

# Derby and Derbyshire COVID-19 Vaccination Programme | Stakeholder Bulletin #11

Dear colleagues,

This week we will continue to roll out the COVID-19 vaccination programme to six more primary care sites across Derbyshire. This follows the high profile launch of Derby Arena last week, and means we will have 15 active primary care sites, with more following soon.

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#### Latest developments

This week we expect to see six more sites begin operations. They will cover the following areas:

- Clowne
- Swadlincote
- Chesterfield
- Buxton
- Shirebrook

We now have limited supplies of the new Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine, which is much easier to transport and store than the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine. As a result, we are using these to facilitate our vaccinations of care home residents and staff.

### **Daily statistics**



# Vaccine updates and initial FAQs

Why do I have to wait for my COVID-19 vaccine?

- An independent group of experts has recommended that the NHS first offers vaccines to those at highest risk of catching the disease and of suffering serious complications or dying from COVID-19.
- This includes older adults in care homes, as well as frontline health and social care workers.
- You can see the full breakdown of the priority list <u>here</u>

Where can I get a vaccination near me?

- Sites are being set up across Derbyshire and you will be contacted with details
- You should not attend any vaccination site without an appointment

# **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.

#### **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: <a href="mailto:ddccg.enquiries@nhs.net">ddccg.enquiries@nhs.net</a>. 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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