

## A message from Maddy...



I know many of you were disappointed when we had to postpone our Celebration Evening, but we promise to reschedule this very soon, when the situation is more settled in York. The timing just isn't right at the moment to hold such a large gathering. As one of the organisations leading the city through the Covid-19 pandemic, eyes are very much on us and it didn't feel right to hold a large event in an enclosed area just yet. We hope everyone will understand the rationale behind our decision and we look forward to doing something with our teams and partners in the near future. In the meantime, we're considering other ways to celebrate our achievements, so watch this space!

### Improving Access service

We continue to work in partnership with our 11 member GP practices to make additional appointments available in the evenings and at weekends for local people to access. The Improving Access service is available to patients registered at any one of our member practices across the city and means that we can offer more appointments between 6.30pm and 8pm on weekdays, as well as additional slots at weekends and bank holidays. Appointments may not always take place at the practice where a patient is registered because the service is delivered collaboratively by all 11 practices. It was introduced in response to feedback from patients who struggled to attend appointments during the working day and is delivered by a range of clinicians, including GPs, nurses, primary care practitioners and healthcare assistants. Together, they provide a wide range of services, from cervical screening clinics and checks for long-term conditions, such as asthma and COPD, to blood tests, as well as telephone and face-to-face GP appointments.

Please can we ask our employees, volunteers and member practices to follow Nimbuscare on social media (see the links at the end of this newsletter) and share our posts as much as possible. We're all working together across the city and the more we can spread the word about what we do, the more people will benefit from our services.

## Covid vaccination service updates

### ***We've begun vaccinating 16-17 year olds***

As we opened up the vaccination programme to young people aged 16 and 17 years, it was encouraging to see more than 1100 arrive for their first dose of the Pfizer vaccine within the first week.

We'd already vaccinated many 16 and 17 year olds in the 'at risk' groups during the first months of the vaccination

programme as they were included in one of the earlier cohorts. Now we are reaching out to those who are classed as healthy in order to protect them and their families. These young people can walk in to the Vaccination Centre at Askham Bar or any one of our pop-up clinics. Advice on when to offer them their second vaccine dose will come later.

Sixteen-year-old Will (pictured left), who had his jab this week, is starting Sixth Form in September and is keen to avoid having to go back to home schooling. He also said he's having the vaccine to protect his grandparents.

Pictured above are 16 and 17 year olds Blue, Nick, Chloe and Maddie from Tadcaster, who all came for their jabs this week.

### ***Booster vaccine programme***

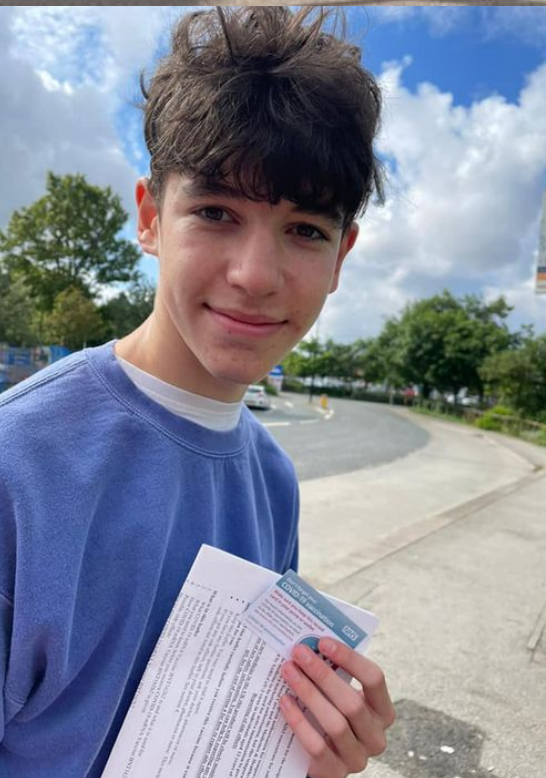
Our fantastic teams are now gearing up to deliver the booster vaccination programme to people over the age 50 years from September 6 onwards. We'll share more information on how this will take place very soon.

### ***More pop up clinics planned***

More pop-up vaccination clinics are taking place this weekend at Unity Health's Kimberlow Surgery and Jorvik Gillygate surgery. Both will be held on Saturday morning (21 August), from 9am to 12 noon.

We'll be running pop-up vaccination clinics at local colleges and universities during fresher's week, as well as staging a walk-in, city centre pop-up clinic outside Boots Opticians on Parliament Street on 28 August, from 9am to 1pm. There will also be another clinic at Jorvik Gillygate Practice on Saturday 28 August, from 9am to 12 noon.

For full details of all the pop-up clinics that we have planned for the coming weeks, visit the [website](#).

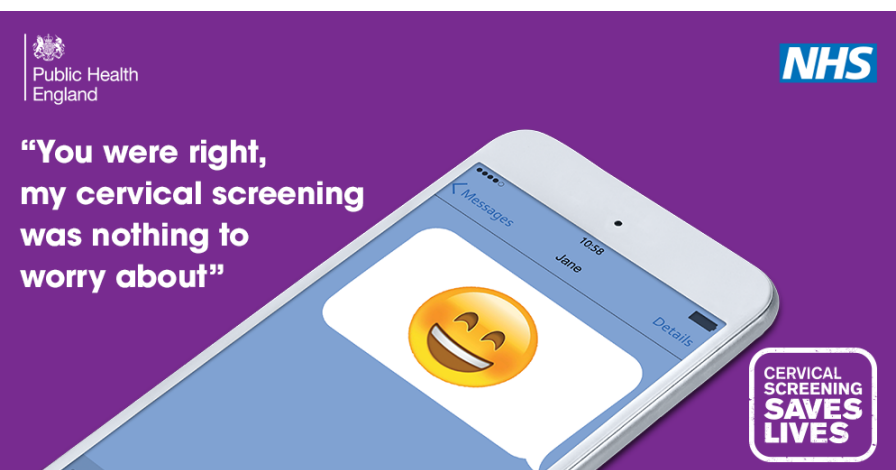


### **Live Q&A on Monday**

Did you tune into the live Q&A hosted by Ben Fry of YorkMix radio earlier this week? Ben chatted with Professor Mike Holmes and I, and we answered a series of questions put forward by listeners. If you missed the live broadcast, you can still catch it on our [Facebook page](#).

### **Going on holiday?**

If you're planning on going abroad, you'll need your NHS Covid Pass. Download the NHS app to access your vaccine record. Dr Nick Bennett explains more in this [short video](#).



## **Cervical Screening Clinics**

We're holding Cervical Screening clinics at the following venues in York this Saturday 21 August:

- Huntington Surgery (on North Lane), from 8.30am to 12.30pm.
- Cornlands Road Surgery (Priory Group), from 8.30am to 12.30pm.

These clinics are for patients who are registered at any one of our

[11 member practices](#). If you'd like to book an appointment at Saturday's clinics, please telephone 01904 557140.

However, please be aware that this telephone number is for booking appointments at Saturday's clinics only and we cannot deal with other enquiries on this number.

## **Flu vaccinations**

We'll be providing flu vaccinations at the York Vaccination Centre from late September onwards. More information will follow nearer the time.

## **Goodbye and good luck Nicole!**

This week, we bid a fond farewell to the York Vaccination Centre's Administration Coordinator, Nicole Zannikos, who has been with us for eight months, working with the site's team, spearheading the vaccination programme and leading on a number of important projects.

However, Nicole will not be far away as she moves to the Haxby Group in York, one of our member practices, to work as Deputy General Manager. Thank you for all your hard work Nicole, we wish you every success in your new role.





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## Congratulations Mike!

Congratulations to our Chairman, Professor Mike Holmes, who has been elected to the Royal College of GP's (RCGP) Council of Members.

Mike told us: "I'm very pleased to have been elected onto the RCGP Council. Thanks to all who voted for me. I'm looking forward to taking up my seat in November and representing all the GP members."

## A local healthcare provider

Some people aren't aware that Nimbuscare represents all of our York GP practices and some mistakenly think we're a large corporate organisation. We're trying hard to dispel this myth via our communications channels but, as our ambassadors, please tell people who we really are. We're a local healthcare provider, providing local care for local people. All 11 York GP practices have joined together to form Nimbuscare and they are all equal members. All of our funds are invested back into our city's healthcare.

Please also share our social media updates to help us spread the word; we are Nimbuscare!

## Staff area updates

More staff policies and procedures have been added to the employee area of the website, so please remember to check it regularly for updates.

## Look after your mental health

Nimbuscare employees can now use a new app that teaches them coping mechanisms to handle situations life may

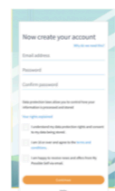
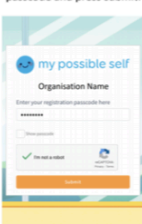
thrown their way. You can access the app by downloading Care First Zest on iTunes or Google Play, or from the website. Look out for your registration passcodes, which will be emailed to you, or contact Victoria Barton for more information.

*Thank you all for your hard work.  
Look out for our next newsletter  
update in two weeks time.*

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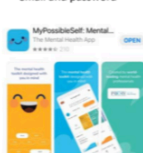
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