



## A message from Maddy...



In recent weeks, the focus of the Covid vaccination programme has shifted towards people in younger age groups and we continue to make fantastic progress. However, we're also keen to ensure that people over the age of 40 who have not come forward previously receive their vaccinations too.

To try to make it easier for hard-to-reach groups to access their vaccinations, we're now offering a walk-in service at the York Vaccination Centre at Askham Bar from 8am to 8pm daily. This is strictly for people over the age of 40 (in cohorts 1 to 10), who have not yet had their first dose of the vaccination. Please be aware that this service is NOT for second dose appointments or those under the age of 40. We're also organising a walk-in clinic at the Jorvik Gillygate Practice on Stonebow on Saturday, 26 June for people in the this same group.

Please help us spread the word about these walk-in services so that we can ensure that as many people as possible take up the offer of a vaccination.

## Pop-up clinic success

Earlier this week, we staged a hugely successful pop-up clinic at the University of York. We managed to vaccinate

almost 300 people, a mix of students from the University and residents from the local area who had not previously managed to travel to the York Vaccination Centre for various reasons.

We'll be returning to the University this Friday, 18 June, to stage a second clinic. These clinics are for





eligible people who have been invited by text message from Nimbuscare.

Our photograph (left) show some of the students who went along to make use of the service.

## Remember to eat and keep hydrated!

Don't forget to eat before your vaccination - and it's a good idea to bring water along too in this hot weather! Recently, a few people have struggled in the heat at the York Vaccination Centre. You may have to wait to have your vaccine and it's important to stay hydrated. Please share this message with your friends and family, or anyone you know who's coming to get their jab soon.



## Six months on...

It's hard to believe that it's six months since the first Covid vaccinations were administered to local people at the York Vaccination Centre.

Looking back on a hectic few months, our Chairman, Professor Mike Holmes, said: "As the sun beat down on the Vaccination Centre this week, I reflected on what was happening in December. Clinicians wore thermals under their scrubs and clutched hot drinks between shifts as we pumped hot air into the tent. Dedicated volunteers and traffic marshals peeped out from their hats and scarves as they moved around to keep warm. Come rain, snow, sleet and hail, we kept those gates open and supported our patients as they made their way to the Askham Bar to get their jabs. The weather was never going to beat us!"

Although the weather has been very different this week, I'm pleased to say that the wonderful community spirit remains. Emma Johnson (pictured left), Chief Executive of St Leonard's Hospice in York, was one of the first to receive the vaccine back in December.

Six months on, we've administered more than 300,000 vaccinations - what an incredible achievement in such a short space of time! Once again, I thank each and every one of you for the important role you have played in making this happen.





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## #OurCovidCommunity

In another heart-warming example of the many ways in which the local community has helped and supported us throughout the Covid vaccination programme, this week local businessman Dan Cisek lent a hand with our Memorial Garden project.

Dan, who runs D E C Design and Upcycling, donated some pallets and helped the team to transform them into benches for the new garden area at the York Vaccination Centre, which will be somewhere for staff and volunteers to relax on their breaks and is also a fitting way to remember those whose lives have been lost to Covid. Thank you so much Dan - the benches look amazing!



## Community Pride Awards

The closing date for York's annual Community Pride Awards is 25 June and there are lots of categories to enter. If you have a friend, colleague or family member that you would like to see recognised with an award for their efforts, why now complete the [nomination form](#)?

## Sensory training

Earlier this week, members of our team received sensory awareness training to give them the confidence and skills to be supportive of patients living with a sensory loss. The informative training was delivered by the Wilberforce Trust and our photographs (left) show some of the team taking part.



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