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Derby and Derbyshire COVID-19 Vaccination Programme | Stakeholder Bulletin #10

Dear colleagues,

The pace of rollout of our PCN continues and you will see in the latest developments section below that we have launched more sites on Friday of last week and over the weekend. We are working hard to finalise arrangements for sites which will be launching this week.

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

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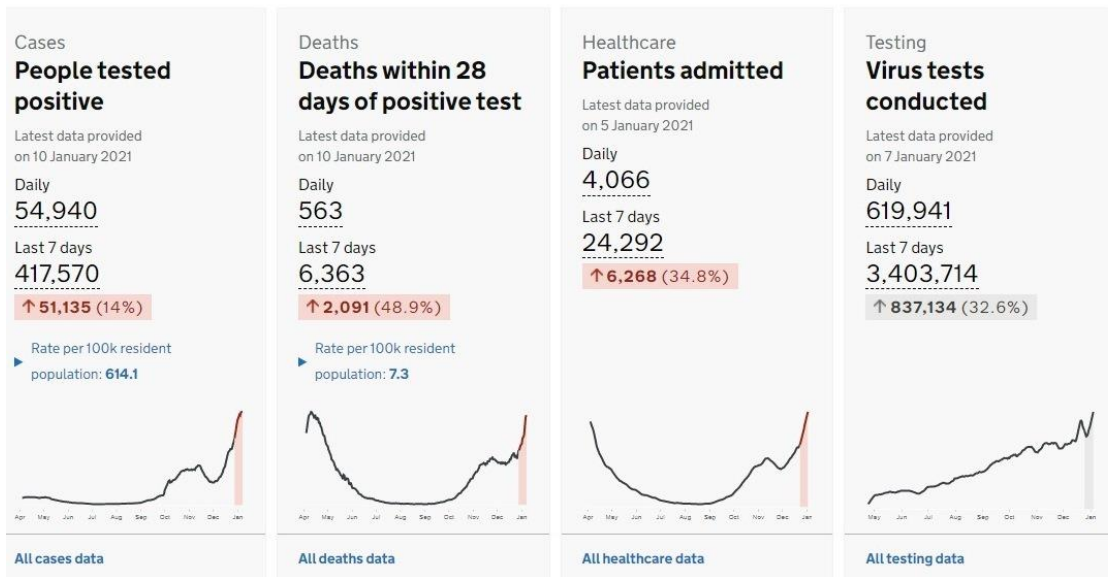
Latest developments

Today has seen the opening of the Birmingham Vaccination Centre at Millennium Point, one of seven such major centres opened around the country and another important step in rolling out the COVID-19 vaccination programme. On Friday, we opened yet another site locally, at Sharley Leisure Centre in Clay Cross. That was followed by the start of vaccinations at Thornbrook Surgery in Chapen-en-le-Frith on Saturday, meaning we opened five new sites over three days.

Daily statistics

Estimated R number

1 to 1.4 with a daily infection growth rate range of 0% to +6% as of 8 January 2021.



Vaccine updates and initial FAQs

What do the new patient letters sent out nationally mean?

- Patients who meet certain criteria have been sent letters inviting them to book appointments at one of the seven new vaccination centres
- Patients can choose whether to make this booking, attend an existing appointment sent by their local GP or wait for an appointment sent by their GP

Why have second doses of the COVID-19 vaccination been delayed?

- This has been done on the advice of the Chief Medical Officers of the four countries of the UK
- It is based on the need to prioritise the first dose for as many patients as possible.
- The British Geriatrics Society has produced some helpful information about the decision, which can be found on their website, [here](#).

How is COVID-19 affecting hospitals now?

- We have seen a large increase in COVID-19 patients in hospitals, and the emergence of a new variant of the virus underlines the importance of getting the first dose to as many people as possible quickly.
- We know demand for critical care will continue until infection rates fall, so it's vital that the public plays their part in stopping the spread of COVID-19 by staying at home as much as possible, social distancing, wearing masks and washing their hands.
- But it's important to say that the NHS is still there for other patients too. If you need help urgently, contact 111 first, and if they ask you to attend a service please do so, because NHS staff continue to ensure that you can be seen safely. In a medical emergency, like a stroke or suspected heart attack, it's still important that you call 999.

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

We have now added:

- Derby Arena
- St Oswald's
- Babington
- Sharley Park
- Thornbrook Surgery

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

The final phase of the PCN rollout for this round will take place during this 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 social media and in local and national news channels. The latest is top left from Sharley Park on Friday :





Tomorrow's Edition

My update tomorrow will include:

- Next round of PCN launch updates
- A detailed description of eligible groups
- Other latest developments
- Frequently Asked questions

If you have any feedback, or questions, please email us at: 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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