

A message from Maddy...



I'm delighted that York was chosen as one of the first NHS Vaccination Centres to receive deliveries of the Moderna vaccine earlier this week. This is good news for everyone and I'm sure one of the reasons we've been chosen is because we're an excellent site with a brilliant team of volunteers and staff, working alongside great teams at our member GP Practices.

So far, more than 50 of our wonderful clinical staff have completed online training, as well as inductions on site, to familiarise them with the new vaccine. Thank you all for your enthusiasm and support.

Since our last newsletter was issued just before the Easter break, we've vaccinated a further 18,000 people.

It's wonderful that the NHS has hit its latest vaccination target, with 19 out of 20 of those most at risk of the virus having now received their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. You should all feel proud of the part you've played in this achievement. Well done and thank you everyone.

As we start to offer first doses to people in the next eligible cohort group (those aged 40-49 years), invitations are now being sent to people in their late 40s.



Our picture (left) shows Gary Parnaby of East Keswick, who was the very first person to receive the Moderna vaccine at the York Vaccination Centre, being given his jab by Dr Nick Bennett on Tuesday morning.



Site visit by Stephen Eames

Stephen Eames, Executive Chair of the Humber Coast and Vale Integrated Care System, (pictured left with Professor Mike Holmes) visited the York Vaccination Centre last week. He was very impressed and enjoyed seeing it for himself. After being shown around, he met with some members of the Nimbuscare board, Martin Eades from Priory Medical Group and Wendy Stevenson from Jorvik Gillygate Practice, to talk about our vision for General Practice and opportunities for Nimbuscare in the future. Areas covered included the need for a system-wide approach to covid recovery, opportunities for a community diagnostic hub, General Practice resilience and developing General Practice at scale through GP provider organisations.

MHRA vaccine advice

It's vitally important that everyone comes forward for their vaccination when they are offered it. Please reassure people that the vaccine is safe, following this [new advice](#) announced by the Government last week. All our first and second dose vaccinations continue as planned and first vaccinations for people aged 29 or under will be offered when we move to the next priority groups. Any patients in that age group who have already booked under the national booking system (blue cabins) will be rebooked under the Local Vaccination (PCN) service (red tent) so they can have the opportunity to discuss the vaccine with their GP Practice if they wish. Everyone is able to discuss the vaccine with a registered clinician before they receive their jab at their appointment. We continue to urge everyone to take up their appointment as planned.

#OurCovidCommunity

I've been overwhelmed by the community spirit here in York, particularly the support we've received at the York Vaccination Centre from businesses, partner organisations and individuals. On a daily basis we receive messages of support and deliveries like this one (pictured left) from The Cake Box in York. Our staff and volunteers are very grateful. We're using '#OurCovidCommunity' to highlight that community spirit and hope you'll join in. York is a very special place to live and work, and we're proud to be part of that community. The growing list of businesses that have supported us can be found on our [website](#).





Site tour for HR Lead

Tina Smallwood, Senior Responsible Officer for the Humber Coast and Vale Integrated Care System Covid-19 Vaccination Programme and HR/Workforce Lead, visited the York Vaccination Centre this week to see our processes in action and meet with some of our staff. Tina has been a huge support to us in helping to recruit a bank of vaccinators for the site and helping us to be part

of the memorandum of understanding that allows staff from other organisations to work on site. She is pictured (centre right) with our Corporate Affairs Manager Ellie Holmes (right), Director of Quality and Patient Experience Michelle Phillips (centre left) and HR Manager Carol O'Flaherty (left).

Shout out to our volunteers!

I'd like to congratulate the following volunteers who have all given up more than 100 hours of their time to help us at the York Vaccination Centre: Anthony Day, Chris Allen, Colin Williams (our top volunteer), Geraldine Covell, Jacqueline Crowley, James Cook, James Noton, Lauren Dalby, Laurie Gunson, Liz Davies, Martin Davies, Martin Ibbotson (who volunteered for the second highest number of hours), Michael Burrows, Mick Covell, Mike Bacon, Paul Boylan, Peter Murray, Robin Rawson, Steve Calpin, Stuart Rankin, Sue Newby and Tom Jeffery. Between them, our wonderful team of volunteers have now clocked up more than 10,000 hours! Thank you all for your help and support.

Help with transport

First York has produced a helpful travel guide for people who need transport to the York Vaccination Centre. Please share [this link](#) widely.

It's the little things...

I want to say a special thank you to our marshalls at the Vaccination Centre, who are a mixture of volunteers and staff. One lady drained her car battery whilst waiting for her mum to have her vaccine. She was incredibly grateful when one of the marshalls helped her to jump start her vehicle and took the time to send us a message of thanks. It's the little things we do that make a difference and this was one of them.

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New appointment

Congratulations to Jessica Hedley (pictured left), who has been appointed Duty Site Manager. Jess previously volunteered at the site as a marshall and also as a volunteer vaccinator through St. John Ambulance, as well as working in retail management. Jess is passionate about workplace well-being and inclusion. During lockdown she learnt British Sign Language and told us: "It has been great to use this new skill to help patients on site during my volunteering."

Twilight clinics for Ramadan

The Islamic holy month of Ramadan, which began earlier this week, is an important time for practising Muslims that involves fasting, worship and community celebration. Scholarly leaders and the British Islamic Medical Association have stated that it is permissible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine while fasting during Ramadan, but many Muslims may be wary of the medical impact of having a vaccination whilst fasting. Therefore, we're offering people the option of re-scheduling any Covid vaccination appointments booked during this holy month. For anyone within eligible cohort groups who is still willing to have their vaccination, we've made provision for them to book later 'twilight' slots before Iftar (breaking one's fast) using the national booking system.

Asylum seekers vaccinated

Last week, our Chief Medical Officer (Operational), Dr Daniel Kimberling attended a hotel in York that's currently being used to house asylum seekers to give 64 people their vaccinations. Some members of the group were hesitant about receiving their jabs at first but, after speaking to Daniel, their fears were allayed.

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