

A message from Maddy...



Last week, hundreds of local people seized the opportunity to #GrabAJab at the Pop-up Clinics that we ran at Foss Sports Hall on Lord Mayor's Walk and the Jorvik Gillygate Practice on Stonebow or at the York Vaccination Centre at Askham Bar. Almost 85 per cent of eligible local patients have now received their first jab and 68 per cent have received both doses.

With the Pop-Up Clinics proving so successful in encouraging hard-to-reach groups of patients to come forward for their vaccinations, we've planned another for this Saturday 24 July at the Jorvik Gillygate Practice on The Stonebow, from 9am to 12 noon. Anyone over the age of 18 can go along and #GrabAJab.

Let's Be York

Although Government restrictions aimed at minimising the spread of Covid-19 eased on Monday, we're still asking all staff, volunteers and patients attending the York Vaccination

Centre at Askham Bar, as well as any of our Pop-Up Clinics, to continue wearing masks. With Covid cases on the increase locally, it's important that we all take the next step safely.

We're proud to be working with City of York Council and other partner organisations across the city on a 'Let's Be York' campaign aimed at encouraging members of the public to remain vigilant and help keep one another safe.

Look out for posters in our head office at Clifton Moor and at the York Vaccination Centre, as well as posts (like the one pictured left) on our social media channels.



Protect each other by
wearing a
face covering



Celebrating our NHS heroes

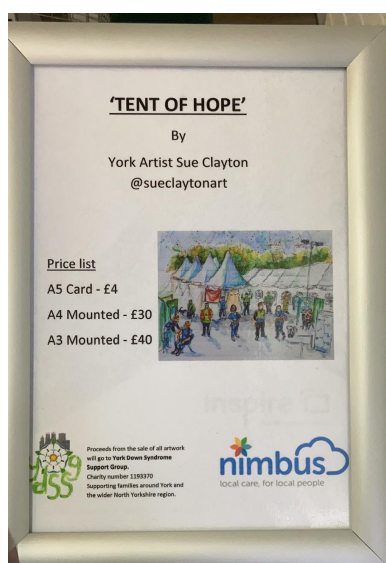
A poignant exhibition celebrating our NHS heroes has been unveiled in the 'Tent of Hope' at the York Vaccination Centre, as part of Pocklington Arts Centre's season of pop-up exhibitions.

The collection of portraits of front-line NHS workers, created by York

artist Karen Winship, features a brand new piece (pictured left) honouring our dedicated staff and volunteers at the Vaccination Centre. It was commissioned by Pocklington Arts Centre (PAC). The 'Tent of Hope' is the third location that PAC has taken this exhibition to. It previously attracted critical acclaim after being installed outside All Saint's Church in Pocklington and at Hull Waterside and Marina. PAC Director Janet Farmer, said: "Throughout the pandemic we have been making art accessible for all by taking two exhibitions by two fantastic local artists on tour to various locations in the region. When the opportunity to take NHS Heroes to the York Vaccination Centre arose, we couldn't think of a more fitting location for these stunning portraits that have been created by a very talented artist. We hope they brighten up the space while honouring all those who have worked so hard at this challenging time."

Karen, whose daughter Kelly is featured in the exhibition, said: "It has just been incredible to have been able to have my work toured across the region and seen by so many people, thanks to PAC, and now it is in such a fitting, poignant location. The specially commissioned piece really finishes the collection off nicely, and is a timely and relevant tribute to the team at the York Vaccination Centre, as well as to all NHS staff who have worked on the frontline throughout the pandemic. I hope my portraits bring some joy into the working day of the Nimbuscare team, as well as the hundreds of daily visitors to the site."

Michelle Philips, our Director of Quality and Patient Experience, said: "Showcasing art within the 'Tent of Hope' brightens up everyone's visit to the Vaccination Centre and we're so grateful to have yet another fantastic collection from the very talented Karen Winship. We're delighted with the special piece of art she has done for us, which will be treasured by us all."



Visitors to the York Vaccination Centre can also buy prints of the 'Tent of Hope' artwork (pictured above) by Sue Clayton, which went on display there earlier this year. The proceeds from sales of postcards and A3 or A4 mounted prints will go towards York Down syndrome Support Group.



Away day success

Thank you to all those of you who attended our Away Day at The Grand Hotel in York on Thursday, which was an invaluable opportunity to come together to discuss the priorities, vision and strategic direction of Nimbuscare. We also had lots of fun learning new skills in the Cookery School, as our pictures (left) show!



Supporting local students

We're always keen to find ways to support students at local schools, colleges and universities, particularly those with an interest in future careers in healthcare.

We were delighted to receive a lovely thank you message from the Business Partnerships Team at York College recently recognising our support for their work placement programme.

It reads: "We know the past year has been a difficult one, so we are extremely thankful for the opportunities you have offered as we know time is precious. We know our students value your support in allowing them to gain an insight into your business and industry."

As part of our partnership work with York College, we were also proud to sponsor an award at its recent REACH Award Evening. The recipient of the award we sponsored was A Level languages student Lara Simpson, who was recognised for becoming an 'outstanding' linguist 'through her dedication, determination and total focus on improvement. We have provided Lara, who is hoping to continue her studies at King's College in London, with a monthly wellbeing subscription as a reward for all her hard work.



Saturday Cervical Screening

To make it easier for women who work during the week to access cervical screening appointments, we're holding clinics in York on Saturdays. Patients who would like to book an appointment should contact their GP practice. Some slots are available for this Saturday, 24 July, so please do spread the words among your friends and families.





Farewell Laura and Beth!

During the next few days, we'll bid a fond farewell to Beth Hartley, Clinical Rota Administrator, and Laura Brown, Volunteer Co-ordinator (pictured left). Both Laura and Beth worked at the York Vaccination Centre at Askham Bar on short-term contracts and are moving on to exciting new opportunities.

Beth is moving to London to work for recruitment firm Heidrick and Struggles, and Laura is going to work for the Defence Infrastructure Organisation.

We'll be sad to see them go, but wish them every success for the future.



Good luck Mike!

Earlier this week, our Chair and Clinical Lead, Professor Mike Holmes (pictured left), received the exciting news that he has been shortlisted in two different categories in the 2021 York Community Pride Awards. Mike was nominated for the awards by colleagues and is shortlisted in the 'Health Service Hero of the Year' and 'Person of the Year' categories. He told us: "It feels odd to be singled out in what is clearly a huge team and community effort. You all need to know that I know that the only reason this has happened is because of you and the teams. It's good news for Nimbuscare and for Primary Care!"

The awards ceremony will take place on 14 October at York Racecourse and we wish Mike the very best of luck!

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