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Dear Colleagues,

Further to the achievements for Cohorts 1 to 4 against the 15 February milestone we are forging ahead with Cohort 5 where we are already making significant progress and also Cohort 6 which is described as those who are clinically vulnerable. We are working with national colleagues to address some of the areas of clarification for Cohort 6 which have been covered extensively in the media over recent days but in the meantime we are continuing to invite and vaccinate our patients in this cohort.

Whilst we are continuing to make good progress in the programme we know there is still a long way to go and that our health and care system continues to be under pressure. This makes it all the more important that we not only deliver the vaccination programme as quickly as possible but that we also continue to follow the government guidelines that keep us and those around us safe. Please help us to share this message.



Best wishes and stay safe.

Dr Steve Lloyd
Medical Director
NHS Derby and Derbyshire CCG

Help us to share important messages

Please help us to share the following important messages:

- If you are over 70 or are Clinically Extremely Vulnerable and have not yet had a vaccination but would like one please contact your GP
- We are now working on the 65 to 69 age range and if you have not yet received your invitation for a vaccination, please be patient as you will receive one shortly
- If you are classed as clinically vulnerable and at increased risk from Covid-19 you will also be receiving an invitation very soon - see the initial list of conditions below with more detail to follow
- If you are a carer please keep a look out for important information about your vaccination
- If you are a shielded patient you will be receiving some important information about your vaccination
- We are now moving into the second dose phase working in date order for those who received their vaccination at the start of the programme in December

The JCVI defines patients who are clinically vulnerable as those with:

- chronic respiratory disease, including chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), cystic fibrosis and

Severe conditions

- chronic heart disease (and vascular disease)
- chronic kidney disease
- chronic liver disease
- chronic neurological disease including epilepsy
- Down's syndrome
- severe and profound learning disability
- diabetes
- solid organ, bone marrow and stem cell transplant recipients
- people with specific cancers
- immunosuppression due to disease or treatment
- asplenia and splenic dysfunction
- morbid obesity
- severe mental illness

More information will follow on this.



Community Representatives' Communication Toolkit

Please find below useful toolkits and resources to support you engage with communities regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. You will find toolkits for the following communities:

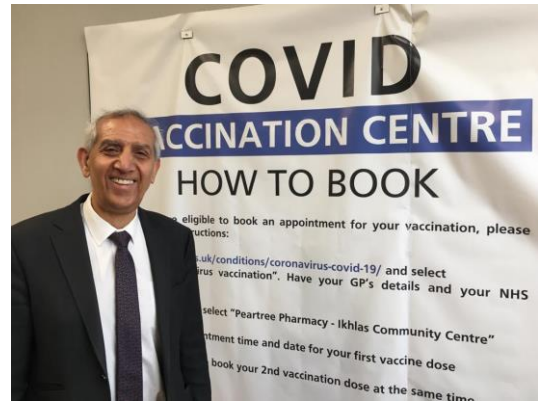
- African
- Caribbean
- Bangladeshi
- Pakistani



Supporting messages for vaccine hesitant communities

Hardyal Dhindsa, Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner had his Covid-19 vaccination today at the Ikhlas Community Centre in Derby, one of the seven pharmacy led vaccination centres in the county. Hardyal was vaccinated by Atfab Rehman, lead pharmacist at Peartree Pharmacy and after his vaccination Hardyal said; "The vaccination is safe, it's easy, it's painless, do not believe the myths about it being bad for you."

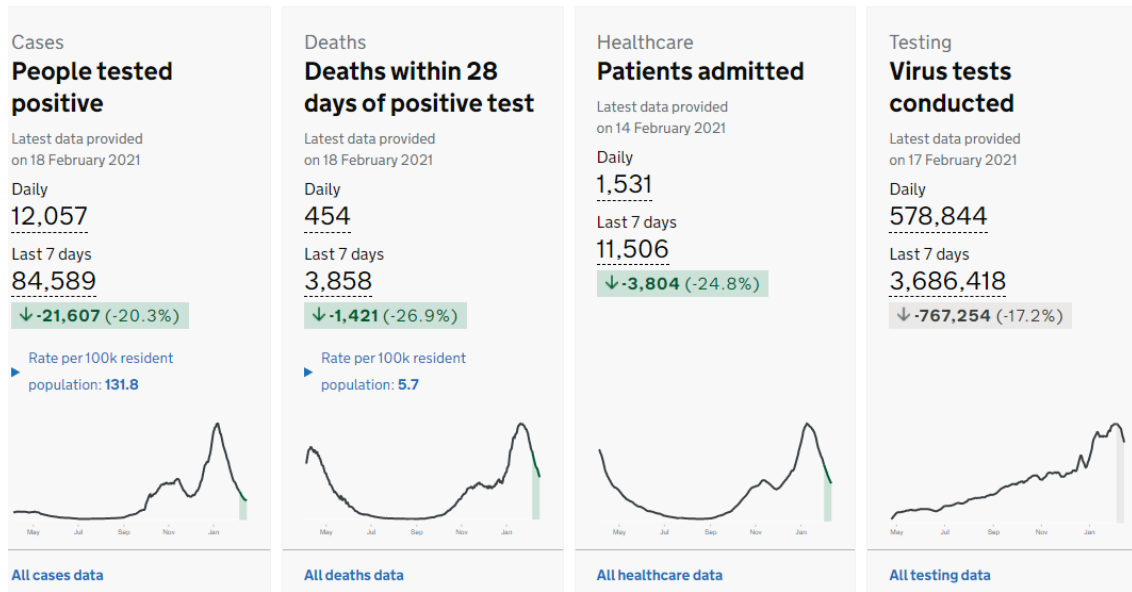
Thank you to Hardyal for supporting the work we are doing to encourage people across all our communities to take up the offer of a vaccination. We know that there are still high levels of vaccine resistance and seeing high-profile and respected members of our communities getting their vaccine is incredibly important. Please help us to promote the positive vaccine messages.



Latest statistics

Estimated R number

0.7 to 0.9 with a daily infection growth rate range of -5% to -2% as of 12 February 2021.



FAQs

Who is eligible for the vaccine now?

- Anyone aged 65 years old or over
- If you are over 70 years old but not received your vaccination yet, please contact your GP practice
- Anyone who is extremely clinically vulnerable.
- Anyone else who is recorded by their GP as being “at risk” from Covid-19.
- For a full list of current eligibility please visit: <https://joinedupcarederbyshire.co.uk/public-info-covid-19/covid-19-vaccine>

Next Steps

Vaccination teams are focusing on delivering vaccinations to the current cohorts, but are also planning for the administration of second doses for patients.

More information

For more information go to the Joined Up Care Derbyshire website [here](#).

The Next Edition

My next update will include:

- 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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