



A message from Maddy...



Investing in our communities

We've recently allocated around £80,00 worth of grant funding from the Nimbuscare Community Fund to 19 different community-based projects and organisations across the York area that are working to enhance the mental health and emotional wellbeing of local people.

As a relatively young but rapidly growing not-for-profit organisation, it's very important to us that we give something back to the communities that we serve. That's why we launched our Community Fund earlier this year and invited grant applications from organisations and projects in the York area that enhance and promote the mental health and emotional wellbeing of local people. We're delighted to be working in partnership with the Two Ridings Community Foundation, an independent charity that's helping to allocate the grant funding on our behalf.

We were absolutely thrilled by the number and quality of the applications that we received in response to our initial round of funding - they're all incredibly deserving and making a tangible difference to local people of all ages. It's wonderful to be able to support their good work and we look forward to helping even more fantastic local groups and projects with our Community Fund in the future.

From the first round of funding, grants have been allocated to: Accessible Arts & Media; Big Futures Foundation; Haxby & Wigginton Seniors' Social Group; Home-Start York; Kyra Women's Project; Newton-Upon-Derwent Methodist Church & Community Centre; Open Country; Pocklington Rugby in the Community; Refugee Action York; Shine21; St Leonard's Hospice; St Thomas' Church; Talking About Loss; The



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local care, for local people

Conservation Volunteers; Thrive Outside; Thunk-It Theatre Ltd; Tool Box Drama; York Neighbours; and the York Travellers Trust.

Community groups, projects and charities that missed out this time around will be able to apply again as part of a second round of grant funding later this year.

New community heart service

I'm delighted to announce that we're now helping to support people in York with long-term heart issues, as they await further treatment. Due to the pandemic, many patients with long-term heart issues in York are currently waiting longer to be seen by a specialist team. We're working with the city's GP practices and York and Scarborough Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust to support this group of patients within the community. People with heart problems are at a higher risk of urgent admission to hospital and their condition can deteriorate rapidly, if not checked. Earlier this month we launched a new clinic at our Askham Bar Community Care Centre, which is run by GPs, specialist heart failure nurses and other clinicians.

Dr Daniel Kimberling, our Medical Director, (pictured left) explained: "We see this as an important link between the hospital and GP care for people with heart problems. We are now seeing people in clinics at our new clinical building at the Askham Community Care Centre, where we have specialist teams on hand. We make sure their condition is stable and give people any necessary advice and treatment if we think it's worsening. This service will take the pressure off our GP practices and also prevent people being admitted into hospital. It's about working together, collaboratively, as a city and something we feel is the right thing to do."

Daniel will host an educational evening on this topic in June. Visit the [Staff Area on the website](#) or email [Ellie Holmes](#), our Corporate Affairs Manager, for details.

Protecting Learning Time

Our Operational Services and Clinical teams provided Protected Learning Time cover to GP practices in the Scarborough area earlier this month, working with teams from the Haxby Group and Central Healthcare GP practices. This meant that all of the Scarborough practices were closed for an afternoon and any patients with an urgent medical need or problem called a central telephone number so that these calls could be dealt with by our Operational (pictured left) and Clinical teams.





International Nurses Day

Last week we had a wonderful day of celebration to mark International Nurses' Day, an annual event that fell on Thursday 12 May this year. It was the perfect time to thank our nurses across the city for the huge contribution they make and we celebrated by giving them cupcakes (pictured left) and encouraging them to share some of their most poignant memories on our [website](#) and social media channels. The lovely team from Tesco at Askham Bar (pictured above) generously brought our nurses a basket of fruit to share as their way of saying thank you.

Vaccination programme update

Although we're still vaccinating in excess of 100 people per day at the Askham Bar Community Care Centre (formerly known as York Vaccination Centre), we've also been out and about administering boosters to housebound patients across York. In a three-week period, we administered more than 300 jabs to patients across the city and are now providing support in the Harrogate area to give housebound patients and care home residents their booster doses. We're also looking ahead and starting to make preparations for the autumn booster campaign after the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) announced last week that a Covid-19 vaccine should be offered to:

- residents in care homes (and staff)
- frontline health and social care workers
- all those aged 65 years and over
- adults aged 16 to 64 years who are in a clinical high risk group

We'll share more information about our plans nearer the time.

Job opportunity

We're currently looking to recruit a Human Resources Assistant and details of the post can be found on our [website](#). With Victoria Barton now on maternity leave, please direct all your Human Resources enquiries to carol.o'flaherty@nhs.net in the short-term.

Jubilee bank holiday weekend opening hours

Just a quick reminder that the Askham Bar Community Care Centre will be closed over the Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday long weekend, from Thursday 2 to Sunday 5 June. We'll be open as normal from Monday 6 June.

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.

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

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