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Derby and Derbyshire COVID-19 Vaccination Programme | Stakeholder Bulletin #38

Dear colleagues,

If you haven't already seen the video created to mark the first 100 days of the Covid-19 vaccine, please take a minute to enjoy it [here](#). Well done to everyone who has helped make the vaccination programme possible so far.

After 13 European countries suspended use of the Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine earlier in the week, the EU's medicines regulator has now concluded that it is "safe and effective", was "not associated" with a higher risk of blood clots and its benefits outweigh the risks.

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.

Best wishes and stay safe.

Dr Steve Lloyd
Medical Director
NHS Derby and Derbyshire CCG



Latest developments

Those aged 50 and older are now eligible to book their vaccine through the National Booking System. If you fall into this cohort, please do ensure you book your first vaccine as soon as possible.

There was a significant increase in the number of vaccinations booked between Tuesday and Wednesday this week across the country; 708,927 first and second dose appointments booked on Wednesday 17 compared to 305,087 the previous day.

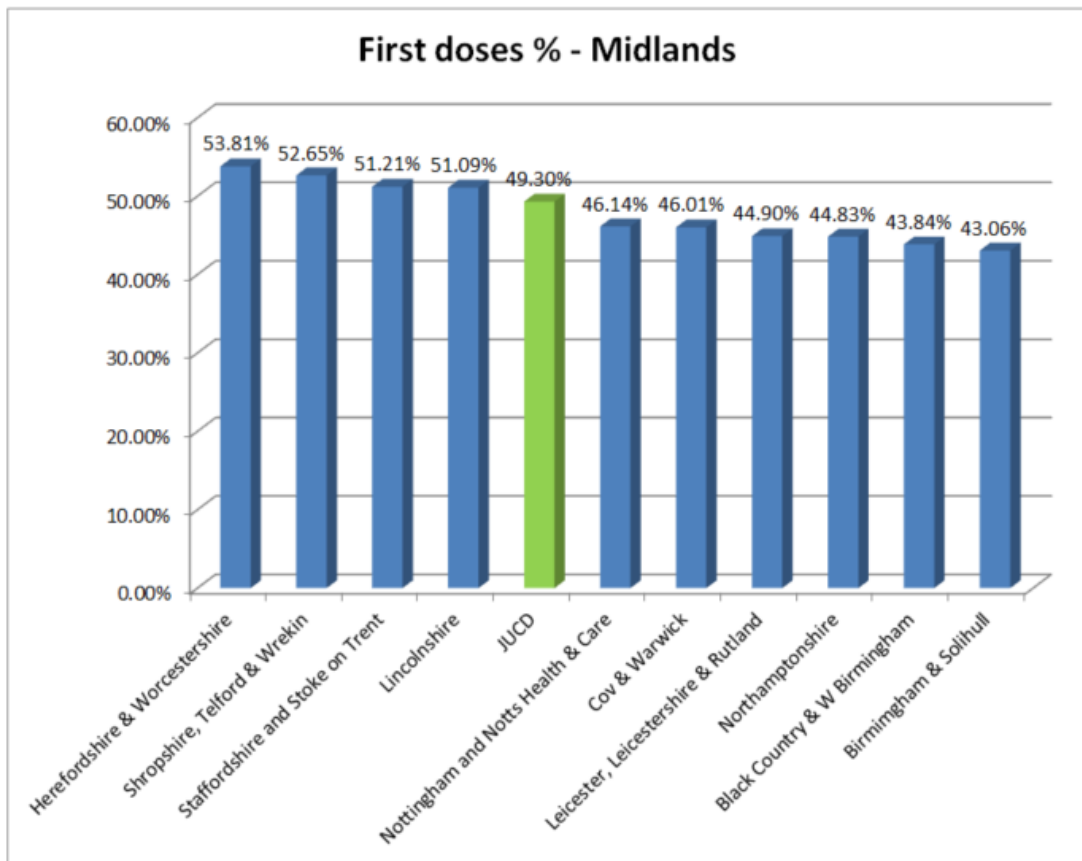
Dr Nikki Kanani, GP and medical director for primary care at NHS England, said: "Thanks to the huge efforts of NHS staff, more than half of adults in England have now received their first covid vaccine and

over nine in 10 people aged 65 and over have taken up the offer of a jab. Supply this week means that bookings continue to increase with appointments more than doubling on Wednesday compared to the day before. I would encourage anyone who is invited to come forward and book their jab – it is safe, quick and effective.”

Correction: In the last vaccination programme update it was stated that six new pharmacy sites were opening this week. This was incorrect – two pharmacy sites, at Sinfin and Clay Cross, are opening this week.

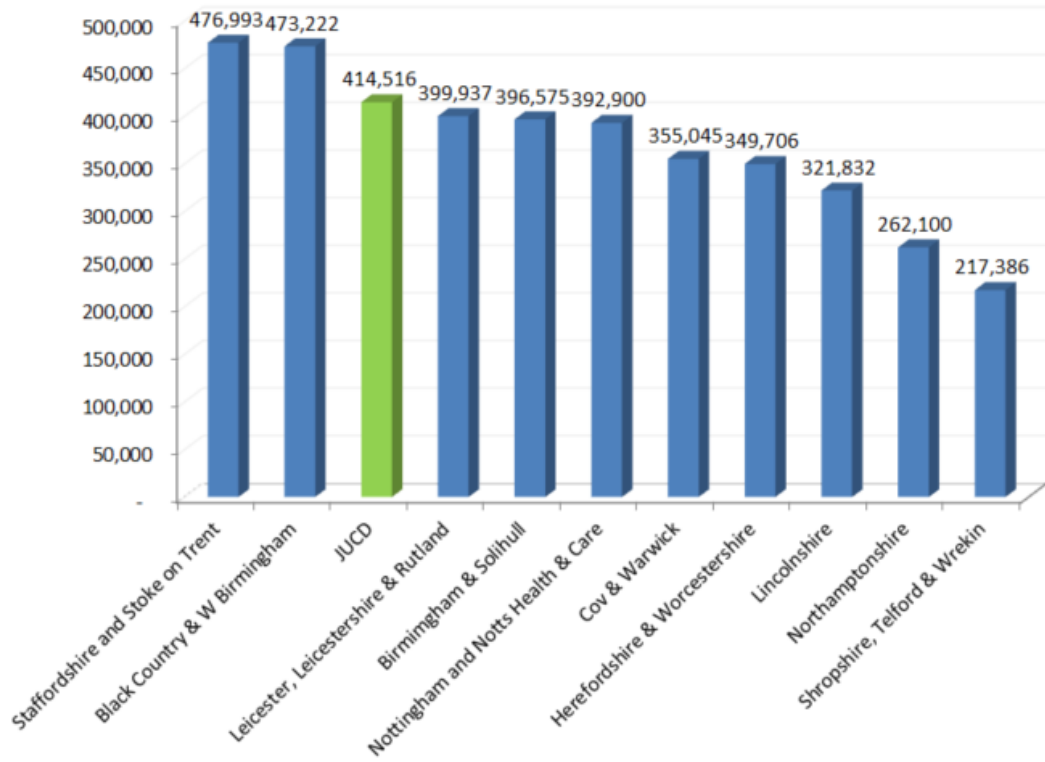
Latest statistics

The latest official NHS England statistics showed Joined Up Care Derbyshire is within a whisker of vaccinating half the adult population at 49.3%. The figures are up to date as of March 14, so it is very likely we passed the milestone on or before the 100th day of the vaccination programme, which fell on March 17. The total number of patients having had at least one dose is also inching closer to the half million mark.



Data at constituency level shows great success for vaccinating patients aged 75-79, with all showing at least 94% take-up of the vaccine. Every constituency is also showing at least 93% for patients aged 70-74 and a minimum of 89% in the 65-69 age group.

First doses - Midlands



UK Summary

See the [easy read summary](#) for the UK.

People vaccinated up to and including 18 March 2021

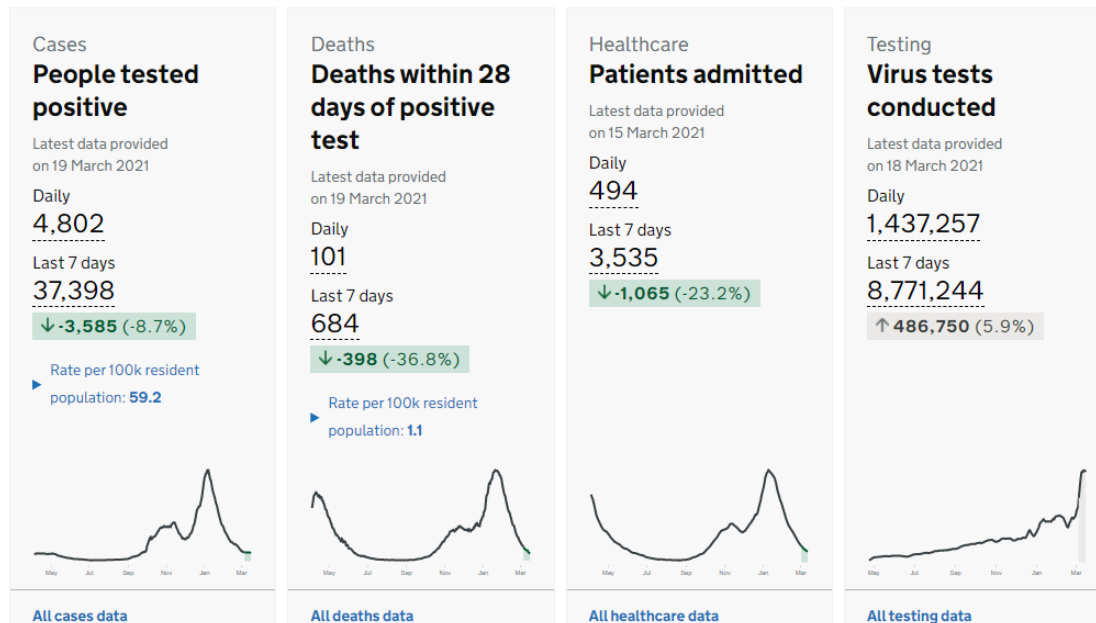
First dose: 26,263,732

Second dose: 2,011,070

[View vaccination data](#)

Estimated R number

0.6 to 0.9 with a daily infection growth rate range of -6% to -3% as of 19 March 2021.



FAQs

Should I be concerned about recent media coverage of a possible link between blood clots and the Oxford/AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine?

The MHRA remains clear that there is no evidence to support this and people should still go and get their COVID-19 vaccine when asked to do so.

You may be worried about information shared in the media over recent days about the Oxford/AstraZeneca vaccine so please read the following statement from the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA):

“We are closely reviewing reports but the evidence available does not suggest the vaccine is the cause. Blood clots can occur naturally and are not uncommon. More than 11 million doses of the COVID-19 Vaccine AstraZeneca have now been administered across the UK, and the number of blood clots reported after having the vaccine is not greater than the number that would have occurred naturally in the vaccinated population.

“We are working closely with international counterparts in understanding the global safety experience of COVID-19 vaccines and on the rapid sharing of safety data and reports. People should still go and get their COVID-19 vaccine when asked to do so”

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You can find out more about the Covid-19 vaccine programme [here](#)

Next steps

Several new pharmacy sites are set to open over the next few weeks.

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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