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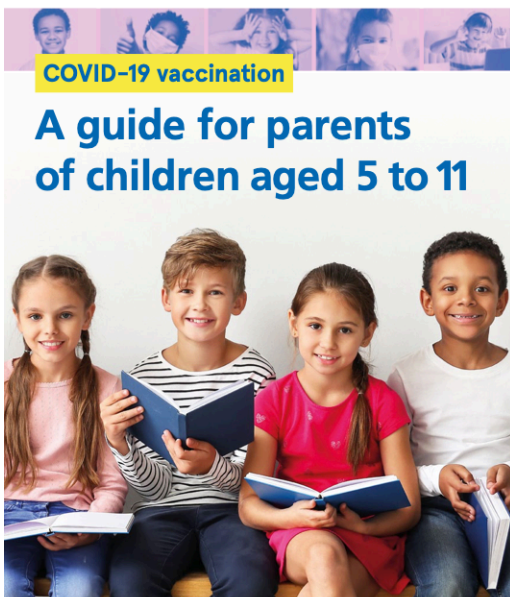
I'd like to extend a warm welcome to two new members of the Nimbuscare team. Ali Watson has been providing administrative support at the York Vaccination Centre on a temporary basis for the past few months, but I'm pleased to announce that she has now joined us on a permanent basis. Meanwhile, David Lightfoot, who previously worked at Fulford School, joins us on Monday as our Human Resources Assistant. I'll let our new team members introduce themselves properly in the next edition of the newsletter.

## Spring boosters

Since we began rolling out spring Covid-19 boosters last week, more than 2,500 local people have come forward for a jab, with hundreds more booking their slot via the National Booking Service or calling 119 in the last few days. The NHS is asking people to wait to be invited before trying to book, with the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation recommending that eligible patients receive their vaccine six months after their booster for maximum effectiveness. As part of the biggest and most successful vaccination drive in NHS history, nationally around 5.5 million people who are aged over 75 or immunosuppressed will be eligible for a spring booster over the coming weeks.

## Vaccinations for 5-11 year olds

The Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation has recommended that Covid-19 vaccinations should be offered to all 5-11-year-olds on a 'non-urgent' basis. From tomorrow, Saturday 2 April, patients will be able to book first dose Covid-19 vaccinations for healthy 5 to 11 year olds and second doses for clinically vulnerable children in the same age group via the [national booking system](#). We'll be running clinics for children in these groups at the York Vaccination Centre at Askham Bar from Monday 4 April, outside school hours and during school holidays. There's a handy guide for parents (pictured left) that can be downloaded [here](#).



Get a COVID-19 vaccination  
or booster appointment  
that fits around your  
Ramadan prayers

1 April 2022

## Longer opening hours during Ramadan

During the Islamic holy month of Ramadan, the York Vaccination Centre will be staying open until 9pm, rather than the usual 8pm, on a number of dates during April and May to allow people to come and get their vaccinations after sunset. Scholarly leaders and the British Islamic Medical Association have stated that it is permissible to have the Covid-19 vaccination while fasting during Ramadan. The site will be open until 9pm on 6, 9, 13, 16, 20, 23 and 27 April and 2 May.

## Employment opportunity

We're currently looking to recruit a Clinical Governance Lead. Please visit the ['Recruitment' page on our website](#) for further details.

## Protected Learning Time cover

During March, we provided cover to a number of GP practices across the Vale of York area to make it possible for their employees to come together for their quarterly 'Protected Learning Time' session. This involved taking incoming calls from patients contacting the practices and providing clinical staff to respond to urgent patient need.

## Over to you...

As well as sharing our own news updates in this fortnightly newsletter, we also welcome updates from our member GP Practices. If you'd like to submit a news item for publication in a future edition, please email your submissions to [lucy@lucyoates.co.uk](mailto:lucy@lucyoates.co.uk).

## York College REACH Awards

We're proud to be sponsoring York College's REACH (Rewarding Excellent And Celebrating Hard work) Awards for the second year running. The 2021 event took place virtually, but this year's will be held in college on 30 June and we're sponsoring the 'Under 19 – Most Determined Student Award'.



## Share your bright ideas

Our Project team is encouraging colleagues across the organisation to share their ideas for new service developments, or improvements to existing services and processes. To make it easy for everyone to get involved, we've included a copy of the 'Bright Ideas' form that they've created at the very end of this newsletter. Completed forms can be emailed to [nimbuscare.ideas@nhs.net](mailto:nimbuscare.ideas@nhs.net).

*"Thank you so much. I've so appreciated your support through this really difficult time. You made it more bearable and it is so good to know that there's someone checking in on me every day."*

## Feedback for our Covid welfare call service

Working with York Council for Voluntary Service (CVS), since the Covid-19 pandemic began we've made daily welfare calls to thousands of local people who are self-isolating to see how they're coping with their symptoms/illness, and ensure that they can access food and medical supplies.

We wanted to share with you a snapshot of the fantastic feedback that this service has received (see left and below).

*"Thank you for your calls, it's nice knowing I have had someone to talk to about how I've been that's just for me and not worrying about everything else I have going"*

*"So grateful for the help, I had no idea how much help there is if you just ask."*

*"Please pass on my thanks to everyone at CVS for ringing me. Every person I have spoken to has been amazing and the calls have been a huge help. They really helped my wellbeing."*

*"This service has been fantastic, knowing that someone has been checking on me every day whilst I have been ill has been great, thank you for your help and support."*

Look out for our next newsletter update in two weeks' time.

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Scope: (the benefits to us &amp; patients/ longevity?)



Funding Model and Finance Sources: (WAF, IA, Long Term Contract etc?)

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Location:

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