



A message from Maddy...



To ensure that eligible patients have had plenty of opportunity to get their Flu and Covid-19 booster vaccinations, we've been holding pop-up vaccination clinics at locations across the city, including Monks Cross shopping centre and at our Acomb Garth Community Care Centre. Last week we administered 773 flu vaccinations and 600 Covid jabs.

Following a review of the national Covid vaccination programme, a decision has been taken to stand down the three national vaccination centres based in Scunthorpe, York and Hull with effect from next Friday, 16 December. We will, of course, continue to support our local vaccination service here in York, working with our 11 member GP practices. Currently there is no national guidance around further booster programmes, but we may receive information about future plans later this month. We're very proud to have delivered more than 650,000 Covid vaccinations through our local and national vaccination services to date.

Meanwhile, our Children's Ambulatory Treatment (CAT) Hub saw a total of 33 patients last week and was featured on BBC Look North, helping to raise awareness of Respiratory Syncytial Virus in babies and children.

Feeling festive at Acomb Garth

Last week, we marked the start of the festive season with a special event at our Acomb Garth Community Care Centre to thank our hardworking staff and volunteers. I'm very grateful to everyone who helped to make the evening such a success, including colleagues and The Yorkshire Party People for making sure that Acomb Garth was looking suitably Christmassy for the occasion, Singing For All for the

wonderful musical entertainment and El Kantina for the delicious food. More importantly, thank you to everyone who attended for making it such a memorable evening.





Pictured at the Green Summit (from the left) are Dr Rumina Önaç, Dr Matthew Sawyer, Professor Mike Holmes, Dr Stephen Brown (Heartbeat) and Dr Cath Dixon (Yorkshire Health Network).

Green Summit success

Last month, we hosted the first York and North Yorkshire Primary Care Green Summit at the Novotel in York. The idea was to bring York-based primary care teams together with colleagues from Heartbeat and Yorkshire Health Network GP federations with an interest in sustainability.

The aim of the summit was to help us understand what more we can do to help patient health and the planet, and it was facilitated by healthcare professionals with a special interest in greener healthcare. We want to create sustainability champions within each federation and establish leads from across all practices with each Primary Care Network, developing a support network for our area. The programme included three workshops hosted by Dr Rumina Önaç, GP, Chair of Sustainable Practices York and the Royal College of General Practitioners' Sustainable Healthcare Lead for Humber and the Ridings; Dr Aarti Bansal, GP with Special Interest in Respiratory and Net Zero GP Lead for the Humber and North Yorkshire Health and Care Partnership; and Dr Matthew Sawyer, GP and Director of SEE Sustainability.

Making our website accessible

I'm pleased to report that we've recently conducted an in-depth review of our [website](#) to ensure that it's as accessible as possible to all users. Our Quality Committee was particularly pleased with the outcome of this piece of work, which showed that, according to the [Lighthouse Accessibility Rating](#), the pages on our website all have a high accessibility rating. In future, we're aiming to have an accessibility rating of 85% or higher for every page on our website and would encourage our member GP practices to use the Lighthouse tool to review the accessibility of their websites too.

York Place Director appointed

It has been announced that Sarah Coltman-Lovell will take up the post of Place Director for York from 19 December. Sarah is currently the Interim Director of Strategic Planning for the Integrated Care Board and will take over from Simon Bell, who has held the Place Director role on an interim basis since August. Humber and North Yorkshire Health and Care Partnership has recently appointed NHS Place Directors to be core members of all six Place Committees across Humber and North Yorkshire. For details visit the [website](#).



What are our patients saying?

I'm proud to share this wonderful patient feedback for the Children's Ambulatory Treatment (CAT) Hub at our Askham Bar Community Centre, which was received recently via our touchless Ombea feedback pod:

"The best experience possible when worried and concerned for your child's health."

"This is a valuable service! My baby was examined, I got very clear instructions on what I should pay attention to. Thanks so much!"

"Amazing; I had a booked appointment for my son organised by my GP over the phone. I arrived and was directed straight to my cubical and seen by a nurse within five minutes of arriving. I loved that they were expecting me, rather than having to re-tell the whole story on arrival. Lots of support and things carefully explained. Without this, my GP would have needed to send me to an evening appointment somewhere else, I guess at the hospital? Surely this saves money and reduces pressure on other parts of the NHS. Fab!"



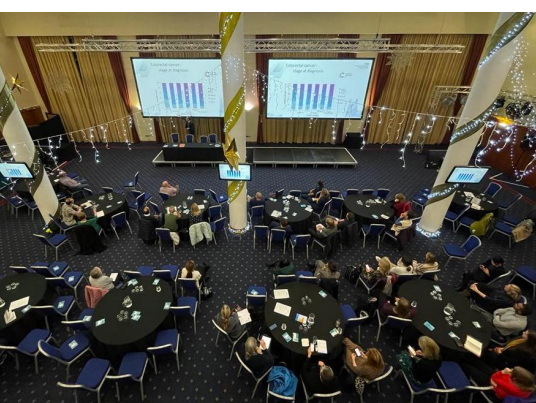
Welcome Sharon!

We're delighted to welcome our newly appointed Project Manager, Sharon Allmark, to the Nimbuscare team.

Sharon (pictured left) joins us from Babcock, where she was Project Manager for Defence Strategic Radio Systems, a managed service programme that involved working closely with the Ministry of Defence, providing critical communications to our armed forces. Sharon, who was born in York but moved away for a time before returning to her home city, said: "I'm looking forward to being a part of the continuing growth and success of the Nimbuscare team."

Protect Learning Time

Last week we hosted a peer-led Protected Learning Time event at York Racecourse for GPs, Registered Nurses, Health Care Assistants, Allied Health Professionals and Physician Associates from across the Vale of York. These sessions are an opportunity for healthcare professionals to learn about new clinical developments, updates to national guidance, and best practice, whilst also sharing their own experience and knowledge with their peers. Documents relating to the workshops and discussions at last week's session are now available to download from the [Staff Area](#) of the website.





Christmas opening hours

Looking ahead to the festive season, our Christmas opening hours are as follows:

Date	Acomb Garth Community Care Centre	Askham Bar Community Care Centre
Monday 19 December	8am – 8pm	8am – 8pm
Tuesday 20 December	8am – 8pm	8am – 8pm
Wednesday 21 December	8am – 8pm	8am – 8pm
Thursday 22 December	8am – 8pm	8am – 8pm
Friday 23 December	8am – 8pm	8am – 8pm
Saturday 24 December	8am – 2pm	CLOSED
Christmas Day	CLOSED	CLOSED
Boxing Day	CLOSED	CLOSED
Tuesday 27 December	CLOSED	CLOSED
Wednesday 28 December	8am – 8pm	8am – 8pm
Thursday 29 December	8am – 8pm	8am – 8pm
Friday 30 December	8am – 8pm	8am – 8pm
Saturday 31 December	8am – 2pm	CLOSED
New Year's Day	CLOSED	CLOSED
Monday 2 January (bank holiday)	CLOSED	CLOSED
Tuesday 3 January	8am – 8pm	8am – 8pm

- Flu and Covid-19 vaccination clinics for local patients will continue after the national Covid-19 vaccination service ends on 16 December; we'll share dates and times in the next edition of this newsletter.



News from our member practices: Haxby Group

Doctors from Haxby Group were involved in a recent research project and the production of a report exploring the largest gender pay gap in medicine.

Dr Nicola Greenwood, Dr Katie Barnett and Haxby Group Practice were credited within the report, entitled 'Exploring gender differences in update of partnership roles'. They worked with the Department of Health Sciences and Centre for Health Economics at the University of York, as well as the King's Fund. The research paper was part of the PREPARE programme of work, which is a collaboration between the University of York and the King's Fund.

This piece of work confirmed that women GPs, on average, earn more than 33 per cent less than men, which is the largest gender pay gap in medicine. Even taking account of differences in hours, age, grade and experience, a 15 per cent gender pay gap remains. The project involved exploring gender differences in uptake of, and attitudes to, the partnership role. For more information, visit the [website](#).

- We welcome submissions from our member GP practices. Please email your news items to [Lucy Oates](#).

Show your support for York Food Bank this advent

We were inspired by Priory Medical Group to support [York Food Bank](#) during advent. Our local food bank is at the Gateway Centre in Acomb and we're encouraging our member GP practices to look at ways that they can support this incredibly worthwhile cause, which helps local people in crisis.

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

In the meantime, please follow us on our social media channels by clicking on the links below.

Thank you all for your hard work and support.



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