

A message from Maddy...



The pop-up Covid-19 vaccination clinics that we've been running at venues across the city in recent days are proving very successful, with more than 1250 people coming along for their jabs in the first few days alone.

The clinics are continuing all week, and full details of the times and venues can be found on the [website](#).

Patients aged 18 years or over can walk in to any of our pop-up clinics or the York Vaccination Centre at Askham Bar for their first jab, without making an appointment. Patients aged 40 years or over can also walk into the York Vaccination Centre for their second jab (Pfizer or AstraZeneca only), providing they had their first one at least eight weeks ago, also without making an appointment.

With everyone over the age of 18 years now eligible for their vaccinations, pop-up clinics at the city's universities and in areas where many students live are rapidly boosting vaccine take-up among 18 to 29 years olds.

Thank you!

The NHS has been through a year like no other and we couldn't not have achieved so much without the skill and dedication of our people, along with the support of thousands of returners, volunteers, other key workers and, of course, the public, who played their part by following social distancing rules. That's why Thank You Day, which takes place this Sunday 4 July, is a timely opportunity to say a great big thank you to all those of you who have worked so tirelessly; your efforts are hugely appreciated. Look out for a series of thank you posts on our social media channels over the coming days! With the NHS also celebrating its 73rd birthday on 5 July, we'll be marking the occasion with a tea party for staff and volunteers.



New resource to address AZ hesitancy

Public Health England has developed a leaflet for health care professionals to use with patients who are hesitant about having their second dose of the Astra Zeneca vaccine. A reactive approach to the leaflet's use is considered best practice, rather than proactively sharing the information before any worries are expressed by a patient. A copy can be accessed [here](#).



#GrabAJab success

The success of our pop-up clinics, together with the roll-out nationally of the 'Grab A Jab' campaign to boost take-up of the Covid-19 vaccination among hard to reach groups, kept the York Vaccination Centre at Askham Bar firmly in the news headlines at the weekend.

On Saturday morning, our Chair and clinical lead, Professor Mike Holmes (pictured top left), appeared live on the BBC Breakfast programme, when a news reporter visited the site. The following day, Dr Nick Bennett (pictured left) was interviewed by ITV Calendar. We were featured in countless other newspaper articles and radio interviews about #GrabAJab too!



Better by bus!

Local bus operator First York has produced a handy, online travel guide for patients visiting the York Vaccination Centre at Askham Bar.

Marc Bichtemann, Managing Director of First Bus York, told us: "From its launch, we have worked closely to support the York Vaccination Centre operation alongside the Askham Bar Park & Ride site, particularly during recent weeks as customers begin to return and the site is busier as bus use gradually increases with the easing of travel restrictions." Marc, who is also a member of the city-wide Outbreak Management Advisory Board, which is monitoring York's response to the pandemic, added: "Increasing awareness and understanding of accessibility to the Vaccination Centre from all parts of York is important and this guide is another helpful way of letting people know how to get there." The York Vaccination Centre Travel Guide can be viewed [here](#).

