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## Derby and Derbyshire COVID-19 Vaccination Programme | Stakeholder Bulletin #8

Dear Colleague,

I have received a lot of positive feedback and helpful suggestions on our daily vaccinations update and I hope the daily statistics now included are helpful to you.

The major news for this week is that we remain on schedule for the rollout of our next PCN vaccination hubs which will bring the vaccination programme into more of our local communities - please see further information in the latest developments item below.

I would be extremely grateful if you could share with appropriate colleagues as there is significant interest and we are sharing a lot of information across each week but it is difficult to reach everyone so thank you in advance of your cooperation.



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### Latest developments

Derby Arena will become Derbyshire's largest COVID-19 vaccination site this week, while the number of primary care sites more than doubles and the county's vaccination programme continues to accelerate.

As well as Derby Arena, the new wave of site openings includes Sharley Park Leisure Centre in Clay Cross and these two sites are the first in the county to be converted from public spaces to carry out vaccinations. So far, vaccinations in Derbyshire have been carried out in care homes or at NHS facilities such as hospitals and GP surgeries.

Vaccinations at the Arena are being carried out by five Primary Care Networks (PCNSs) working together, representing 30 GP practices around the city.

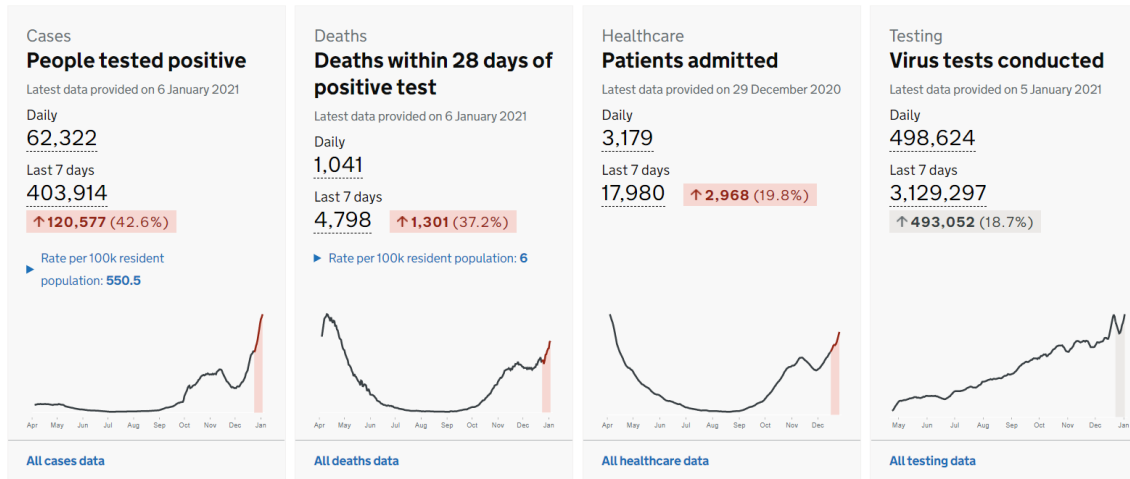
Thornbrook Surgery is one of first vaccination site to open in the High Peak area, and is also the most northern site so far, while St Oswald's Hospital in Ashbourne is on the southern edge of the Peak District National Park.

Central Derbyshire has two new sites, at Babington Hospital in Belper and Sharley Park Leisure Centre in Clay Cross.

Please do remember that vaccinations are all by appointment only. We know that people in eligible groups for this round want to know when they or their loved ones will be vaccinated but our message is to please bear with us, don't call your GP or other NHS organisations and the NHS will call you.

## Daily statistics

The latest R number is estimated at **1.1 to 1.3** with a daily infection growth rate range of **+1% to +6%** as of 23 December 2020. Data are also available to [download](#) as an easy to read document.



## Vaccine updates and initial FAQs

We know that people have a lot of questions and sometimes concerns about the COVID-19 vaccination and vaccinations in general. The following are responses to questions that we are regularly asked and will hopefully reassure that the COVID-19 vaccines have been extensively tested, are safe and there are very good reasons to make sure you get one when you are eligible:

- Vaccines are the most effective way to prevent infectious diseases.
- Vaccines are now safer than ever before. Any vaccine must first go through the usual rigorous testing and development process and be shown to strict standards of safety, quality and effectiveness before it can be deployed.
- Neither HIV nor malaria have vaccines, which shows just how challenging the process of developing a vaccine can be.
- Vaccines save lives. After clean water, vaccination is the most effective public health intervention in the world.
- Vaccination is the most important thing we can do to protect ourselves and our children against ill health. Vaccines prevent up to 3 million deaths worldwide every year.
- Vaccines are the only way to eradicate disease. We have eradicated smallpox and are near to eradicating polio, both through using vaccines.
- Measles vaccination alone has prevented 20 million measles cases and 4,500 deaths in the UK.
- Vaccines teach your immune system how to create antibodies that protect you from diseases. It's much safer for your immune system to learn this through vaccination than by catching the diseases and treating them. Once a vaccine has trained your immune system to know how to fight a disease, it can often protect you for many years.
- To create a vaccine for a disease, the germ which causes it is weakened, or completely inactivated so that it cannot cause the disease in question.
- When this weakened or 'dead' germ is introduced to the immune system, it trains the immune system to recognise the disease and fight it off if you come into contact with it in the future.

## 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

We have used the learning from the rollout of the first PCNs to refine our planning approach and this will stand us in good stead for the next phase of the PCN rollout.

Each of the following sites have been approved by NHSEI and have completed their readiness assessments in the last couple of days so these can now be named as:

- Derby Arena (Derby)
- Babington Hospital (Belper)
- St Oswald's Hospital (Asbourne)
- Thornbrook Surgery (Chapel-en-le-Frith)
- Sharley Park (Clay Cross)

The above sites are ready to deliver and patients are already being invited for their vaccinations. It is important to note that the starting times for vaccinations on the launch day are based on a tightly controlled schedule and dependent upon the delivery of the vaccines into site which can be impacted by weather and traffic conditions.

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

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:





## Tomorrow's Edition

My update tomorrow will include:

- PCN launch update
- Latest developments
- Frequently Asked questions

If you have any feedback, or questions, please email us at: [ddccg.enquiries@nhs.uk](mailto:ddccg.enquiries@nhs.uk). 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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