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## Derby and Derbyshire COVID-19 Vaccination Programme | Stakeholder Bulletin #6

Dear Colleague,

The pace of development and change continues and given the series of changes over the seasonal break I thought it would be helpful to give you a situation report and a concise update on next steps.

I propose that I continue to issue a daily update for the immediate future which will be a short briefing on key and most imminent activities supported by more detail in our regular vaccination programme updates on Wednesdays and Stakeholder Bulletins on Fridays.

I know that colleagues have many questions which I will endeavour to cover in the coming issues but one of the most frequent is how Derby and Derbyshire is performing in terms of the rollout of the vaccination programme and how we compare with other areas. Data is not available yet as it is being collated and verified nationally but I want to assure you that at this point we compare well to other systems in all key areas which I expect to see in the statistics when they become available.



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.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank colleagues across our health and care system for the tremendous joint effort which has seen us get off to such a great start. Thank you also to those who worked across the Christmas and New Year break to ensure that we did not lose momentum.

**Dr Steve Lloyd**  
**Medical Director**  
**NHS Derby and Derbyshire CCG**

## 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 which will commence on Wednesday of this week (6 January).

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 (Whaley Bridge)
- 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:

- Impact of changes to the second Pfizer/BioNTech vaccination for patients and the health and social care system
- The next phase and plans for the Oxford AstraZeneca vaccine
- 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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