

# TyneHealth News

## North Tyneside GP Federation e-Bulletin

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## COVID-19 Vaccination Programme (CVP)

TyneHealth together with the four Primary Care Networks (PCNs) and NTCCG are working on the final details to deliver the COVID-19 Vaccine for the North Tyneside Borough.

The BMA GP Committee and NHS England and NHS Improvement (NHSEI) have agreed an Enhanced Service (ES) for General Practice in England to lead the delivery of the CVP (COVID-19 Vaccination Programme).

The intention is to prepare for a service to be delivered from early December 2020, however the actual start date will depend on the availability of vaccines with the expectation that vaccine availability will be limited to small numbers at the outset with most vaccinations taking place early in 2021.

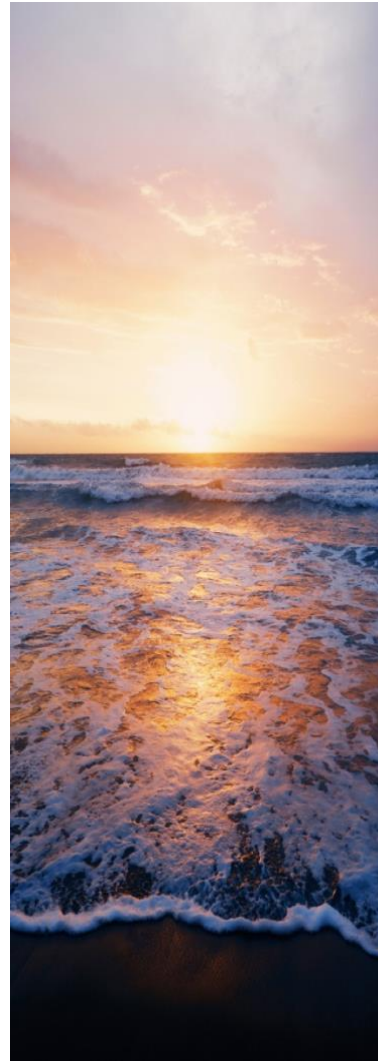
At present, based on the information known to us, the vaccines require two doses per patient, with a 21- 28 day gap between doses. The timing and roll out to patients will be confirmed, but are

expected to be in line with the latest JCVI (Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisations) recommendations. Similar to the flu groups they include:

- Care home residents & staff
- All health & social care workers
- People at high risk clinically
- Those over the age of 50 years

The high priority groups will be vaccinated first as the vaccine becomes more available, with increasing numbers vaccinated in line with vaccine availability. The Enhanced Service (ES) includes provision of vaccinations to housebound patients via home visits, with community service providers expecting to play a role in this service.

The COVID-19 Vaccination Programme will operate 8am-8pm, 7 days a week, and North Tyneside sites will be announced as soon as they are confirmed.



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### VOLUNTEERS WANTED :

Medical Students to form a vital part of the COVID-19 Vaccine Programme staffing, as well as GP Practice staff, trained NHS volunteers and retired healthcare professionals from across the North East.

If you would like to volunteer to work in our COVID-19 Vaccine Hubs please contact TyneHealth by completing the form on our [website](#)

“As the seasons change and leaves start to fall, make sure you don't...”

During the autumn and winter months the risk of falling increases. It's worth having a think about how you can reduce your risk.

More advice as above from [Age UK](#) on Falls Prevention and how to stay safe when the weather is bad [here](#)

## NEW Falls Prevention Service (FPS)

The Falls Prevention Service (FPS) in North Tyneside has been designed to proactively identify patients - who potentially have issues that would otherwise have gone unchecked - to stop them from falling.

*Patients must be over 60 years of age to be able to access this service.*

The Falls Prevention Team (FPS) offer telephone assessments with a Falls Specialist GP, a Falls Consultant, or a Physiotherapist. The telephone assessment helps us to gauge whether the patient is at further risk of falling, or whether there is a need for a physiotherapist or geriatrician to see them. Following this

assessment we may then offer a face to face appointment with the relevant member(s) of the team or we will agree a care plan over the telephone and send relevant documents, leaflets and exercises by post.

For more information check out our [website](#)

## NEW Pharmacy Hub for the North West

Together with the North West Primary Care Network (PCN) – groups of GP Practices working together to deliver services to their local community – TyneHealth, locality GPs and a team of dedicated Pharmacists are working on a number of initiatives to make structured medication reviews and hospital discharge documentation checks central to excellent care delivery, and improved outcomes for patients

in the North West area of North Tyneside Borough.

This service aims to deliver excellent person-centred care for individuals, linking to proactive structured medication reviews and reduction in polypharmacy which can be a big cause of falls, a crucial part of the a joined up approach to Falls Prevention (see above) as well as aiming to minimise unwanted and adverse medication side effects.

The Pharmacists working in the North West Pharmacy Hub are supervised and supported through 1 to 1 sessions with nominated Lead GPs as well as Senior Pharmacists, forming a team who can lead excellence in care in the North West locality for all of its residents.

More information about the team will be on our website soon.

## NEW COVID-19 PCR Testing & Certification

TyneHealth have partnered with KDI Medical to offer a new, COVID-19 PCR Testing and Certification Service for any person needing a rapid (within 48hrs), accurate and accredited test with internationally recognised certification emailed in a pdf form, allowing for easy

printing for travel purposes. The service will run from this Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December with testing kits available to order on-line, with subsequent collection available through the Oxford Centre in Longbenton. Tests are processed after posting using CQC registered and UKAS accredited local

laboratories. For more information and a 15% discount visit the TyneHealth or KDI Medical websites [here](#)



We can all do our bit by continuing to follow UK Government Guidance after lockdown ends on December 2<sup>nd</sup> and the North East moves to [Level Three High Alert](#)

## North Tyneside CCG Rated Outstanding

We are delighted to share in the news posted by North Tyneside CCG that they have been rated Outstanding by the Care Quality Commission (CQC) 2019/ 2020, for the second year in a row by NHS England, for commissioned and delivered services across the Borough.

This news and the collaborative partnership approach taken by the CCG across North Tyneside was highlighted on Twitter with this [video](#) from Mark Adams, the Chief Officer of North Tyneside CCG, thanking all their associated partners for their hard work during COVID-19 and highlighting

excellent GP Services, Cancer and Diabetes Care as well as Women's and Maternity Services. The work of the North Tyneside Carers Centre, Partnership and Board, Secondary Care NHS Trusts and the Local Authority were also highlighted as well as the importance of feedback from patients and the work of Healthwatch, VODA and other Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) Organisations across North Tyneside.

The CCG's work on the digital first strategy for General Practice was noted to have been highly successful in coping with the

pandemic with GP practices continuing to deliver excellent care throughout the crisis, alongside TyneHealth taking on the planning, running and staffing of COVID-19 Assessment Sites and continuing to provide Extended Access appointments to enable our GPs and nurses to see patients face to face, where this was needed and safe to do so.

The response to the crisis across all sectors in North Tyneside, and the huge numbers of people volunteering to help across our communities, has been crucial in achieving this result. Well done everyone!



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