



A message from Michelle...



**Michelle Phillips (pictured) is
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It's almost a year since the first Covid-19 vaccinations were administered by our teams at the York Vaccination Centre. One year on, we've given around 470,000 jabs, including almost 60,000 boosters and 3,000 jabs for 12-to-15 year olds in schools across North Yorkshire.

Our teams have also given around 10,000 flu jabs this winter, as well as running a host of other services.

With concerns growing nationally about the spread of the Omicron variant of Covid-19, we're making every effort to step up the roll out of the booster campaign to everyone over the age of 18 during the coming weeks.

With this in mind, we're recruiting more volunteers so, if you know anyone who might be interested in helping, please ask them to [email](#) us. Once an application has been acknowledged and so we can get volunteers on board as quickly as possible, they will undergo a DBS check and be asked to complete a short e-learning session.

Can you help?

Whether you're a weekly worker at York Vaccination Centre, have not been involved for a while due to other important duties or simply haven't had the chance to work with Nimbuscare yet, we need your help now as we respond to the call to give boosters to all adults.

Our aim is to expand capacity in our Tent of Hope, where we deliver the local vaccination service, and proactively send invitations to patients. Working together to make this extra effort between now and the New Year will help us to meet the challenge and protect our local population.

If you can help on any of the following dates, please [email](#) us with your availability:

- Saturday 11 December (morning).
- Tuesday 14 December (morning).
- Wednesday 15 December (morning).
- Thursday 16 December (morning).
- Saturday 18 December (full day).
- Sunday 19 December (full day).
- Wednesday 29 December (9.30am to 4pm).
- Thursday 30 December (9.30am to 4pm).
- Friday 31 December (10am to 2pm).



PATH service extended

The success of our Paediatric Ambulatory Treatment Hub (PATH) pilot, which operates from our Askham Bar site, has led to the service being extended until March. During the pilot phase, our teams saw more than 100 babies and children under the age of five years.

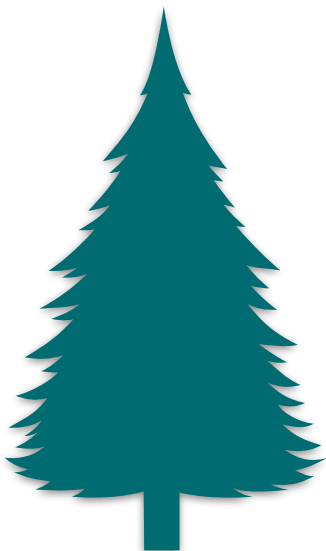
A collaboration with York and Scarborough Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, North Yorkshire Clinical Commissioning Group and Vale of York Clinical Commissioning Group, the hub aims to prevent babies and young children going into hospital unnecessarily with respiratory illnesses.

We're now taking referrals from the 111 NHS telephone service, as well as from paramedics and GP practices across the Vale of York. We're accepting children under five years with respiratory illness and/or a fever. This means that we urgently need to recruit more clinicians to work in the service. If you can help, please [email](#) us.

Christmas opening hours

The Christmas opening hours for all services offered at the York Vaccination Centre at Askham Bar are as follows:

- Friday December 24: Close at 3pm.
- Christmas Day: Closed
- Boxing Day: Closed
- Monday December 27: Closed
- Tuesday December 28: Closed
- Wednesday December 29: 10am to 4pm.
- Thursday December 30: 10am to 4pm.
- Friday December 31: 10am to 2pm.
- New Year's Day: Closed.
- Sunday 2 January: Closed.
- Monday 3 January: Closed.
- Tuesday 4 January: 10am to 8pm





It's Christmas!

We've kicked off the festive season in style with a series of celebratory events for our staff and volunteers.

On Tuesday 30 November, we held our Christmas Light Switch On at the York Vaccination Centre, which gave us an opportunity to say a huge thank you to our wonderful volunteers, who have given more than 40,000 hours of their own time to support the roll-out of the vaccination programme over the last year.

We send our special thanks to The Salvation Army for providing musical entertainment; Steve O'Neill, a volunteer who has provided Christmas decorations, including hats for younger patients; Amanda Ludlow, a volunteer who supported the event with a pop-up bar serving free drinks; Geordie at Cafe2U UK for providing hot drinks; Laura of El Kantina for the delicious street food; and, last but not least, Paul Marshall at Tesco Askham Bar, who kindly donated and set up our 15-foot Christmas tree, along with a huge amount of decorations. It seemed only fitting that Paul (pictured top left) should have the honour of turning on the lights.

On Wednesday 1 December, Nimbuscare staff came together for our latest team Away Day (pictured below), which gave us a valuable opportunity to look back on a busy but hugely successful year and discuss our exciting plans for the future. Afterwards, several members of the team took part in a festive wreath-making workshop (pictured centre left).



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Happy retirement Berni

Our recent team Away Day gave us an opportunity to bid a fond farewell to our Director of Governance, Berni Judge, who has been involved with Nimbuscare since the early days and played an integral role in its continuing evolution. I'm sure you'll join me in wishing Berni all the best for the future and thanking her for her hard work and support.

Staff survey

Thank you to everyone who took the time to respond to our recent staff survey. As always, we value your feedback and ideas. The information that you've given us will help to inform our approach as Nimbuscare continues to grow and develop, offering an ever wider range of healthcare services to local people of all ages. We'll be conducting staff surveys regularly, so please do look out for them in the future.

*Thank you all for your hard work.
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