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Derby and Derbyshire COVID-19 vaccination programme | Stakeholder bulletin #4

Third vaccination centre opens in Derbyshire



Baslow couple Jim (84) and Pat Reeves (84) were among the first patients to receive their COVID-19 vaccinations at Newholme Hospital in Bakewell.



Bakewell's Newholme hospital became the third primary care site to carry out COVID-19 vaccinations for patients in Derbyshire today, with a fourth preparing to begin vaccinating tomorrow.

Newholme Hospital in Bakewell follows in the footsteps of Stubble Medical Centre, which became Derbyshire's first community vaccination site on December 19, and Church Farm Primary Care Centre, which opened on December 20.

Newholme Hospital will act as the vaccination hub for Bakewell and surrounding areas, and is being run by

Derbyshire Dales Primary Care Network (PCN), in conjunction with Derbyshire Community Health Services (DCHS). The PCN is a collaborative of 13 GP practices across the Derbyshire Dales.

Dr Ben Milton, one of the PCN's Clinical Directors, said local doctors and nurses were delighted to be able to begin delivering the vaccine to patients.

“Services have worked incredibly hard to get this site ready to vaccinate, a fantastic collaboration of colleagues from across the NHS and other agencies,” he said.

“It hasn’t been simple, but now the vaccines are due to arrive it is a very special moment for everyone involved, and of course for our patients as we start to see some light at the end of the tunnel of this virus. We are very proud to be part of this historic moment.”

Meanwhile, GP Practices in Long Eaton will begin using Long Eaton Health Centre as their vaccination hub from Tuesday, with some patients being asked to attend the Health Centre for their vaccine rather than their usual GP practice. This is to support the complex transport and storage requirements of the vaccine. The overall planning is being coordinated by the Erewash Primary Care Network, which is a collaboration of 13 practices from Long Eaton, Ilkeston and surrounding areas.

Dr Duncan Gooch, who is one of the Primary Care Network’s Clinical Directors and a GP at The Golden Brook Medical Practice in Long Eaton, said the vaccinations represented a turning point for the people of Erewash: “I’m delighted that we are able to begin delivering COVID-19 vaccinations at a local level.

“General Practice has the expertise to deliver mass vaccination in the UK. This is a watershed moment in our efforts to protect patients from this virus.”

Last week, Stubbley Medical Centre became the first primary care COVID-19 vaccination site in Derbyshire on December 19, as 101-year-old World War Two veteran Robert Stopley-Taylor received his jab. Local media recorded his experience, which he declared painless and much gentler than his experience of wartime inoculations.

The following day, Church Farm Medical Centre in Ripley welcomed its first patient, 90-year-old Bert Smith, as it became the county’s second vaccination site. Staff are working hard across the county to prepare more sites to open in the coming weeks.



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