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## Derby and Derbyshire COVID-19 Vaccination Programme | Stakeholder Bulletin #9

Dear Colleague,

The pace of rollout of our PCN continues and you will see in the latest developments section below that we have launched three more sites today with others to follow by the end of this week. We are already working hard to finalise arrangements for the sites which will be launching next week.

As always I would be extremely grateful if you could share this update as far and as wide as possible and thank you in advance of your cooperation.

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**Medical Director**  
**NHS Derby and Derbyshire CCG**



## Latest developments

Today has seen us launch the following sites accompanied by extensive coverage in the local media.

- Derby Arena (Derby)
- Babington Hospital (Belper)
- St Oswald's Hospital (Ashbourne)

Please see the photos below from the launches across the above sites and I am looking forward to updating you further as each of the remaining sites go live over the coming days.

Please also note in the daily statistics below that they now include the total number of people who have received their first dose.

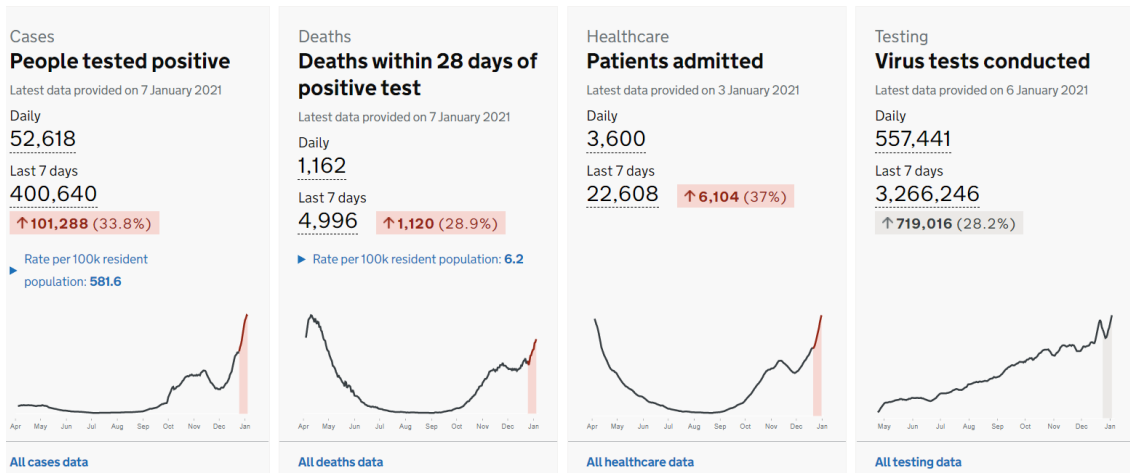
## Daily statistics

### People vaccinated — 1st dose

1,296,432 as of 3 January 2021. [View vaccination data](#)

### Estimated R number

1.1 to 1.3 with a daily infection growth rate range of +1% to +6% as of 23 December 2020.



## Vaccine updates and initial FAQs

### Is it a postcode lottery on how quickly you will be invited to receive the Covid-19 vaccine?

- The NHS vaccination programme began in hospital hubs chosen by their ability to deliver the Pfizer vaccine, with all the logistical challenges it presents, and provide a geographical spread.
- GPs were also invited to deliver the vaccine through Primary Care Networks and all PCNs in Derbyshire have taken part although this is not the case in other areas.
- Local NHS leaders were asked to prioritise areas with high numbers of people aged 80 or over in line with the prioritisation set out by the independent Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation. [https://www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus/wp-content/uploads/sites/52/2020/12/C0938\\_PCN-notice-letter-4-December-2020.pdf](https://www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus/wp-content/uploads/sites/52/2020/12/C0938_PCN-notice-letter-4-December-2020.pdf)
- Vaccination figures, including a breakdown by age, are published here: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/covid-19-vaccinations/>
- This new dataset will be reported weekly and will develop over time as we are able to quality assure data.

## Hospital Hubs

The hubs launched on 8 December and have been working at pace to deliver vaccines to the priority groups described nationally as:

- Patients in the 80+ cohort
- The most vulnerable care home staff
- Health staff in priority and most vulnerable groups

From the start they have worked through a challenging schedule but have utilised their stocks on schedule and continued to achieve the same level of performance on their vaccine re-ordering cycles. One of the immediate challenges is to ensure that vaccinators are included as a priority group to ensure that we protect those who maybe most at risk.

## Primary Care Networks (PCNs)

The first four Derbyshire PCNs went live as part of the Wave 3 rollout between 18 December and 22 December and these are:

- Stubley
- Ripley
- Newholme
- Long Eaton

PCNs are operating 12 hour days to maximise the number of people vaccinated each day and over the New Year bank holiday weekend we saw significant numbers of people receiving their vaccinations

Alongside operating the PCN based vaccinations our PCNs have also been delivering vaccinations in care homes. This has been done in conjunction with DHU Healthcare who have played a pivotal role in terms of capacity and they have also supported solutions to the complex logistics.

This joined up approach has enabled our system to deliver high volumes of activity in a short timescale and to maximise available times on weekdays, weekends and Christmas and New Year bank holidays. The fact that some areas have completed or almost completed their care home vaccinations is testament to the work that has taken place so far.

## Next Steps

Our roll out of care home vaccinations will continue to expand as each PCN goes live and over the next two days we will see the following PCN sites launched:

- Sharley Park (Clay Cross)
- Thornbrook Surgery (Chapel-en-le-Frith)

The final phase of the PCN rollout for this round will take place during week commencing 11 January and because the sites are still subject to final approval and readiness assessments I have provided the areas and will confirm the sites by name as soon as I am able to do so:

- Clowne
- Swadlincote
- Chesterfield
- Buxton
- Shirebrook

These are the initial sites which have been assessed as being able to store and deliver the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine. As the Oxford AstraZeneca vaccination rolls out, we hope that subject to the distribution requirements for the vaccine, it may become available from a wider number of sites, including more GP practices, pharmacies and other locations. We await further guidance on this but will share news as soon as it becomes available.

## Media

Again we have seen some great support from our local media which has helped us to promote the importance of getting the vaccine into our priority groups with extensive coverage on BBC and ITV news

channels, local radio, press media and also social media. Please see some of the examples below which you may well see in more detail on the local news channels:



## Tomorrow's Edition

My update tomorrow will include:

- Next round of PCN launch updates
- Latest developments
- Frequently Asked questions

If you have any feedback, or questions, please email us at: [ddccg.enquiries@nhs.net](mailto:ddccg.enquiries@nhs.net). We are sure you will understand that we are very busy, but we will endeavour to respond to all queries within three working days.

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