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## Derby and Derbyshire COVID-19 Vaccination Programme | Stakeholder Bulletin #20

Dear Colleagues,

This week is an important one for the COVID-19 vaccination programme across Derbyshire as we prepare to open three pharmacy-led sites, but it's important not to lose sight of the work already going on.

The fifteen existing PCN-led sites have been reaching out to people who are housebound and those living care homes, while the Derby Arena Vaccination Centre site continues to ramp up its activity.

I have been really moved this week to hear of so much public support and positive feedback, from donations of food from supermarkets to the kind words of those being vaccinated. It shows that the public appreciate and respect the work everyone is doing to make this vaccination programme a success.

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**  
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## Latest developments - impact of the weather

The public have really been getting behind our vaccination teams, providing messages of support and even donations of food and other supplies. This is incredibly encouraging for all those working so hard at the vaccination sites, in the community, at care homes, and behind the scenes in offices and at home, to make this programme work.

In just one example, Savills Property Management at Derby Intu Centre has loaned Derby Arena seven wheelchairs, and South Derbyshire Council of Voluntary Services has provided an extra three.

Here are some examples of the great feedback we have received from members of the public:

“It was really well organised and both patients and medical staff and other volunteers were friendly and helpful.” - Julie F

“Just finished my first shift at Oakland’s, thoroughly enjoyed being part of the volunteering team. It’s so well organised.” - Chris W

“I believe this is total efficiency: one phone call, one car journey, one car parking space, one vaccinator, both of us done in 10 minutes. This is a very good model to copy where possible. I would like to thank all the staff involved in this operation from start to finish.” – Ivor M. (Sharley Park)

“Well done! I took my elderly in-laws last Saturday for their covid vaccinations at Wheatbridge in Chesterfield. I found the whole thing quite moving as middle aged children brought their precious elders along on walking sticks and in wheelchairs so they could be safe, at the same time knowing these people have mostly been tucked up away or isolating for nearly a year - it was all really well organised - solid effort NHS - hope this message gets back to those involved” - Vicky D.

## Daily statistics

### UK Summary

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

#### People vaccinated up to and including 25 January 2021

First dose: 6,853,327

Second dose: 472,446

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#### Estimated R number

0.8 to 1 with a daily infection growth rate range of -4% to -1% as of 22 January 2021.



## Important message to share

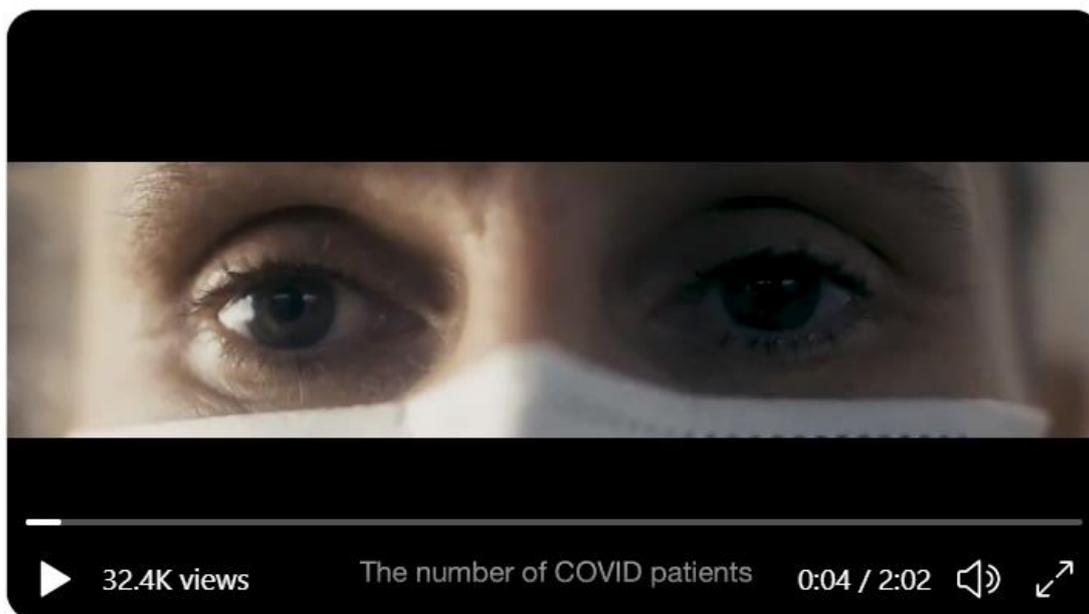
To reduce the Covid-19 infection rate and keep it under control we need people to follow the government guidance and if they are eligible, to get vaccinated.

The short clip illustrated in the visual below contains some powerful messages and will have an impact. You can see it via the link [here](#) which we request that you share as far and wide as you can. Thank you in advance of your support in this.

Please click on the link above and not the image below.

Hear from real frontline staff and patients on what Covid-19 is really like.

Please #StayHome 🏠. Do not go out unless you have to.



## Vaccine updates and FAQs

Can people choose what vaccine they have?

- No. Any vaccines that are available will have been approved because they pass the MHRA's tests on safety and efficacy, so people should be assured that whatever vaccine they get will be highly effective and protect them from coronavirus.
- The Pfizer/BioNTech and AstraZeneca/Oxford vaccines are both being deployed by the NHS across the UK. There are no current plans to mix these vaccines.
- The Government's Vaccine Taskforce keeps its approach under review, ensuring the UK is in the strongest position to protect people. The science is uncertain about how mixing vaccines could produce a better immune response, so trials and testing will continue to assess and test vaccine responses.

Are regular cancer services still running during lockdown?

- Yes, even during lockdown cancer services in Derbyshire are here to look after you, safely.
- Even though we're being told to stay home, services are still open if you need them.
- If you are showing any of [the signs or symptoms of cancer](#) it is important that you contact your GP at the earliest opportunity.

## Next Steps

Later this week, three pharmacy-led sites will begin vaccinations, complementing the existing Primary Care Network-led sites. They will take bookings through the National Booking System, which extends their reach beyond the PCNs and will give people more options for getting their vaccinations.

Significant work is going on to reach out to communities which traditionally do not take up vaccinations and we hope the link to the video clip above will help us to get important messages across about the importance of staying safe too. If you get the opportunity, please help to pass on the positive messages about the importance of vaccinations.

The National Booking System is sending out around 20,000 letters to homes inviting patients to book vaccination appointments. Please encourage family members and friends who receive these letters to make their bookings as soon as possible to keep themselves safe.

## The Next Edition

My next update will include:

- Weather update
- Other latest developments
- Frequently Asked questions

If you have any feedback, or questions, please email us at: [ddccg.enquiries@nhs.net](mailto: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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