



A message from Maddy...



As students return to York after the summer break, we're staging a series of Pop-up Covid Vaccination Clinics on college and university campuses across the city. Those taking place at York's two universities have been planned to coincide with freshers' week and will see us hosting clinics in some of the most unusual venues that we've visited to date, including the Chapel of St John the Evangelist at York St John University and the iconic, Grade II-listed, Central Hall at the University of York campus. In recent months, we've held clinics in a wide variety of settings within the local community, but few are more beautiful or unique than the spaceship-like Central Hall building at the University of York and the serene surroundings of the Chapel at York St John University (pictured below left).

The clinics at the two universities are also open to members of the public, but please note that those being held at York's colleges are purely for staff and students.

The remaining list of dates and venues is as follows:

- **Askham Bryan College** - Wednesday 22 September, from 11am to 3pm. (College students and staff only.)
- **University of York** - Tuesday 28, Wednesday 29 and Thursday 30 September, from 10am to 4pm, at Central Hall on University Road, and Saturday 2 October, from 10am to 4pm, at Spring Lane Teaching Building on Harewood Way. (These clinics are open to the public.)
- **York St John University** (in the Chapel near the Student Union) - Monday 27 and Tuesday 28 September, from 10am to 4pm. (These clinics are open to the public.)





We've already held a clinic at York College (pictured left), as well as staging a previous event at Askham Bryan College.

There will be a further pop-up clinic at **Jorvik Gillygate Practice** on The Stonebow on Saturday 25 September, from 9am to 12 noon, which is open to anyone who is eligible for their first or second doses. A walk-in vaccination service is provided at the York Vaccination Centre at Askham Bar

every day, from 8.30am to 7.30pm. You don't need an appointment to attend the Vaccination Centre or a pop-up clinic, and you don't need a GP registration or NHS number; simply walk in.

I'm pleased to report that the Moderna vaccine is now available at all of our Pop-up Clinics too, giving patients even greater choice.

Covid vaccination boosters

Following Tuesday's Government announcement, people over the age of 50 will be invited to come to the York Vaccination Centre for Covid booster jabs from next week onwards. We'll begin with the most vulnerable patients and will also be visiting local care homes to give boosters to residents. Patients will be offered either a dose of Pfizer or a half dose of Moderna. The booster programme is likely to start slowly due to vaccine supply issues but will steadily gain momentum. Everyone who's eligible will be invited over the coming weeks. We hope to have given everyone over the age of 50 a booster by the end of December.

Vaccinations for 12-15 year olds

The Government has also confirmed that healthy 12 to 15 year olds should be given Covid vaccinations from next week. The jabs will be delivered primarily in schools by the school immunisation teams, although we have offered to support this. It's likely that local schools will begin vaccinating young people in this age group later this month.

Flu jabs

From next week onwards, people over the age of 50 will be invited to come to the York Vaccination Centre for their winter flu jabs. We're exploring opportunities to co-administer flu vaccinations and Covid boosters if we can. It looks like we have a busy few weeks ahead at the Centre!



A polite reminder

Over the past few weeks, we've had an increased number of patients not attending their pre-booked Covid vaccination appointment. It's great to see so many taking up the offer of a vaccine at our walk-in clinics, but we would like to politely remind patients that, if they need to rearrange their pre-booked appointment or have already attended a walk-in clinic, they must remember to cancel their booking. If you booked your vaccination appointment through the NHS booking system, simply go to the [website](#) and click 'Manage My Booking' or telephone 119 between 7am and 11pm. If you have any queries regarding your appointment, you can reach our helpdesk team by emailing: nimbuscare.help.desk@nhs.net.

Nimbuscare's first Careers Fair

I'm delighted that the many and varied exciting career opportunities available in the healthcare sector will be showcased at our first ever Careers Fair. This will take place at the York Vaccination Centre at Askham Bar on Saturday 9 October, from 10am to 2pm. We hope as many of our member GP practices as possible will have a stand there. The Careers Fair coincides with the first Birthday of the York Vaccination Centre and it goes without saying that we'll be marking the occasion; see the next issue of the newsletter for more information on that.

New respiratory clinic launched

We're proud to announce that we're working with the Vale of York Clinical Commissioning Group, North Yorkshire Clinical Commissioning Group and York and Scarborough Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust to launch an eight-week pilot project aimed at supporting Paediatric Urgent Care.

The Paediatric Ambulatory Treatment Hub is a new service for children under two years of age suffering from suspected bronchiolitis. GPs and clinicians will be able to refer patients to the hub if they feel they meet the criteria. The service will be supported by a Paediatric Nurse Specialist from the York and Scarborough Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. We plan to start the pilot in early October; watch this space for more information.

Come and learn about the wide range of career opportunities that we can offer, as well as those offered by our member GP practices.



Artwork by Karen Winship

Nimbuscare Careers Fair

Saturday 9 October, from 10am to 2pm, at the York Vaccination Centre at Askham Bar.





New e-scooter bay is proving popular

I'm delighted to report that we've linked up with TIER Mobility and City of York Council to install an e-scooter bay at the York Vaccination Centre at Askham Bar, making it possible for people to travel to work or attend appointments at the site

using the environmentally friendly mode of transport.

E-scooters, as well as e-bikes, provided by TIER Mobility are available to hire from locations across York as part of a Department for Transport (DfT) micro-mobility trial that City of York Council is involved in. After making use of the e-scooters to travel around the city themselves, staff and volunteers working at the York Vaccination Centre contacted TIER to ask if a parking bay could be provided at the site as part of Nimbuscare's efforts to promote the use of sustainable transport.

The new bay was installed last month and there are five to ten e-scooters available within it at any one time. It's already proving very popular, with more than 300 e-scooter journeys to and from the site made so far.

It's great to see our staff and volunteers embracing this sort of low-cost, sustainable transport to get around the city. We wanted to make it easier for them, as well as members of the public, to travel to the York Vaccination Centre by e-scooter, particularly now that anyone over the age of 18 is able to walk-in to the Vaccination Centre, but also as we continue to expand and develop the range of healthcare services that we offer from the Askham Bar site.

Midnight Walk fundraising success

The Midnight Walk fundraising event, which was organised by York-based charity St. Leonard's Hospice and took place earlier in the summer, has now raised a phenomenal £35,000, with gift aid funding still to be added to the final total. As Nimbuscare was the main sponsor of the event and a team of our staff and volunteers took part, we can all be really proud of our contribution to this very worthwhile cause.

Sarah Atkinson, Supporter Engagement Team Leader, said: "Thanks to all at Nimbus for your support with sponsorship, walking and allowing the collecting tubs on site."



Surplus stock available

We currently have some surplus stock that we'd be happy to share with our member GP practices or any local charities that could make use of it. This includes sanitiser, anti-bacterial wipes, face masks and kidney dishes. Anyone in need of these items is asked to [email](#) Jess Hedley.

Join us for coffee and cake!

We're proud to be taking part in Macmillan Cancer Support's annual World's Biggest Coffee Morning event next Friday 24 September.

Our Coffee Morning will be held at the York Vaccination Centre at Askham Bar from 10am to 2pm, and all of the proceeds will go to Macmillan Cancer Support. Donations of cakes, buns or a small prize for our raffle would be very welcome. We do hope as many of our staff, volunteers and colleagues from partner organisations will come along and join us.

If you can't attend but would still like to give a donation to Macmillan, simply text CUPCAKE to 70550 (one text is a £5 donation), visit the [website](#) or telephone 0845 074 2606. Texts cost £5 plus a network charge. Macmillan will receive 100 per cent of every £1 donated in this way.



Thank you all for your hard work.

Look out for our next newsletter in two weeks time and, in the meantime, please follow us on social media for more news updates:



[Click here](#)

[Click here](#)

[Click here](#)

[Click here](#)