



# A message from Maddy...



Happy New Year! I have no doubt that the hard work that you've all put into protecting local people from Covid-19 will make 2022 a healthier, happier year for us all.

I hope that you all managed to enjoy some much-needed time off with your family and friends after such a busy year, although I know that many of you were working over the Christmas and New Year period as we stepped up our efforts to administer Covid-19 boosters to as many local people as possible. I'm very grateful to you all for your commitment and dedication, and I know that the local community is too. Between mid-December and the end of the month, we gave more than 40,000 jabs at the York Vaccination Centre at Askham Bar and the satellite clinics that we ran across the city, with the support of Citywide Health. This means that we have now administered well over half a million Covid-19 vaccinations since the programme first began last December, which is a phenomenal achievement. On our busiest single day in December, we gave 4,600 jabs!

## Daily lateral flow tests

With Covid-19 rates surging both locally and nationally following the emergence of the Omicron variant, may I remind you all of the importance of taking a daily lateral flow test. It's essential that we each do all we can to protect ourselves, our colleagues and our patients.

## What a year!

If you've not yet seen it, please check out [this video](#) about our achievements during 2021. On Monday, the work that has taken place at the York Vaccination Centre over the course of the last year was also the subject of a feature on BBC Look North news bulletins throughout the day. Hopefully some of you managed to catch it.



## Vaccinations in the community

During December, our teams ran vaccination clinics at community centres and food banks across York to try to make it easier for hard to reach patients to receive their flu and Covid-19 vaccinations. Over a two-week period, they administered 98 flu vaccinations and 136 Covid-19 jabs.



## Thank you Tesco Askham Bar!

We're incredibly grateful to the team at Tesco at Askham Bar for their generous donation of items for babies and children attending our Paediatric Ambulatory Treatment Hub (PATH) clinic. As reported in our last newsletter, the clinic has been temporarily relocated from our Askham Bar site to the Old Forge Surgery on The Green at Upper Poppleton due to the roll-out of the Covid-19 booster programme.

The clinic's aim is to prevent babies and young children from going into hospital unnecessarily with fever and respiratory illnesses. It's a dedicated GP and paediatric nurse-led service for babies and children from three months to five years of age with fever or symptoms of respiratory illness, including croup, bronchiolitis and viral wheezing. Parents and carers must first contact their child's GP for an initial assessment, who can then refer them to the clinic, if it's appropriate. At the clinic, they are seen by an experienced children's nurse, working alongside a GP, in a child and family friendly setting. You'll find more information about the service on our [website](#).

During December, a total of 121 babies and children were seen by teams at our PATH clinics.



## Speaking on a global platform

Our Chairman, Professor Mike Holmes (pictured left), was able to share details of our innovative approach to collaborative working on a global platform, when he spoke at the World Health Organisation's conference in Athens last month. Mike told health leaders about York's very special general practice provider organisation, saying that Nimbuscare has a real sense of 'collective togetherness' across the city, which bodes well for the future.

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## Well done Mike and Ellie!

Finally, I'd like to congratulate our Chairman, Mike Holmes, and Corporate Affairs Manager, Ellie Holmes, who waltzed their way to victory in the annual Strictly St Leonard's dancing competition, which took place in December and raised funds for St Leonard's Hospice in York. The competition had to be held behind closed doors to minimise the spread of Covid-19, but those who took part still managed to raise an amazing £21,000 for the charity. Mike and Ellie are pictured (above) receiving their trophy.

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