aged 16 or over, with an average of 92% coverage for the over 60 year old age groups.

This week has seen a continued focus on delivering second doses, which is a crucial part of making us all safer, and encouraging people in cohorts 1-9 who haven't yet been vaccinated to take up the offer. In the last week we have also seen [new guidance released](#) encouraging pregnant women to get the COVID-19 vaccination.

Vaccination statistics and Frequently Asked Questions

[Vaccination statistics published every Thursday](#)

[Vaccination Frequently Asked Questions and the latest local information](#)

Other important vaccination programme updates

If you are unable to attend your appointment

If you are no longer able to attend your appointment please use the same method you used to book your appointment to cancel it so your slot can be used by somebody else.

Ramadan

The Muslim community is being urged to not delay having their COVID-19 vaccine during the holy month – the British Islamic Medical Association has confirmed that the vaccine will not invalidate the fast.

Tackling misinformation

[British Islamic Medical Association debunks COVID myths](#)
[Community Representatives' Communication Toolkit](#)

See: [SHARE checklist](#) and this [5-minute game](#)

Other useful links:

[Helpful information for people with a learning disability](#)

[Video and leaflet to help patients understand what to expect when they go for their COVID-19 vaccination](#)

Health Services

[Click here](#) to download information about local health services.

Partner News

[Derbyshire #DadPad App](#)

The [Derbyshire DadPad app](#), is an easy-to-use resource developed for Derbyshire dads by the children's services team at Derbyshire Community Health Services NHS Foundation Trust. It aims to help dads to be prepared for parenthood – from antenatal care to home safety.

[COVID-19 absence - a quick guide for parents/carers](#)

Derbyshire County Council have updated [their guide](#) for parents/carers offering advice as to when and when not to isolate their child or young person. Other helpful information for parents and carers is available [here](#).

Other links you may be interested in:

[Attitudes towards the COVID-19 vaccine](#)

[Animation - mental health support for Derbyshire residents](#)

[Macmillan Information and Support Centre App](#)

[April is Bowel Cancer Awareness Month](#)

[Act FAST campaign](#)

[Convalescent blood plasma donation potential donors of convalescent blood plasma](#)

Support, Advice, Guidance and Wellbeing

[Click here](#) to download useful links for support, advice, guidance and wellbeing.

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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