

COVID-19 VACCINE ROLL OUT: PLEASE WAIT TO BE CONTACTED

The NHS vaccination programme is underway in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire as part of the national roll out.

Vaccinations started in the county on 8th December in Nottingham University Hospitals and Sherwood Forest Hospitals who are vaccinating those aged 80 and over, as well as care home workers and front-line staff at risk, identified as priority groups for the life-saving vaccine.

The NHS will contact people in the priority groups when it is their turn to receive the vaccine.

The vaccine roll-out is initially being co-ordinated by Hospital Hubs who are calling forward patients who meet the criteria based on the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation's recommendations.

It is expected that vaccination centres and local vaccination services within the community will launch in the coming weeks once the sites have been approved and meet the safety criteria.

Amanda Sullivan, Accountable Officer, Nottingham and Nottinghamshire CCG, said: "Healthcare professionals in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire have been working tirelessly over the last 10 months to care for the public and keep them safe throughout the pandemic.

"Now, as the roll out of the vaccination programme is underway, these healthcare professionals are continuing to care for the public to vaccinate us and keep us safe.

"We have been working closely as a system to roll out this programme of work over the last few months as part of a huge national effort to protect our patients against the virus. I would urge the public to come forward when they are called up for the vaccine and to make sure they attend their appointments. Please do not contact your GP for a vaccine; you will be contacted by the NHS when it is your turn."

Key message for the public

The public have an important part to play to help them do this:

- **please don't contact the NHS to seek a vaccine, we will contact you;**
- **when we do contact you, please attend your booked appointments; and**
- **please continue to follow all the guidance to control the virus and save lives.**

For more information about the Covid-19 vaccine please visit: <https://nottscgg.nhs.uk/covid-19/covid-19-vaccination-in-nottingham-and-nottinghamshire/>