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Dear Darren Henry MP

Thank you for your letter of 20th January regarding access to Covid-19 vaccinations and in particular your questions about the sites that residents of Broxtowe constituency can use to access vaccination. I am writing to you on behalf of all three leads for this programme.

Your message of thanks and appreciate to the tireless work of teams all across the health and care system is much appreciated and I will make sure that it is conveyed to the programme team leading this work.

I set out your questions and a response to them here for clarity.

Why are there no vaccination sites located within Broxtowe constituency?

In Nottingham and Nottinghamshire we have a long history of GP practices working together and our approach to the Covid-19 vaccine roll out is no different. We have taken an approach to maximise our resilience and coverage across the system to initially have fewer, larger sites delivering the vaccine rather than individual GP practices doing it alone. A total of six of Local Vaccination Services have therefore gone live with more sites set to go online in the next few days. This is a very careful process and lots of work has gone into the sites to ensure safety, accessibility, power supplies, security and many other factors. The national process to approve sites means that it is not possible to arrange for a site in every community in our area at this stage. The nearest site to Broxtowe is the King's Meadow campus at the University of Nottingham.

Are there any plans for vaccination centres to be located within Broxtowe?

We appreciate that it would be beneficial for Broxtowe residents to have a site in their district and we are working with NHS England and Improvement to develop options to achieve this. As soon as I have a further update I will come back to you. This may include local pharmacy or GP services and we will keep you abreast of further developments in that regard.

Which, if any, sites are being considered in Broxtowe?

We are exploring both GP practice sites and also Community Pharmacy sites – at this stage I am not able to name specific sites for understandable security and commercial reasons.

Are there obstacles to vaccination sites in Broxtowe that I may be able to help you overcome?

The national NHS process guides us through the steps needed to open new sites and we are comfortable that we know what needs to be in place to achieve this. If there is support needed to make this happen I will be sure to let you know. In the meantime if you could continue promoting the sites that are available to Broxtowe residents and encourage them to take up the opportunity of vaccination at those locations.

What plans are in place for housebound people in the higher cohorts to be vaccinated at home?

We will be using our “roving” team made up of NHS staff from across the system to vaccinate housebound residents. The Covid-19 vaccination programme in older person care homes is underway across the county and city to deliver to the NHS’s deadline of 24th January. This is being delivered by our “roving” team. The roving service will also be responsible for vaccinating housebound patients and this will be the focus following completion of the older persons care home programme.

To ensure that those in vulnerable groups or who are geographically or socially isolated can access community vaccination services as soon as possible, the vaccination programme has also made provision for a supply of transport to those who meet eligibility criteria. This will be provided by volunteer drivers and taxis.

It is essential that the most vulnerable people have ready access to their vaccinations and I would be most grateful if you could address the concerns I have raised.

Please be assured that we are absolutely committed to ensuring that all of our eligible residents are able to access vaccination in an equitable and timely way and will continue to work with you to make this a reality.

I hope that gives you some confidence that this concern has been acted upon and is being progressed. I hope to be in touch next week with some news on next steps.

Yours sincerely



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