

## A message from Maddy...



The month of May was our busiest yet at the York Vaccination Centre at Askham Bar. Our dedicated teams of staff and volunteers made it possible for us to vaccinate more than 75,000 people, which, I'm sure you'll agree, is a monumental achievement.

Having been fully booked for a day or two, we're pleased to let any eligible patients know that 3,000 first dose Covid vaccination appointments for the York Vaccination Centre have gone live on the booking system for the week beginning 8 June.

## York's homeless receive Covid vaccinations

It was wonderful to see health workers joining forces to ensure that homeless people in York are fully vaccinated.

A special outreach team from York Medical Group has been working hard to vaccinate as many homeless

people as possible in the community, as part of the city-wide drive to ensure that everyone has access to the Covid vaccine. They've been working with Nimbuscare, as well as the Vale of York Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), City of York Council and Changing Lives to get the service up and running.

Zulf Ali, Chief Executive Officer of York Medical Group and Director of Strategy and Commerce at Nimbuscare, said:

"The success of this outreach programme is down to the dedication of our staff and



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working collaboratively with our partners. It's an excellent example of positive collaboration, and we look forward to more partnership working in the future to address the other healthcare needs of this vulnerable population."

Michelle Phillips, Nimbuscare's Director of Quality and Patient Experience, explained: "The team was already delivering health services to the homeless population in York as part of an 'enhanced service'. With the help of Nimbuscare and other key partners in the city, they were able to get the vaccine and the support to carry out this vital work as part of the largest vaccination programme the NHS has ever seen."

Polly Smith, Head of Nursing and Clinical Services at York Medical Group, added: "By delivering the vaccines in their own environment, we've helped break down the barriers and stigma this community often feel. It was very unlikely that they would be able to travel to the vaccination centre, navigate the booking system or commit to an appointment time, so we took the vaccine to them."

"Nimbuscare has supplied laptops and dongles so we can check the NHS central record system for previous vaccinations and ensure data is entered in real time. To date we've given out more than 220 vaccines and we're setting up stall at a breakfast club to capture the harder to reach clients, offering a vaccine with a hot drink and sandwich."

## Join us for the Midnight Walk

I'm proud to report that Nimbuscare is one of the main sponsors of The Midnight Walk, which is taking place at York College on Saturday 26 June to raise funds for St. Leonard's Hospice. The Midnight Walk follows a 6.5 mile route that takes in some of York's best known landmarks, but the really fun part is that the whole thing happens after dark and participants are

encouraged to wear fancy dress. I hope as many of you as possible will get involved to help raise funds for this fantastic local charity, which cares for and supports hundreds of patients and families every year. To find out more, click [here](#).





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## Memorial Garden plans progressing

Our plans to create a Memorial Garden at the York Vaccination Centre are progressing and we're incredibly grateful to the team at Tesco at Askham Bar for offering their support.

Our picture shows Paul and Jo - two members of staff from Tesco - lending a hand to clear some of the overgrown beds that we'll be transforming over the coming weeks.

## Volunteers Week

Finally, as this week (1 to 7 June) is Volunteers Week, it seems only fitting that we should recognise and acknowledge the fantastic contribution that our volunteers make to our communities. In recent months, our remarkable team of more than 400 volunteers have supported the largest vaccination programme the NHS has ever seen. You are all truly incredible and have worked tirelessly, not only at the York Vaccination Centre as Askham Bar, but also at our GP practice and pharmacy vaccination clinics throughout the city.

On behalf of everyone here at Nimbuscare, thank you.



## Health Trainers

Rachel Callaghan and Steve Bowles (pictured left), who are both Health Promotion Officers for City of York Council, visited the York Vaccination Centre recently to hand out Covid test kits to patients attending for their vaccinations.



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