

A message from Maddy...



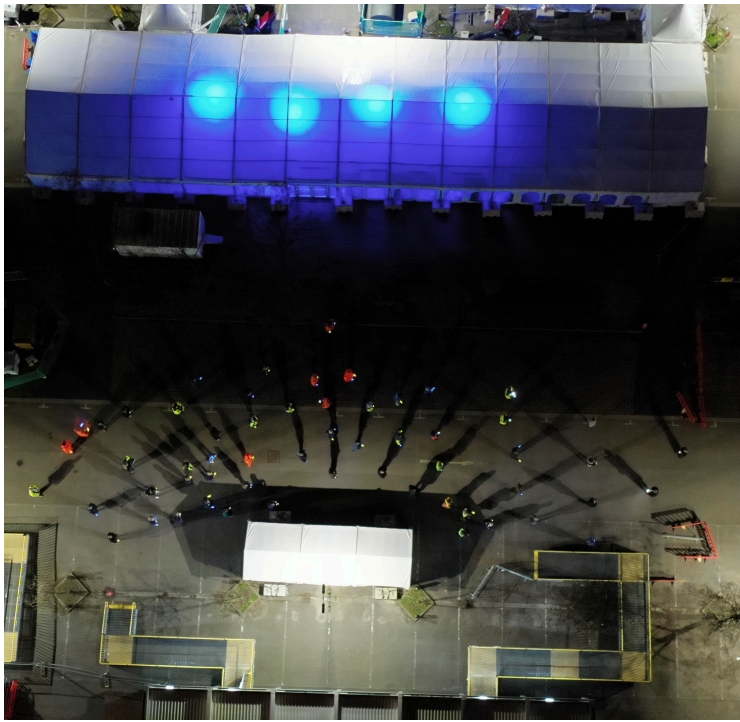
I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the many businesses and organisations who have helped and supported us in recent months. A full list of our partner organisations can be found on the [website](#), but special mention must go to First York, who continue to support us by giving us access via the Park and Ride site, and to Tesco for offering us staff car parking and supplying trolley loads of goodies. It has been wonderful to see the entire community pull together in a huge team effort to fight Covid. This week has been another busy one at the site, with 15,000 people receiving vaccinations.

Working in partnership with St. John Ambulance



Clinicians from St John Ambulance are now administering Covid vaccinations to patients at the York Vaccination Centre. Volunteers from the charity had initially helped the team on site in a supporting role, but are now able to run some of our clinics.

Our picture shows St John Ambulance volunteers Steve Duffy, a retired dentist, and Lesley Kane, a retired mental health nurse, volunteering their services at a recent clinic.



Our 'Tent of Hope'

I'm sure you'll agree that this aerial view of our illuminated 'Tent of Hope' (left) was a spectacular sight. It was taken on Tuesday evening as we marked the anniversary of the first national lockdown by helping to illuminate York. Earlier in the day, staff and volunteers joined people around the country by observing a minute's silence to remember those who have lost their lives and reflect upon the events of the last year.

New Appointments

I'm delighted to announce a number of new appointments to the team:

Ellie Holmes (left) has been appointed Head of Corporate Affairs. Ellie qualified as a Registered General Nurse in 1998 and worked at Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust and York Hospital. She also spent four years working within the financial industry before establishing WP Event Management in 2009. In 2020 Ellie joined the Nimbuscare team to support the development of the flu vaccination site and stayed on to support the team further with general company management.

We've also appointed two Volunteer Co-ordinators - **Hannah Linaker** and **Laura Brown**. Both have volunteered at the site regularly since January and they're excited to get stuck in and build on the great work done by Tarrah. Having moved to York three years ago, Laura has fallen in love with the city and is excited to carry on working with the amazing volunteer community. Hannah is a York local who went away to study but couldn't help but come back. She joins us from York Minster.

Beth Hartley, who joins us as Clinical Rota Assistant, graduated from Newcastle University in 2020 and has since worked for Corner Connect, a new local shopping platform based in York. In her spare time, she enjoys playing hockey and getting out and about in the countryside.

Will McEvoy (left) is delighted to have been appointed Site Manager. Will grew up locally but spent time in the South of England before returning to York. He used to be a mountain guide and then managed operations for three large leisure facilities before coming to work at the Vaccination Centre.





World Down Syndrome Day

Several members of staff at the York Vaccination Centre helped to raise awareness of World Down Syndrome Day on Sunday. They wore brightly-coloured odd or mismatched socks to symbolise that people may be a little different but they're still the same.

Job opportunity

We're looking to recruit a Director of Corporate Affairs and Governance. Full job descriptions have been sent to all member practices, but if you need more information about the role, please telephone me or our Chair, Professor Mike Holmes, directly. To apply, please send your CV and covering letter directly to me at maddy.ruff1@nhs.net.

A word from Daniel...

Our newly appointed Medical Director (Operational), Dr Daniel Kimberling (left), is very much looking forward to joining the Board from 1 April. He told us: "Having worked as part of the Nimbuscare team over the last few months at the Vaccination Centre, I've witnessed the impact of collaborative working. I'm passionate about improving healthcare for the people of York and am really proud to be joining the team at board level so I'm able to make a difference and continue this important work."

Meet our mascot...

Finally, I'd like to introduce you all to the York Vaccination Centre's new mascot (left), which was knitted by Liz Davies, one of our lead nurses!

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