

A message from Maddy...



Our team at the York Vaccination Centre has arranged almost 200,000 vaccinations to date and this is a very complex process, involving a number of technical booking systems. I'd like to thank everyone involved in helping us reach this momentous milestone.

Unfortunately, the national fluctuations in vaccine supply that we've experienced recently are expected to continue into May, which means that some people may experience frustration trying to book their first appointment and others may need to be have their appointments rescheduled. This is to allow us to make the most appropriate use of our supplies, ensuring that second doses can be administered. We're urging members of the public to be patient with us, and kind and respectful to our staff, but also want to reassure people that no-one will be forgotten. The aim is still for everyone to be vaccinated by the end of July, but the fluctuating supply of vaccines is out of our control and we're doing our best to help people.

What's the national picture?

Nationally, the NHS has now offered Covid-19 vaccines to everyone aged 50 and over, as well as millions of health and social care workers, unpaid carers and people at a higher clinical risk. Almost 28 million first doses and more than 11 million second doses have now been delivered. Take-up has been exceptionally high; 19 out of 20 people aged 50 and over have already chosen to receive the vaccine and the number of people from ethnic minority backgrounds coming forward has more than tripled over the last two months.



Site visit by city council leader

City of York Council Leader, Councillor Keith Aspden (seen in the centre of the photograph), and Phil Mettam (pictured on the

right) from Vale of York Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) took the opportunity to meet Professor Mike Holmes (on the left in the above picture) at the York Vaccination Centre last week, as Mr Mettam attended for his second vaccination. The city leaders are key players in the reorganisation of health and social care services in York, which aims to improve health and social care services in our area.

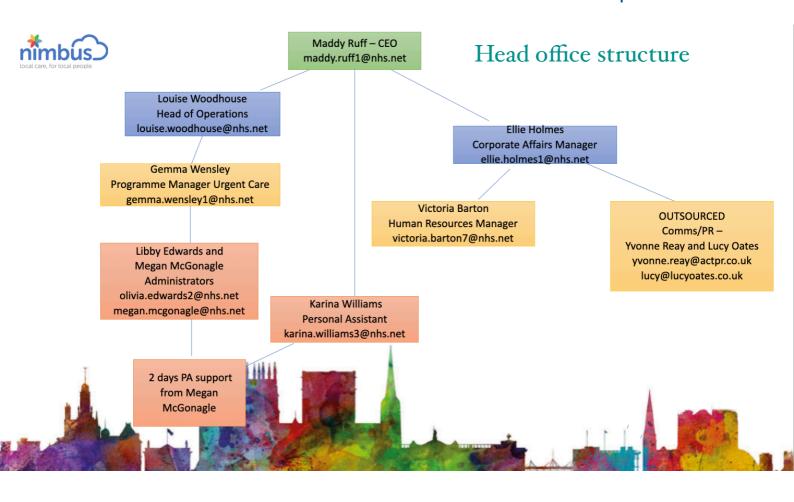


New appointments

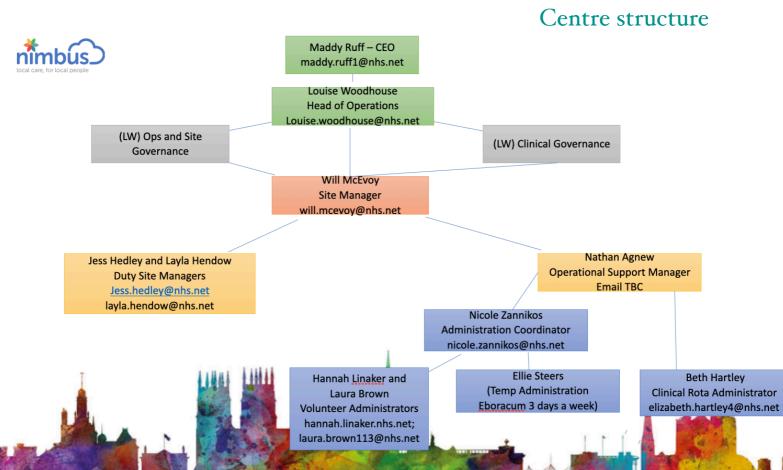
Following on from last week's update about our recent appointments, I'd like to introduce you to Louise Woodhouse (pictured left), who has joined us as Head of Operations. Louise, who lives in Scarborough, comes from a Primary Care background and most recently worked as a Business Manager responsible for contract delivery, the optimisation of practices' performance and the Practice Lead for Care Quality Commission. She had previously worked as a Data Quality Manager in Primary Care and as Assistant to the Directors of Saint Catherine's Hospice.



Layla Hendow (pictured left) has been appointed one of our Sites Duty Managers, having previously managed the Local Vaccination Centre for Bevan Primary Care Network in Hull. Prior to this, Layla spent four years as a doctorate candidate in contemporary literature. Layla is passionate about tackling vaccination inequality and workforce burnout, and said that she is excited to join the Nimbuscare team. On the following page are two charts showing the new structure of our organisation, including the team based at our York Vaccination Centre at Askham Bar.



York Vaccination





The COVID-19 vaccines available in the UK have been shown to be effective and to have a good safety profile. The current COVID-19 vaccines do not contain live coronavirus and cannot infect a pregnant woman or her unborn

COVID-19 vaccination in

Although clinical trials on the use of COVID-19 vaccines during pregnancy are not athenoed, the available data do not indicate any harm to pregnancy.

In addition to any pre-existing risk factors a prognant women may have, in the later stages of prognancy women are at increased risk of becoming seriously unwell with COVID-19. If this happens, your baby is two to three times more likely to be born prematurely, which can affect their long-term health.

The Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) has therefore advised that pregnant women should be offered vaccination at the same time as the rest of the population, based on their age and clinical risk group.

There is now extensive experience of the use of the Pfizer BioNTech and Moderna vaccines during pregnancy in the USA with no safety concerns.

New vaccination advice for women of child-bearing age An informative new Covid-19 vaccination guide (pictured

left) is available for women of child-bearing age, or who are pregnant or breast-feeding. You can download a copy here.

Frequently asked questions

The recent vaccine supply issues have led to a high volume of telephone enquiries to the team, yet many of the answers to the questions that we're being asked can be found in the 'Your Questions Answered' section of the website. I'd be very grateful if you can all direct people to the website in the first instance to help us try to minimise the number of telephone calls that we're receiving and enable us to prioritise those that are most urgent.



A team from Sky News (pictured left) visited the York Vaccination Centre on Thursday, where they interviewed Professor Mike Holmes about the success of the vaccination roll out to date and also spoke to some of the patients visiting for their second doses of the Covid-19 vaccination. It was great to see the resulting positive coverage in the main Sky News bulletin later that same evening.

Thank you everyone for your hard work.

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