

## A message from Maddy...



I'm delighted to report that the Covid-19 vaccination programme continues to make great progress and vaccines are now being offered to everyone aged 25 and over. As of 4 June, more than 1.8 million doses of the vaccine had been delivered in our region; 92 per cent of adults in cohorts 1 to 9 have now had their first vaccine and 78 per cent have had their second dose. This means that three quarters of the population in our region has received at least one dose, and we're still on course to offer all adults a first dose by the end of July.

With this in mind, this week we have launched a new call centre to try to make contact with hard-to-reach patients in cohorts 1 to 9, who are eligible for a vaccination but have not yet taken up the offer. As part of this service, we're giving people the opportunity to speak with clinical staff about any fears, concerns or questions they may have.

Some GP surgeries and community pharmacies are now stepping down from the vaccination programme to focus on their day-to-day activities. However, the pace will continue at the York Vaccination Centre at Askham Bar, which delivers both a national and local service, and we'll still be working from 8am until 8pm to ensure that the proportion of people vaccinated continues to rise.

We've heard that some patients have been booking vaccination appointments in locations some distance away from where they live, despite there being local slots available. Please encourage patients to book their vaccinations locally to avoid unnecessary travel. Anyone who can't book at their local centre is asked to keep checking as new slots are added regularly.

For further news  
updates, visit:

[www.nimbuscare.co.uk](http://www.nimbuscare.co.uk)



## Pop-up service at the University of York

We've joined forces with the University of York to run a 'Pop-up' Vaccination Service there on Monday, 14 June. The clinic will take place at York Sport Centre, on the University's campus West, from 2pm until 6pm. Eligible patients who have been invited via a text message from Nimbuscare can make an appointment. The clinic is open to local residents and those attending the University of York.

Our clinical team will be on hand to answer questions regarding second vaccinations. We're hoping to host a second clinic at the same location at a later date. People will be invited for a second vaccination within 12 weeks and should follow the guidance provided.

Parking is limited, but the site is conveniently located near the Park & Ride site at Grimston Bar and the number 66 bus stops on University Road, a short walk from the Sports Centre. The site is also easily accessible on foot and by bike.

## Separating fact from fiction

I'm sure we've all heard some of the many myths and misconceptions surrounding the Covid vaccine, but York GP Dr Abbie Brooks (pictured left) has made it her mission to dispel inaccurate claims about its impact on fertility. She told us: "There is no evidence to suggest any of the current vaccines affect male or female fertility, or your chances of getting pregnant, and there's no need to avoid pregnancy following the vaccine."

Help us to ensure that people in our community are listening to facts, rather than rumours, by directing them to this short video that Abbie has made for us, which can be viewed [here](#).





Friday 11 June 2021

## Celebrating Pride Month

June is Pride month, an annual, global event dedicated to celebrating LGBTQ+ communities all around the world.

Pride is usually celebrated with lots of parades and marches but, with social distancing still in place, many celebrations are taking place online this year instead. For details of what's happening here in York, visit the [York Pride 2021 website](#).

At the York Vaccination Centre at Askham Bar, we're marking the occasion with rainbow-coloured bunting and cakes.

### #OurCovidCommunity

Finally, we'd like to thank the lovely team at Betty's of York for sending our hard-working staff and volunteers a supply of delicious cakes to help them power through their shifts at the York Vaccination Centre. The support, kindness and generosity of the local community never ceases to amaze us. Thank you all.

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