

Councillor and Parish Council Update – 17 June 2021

Local Coronavirus figures

The current local Coronavirus figures can be found on the Government website:

<https://coronavirus.data.gov.uk/details/cases?areaType=ltla&areaName=King%27s%20Lynn%20and%20West%20Norfolk>

These figures are for the week ending 11 June 2021, and comparisons are with the week ending 4 June 2021:

- The case rate per 100,000 for all ages is: Norfolk 18 (10.8 previous week), East of England 34.6 (24.2 previous week) and England 72.7 (47.8 previous week). Overall, this represents an increase in Norfolk of 66.3%.
- In King's Lynn and West Norfolk, the case rate per 100,000 of all ages is 16.5 compared to 10.6 the previous week – an increase of 56.3%.
- This compares to figures for the rest of Norfolk this week: Breckland 19.3; Broadland 22.9; Great Yarmouth 10.1; North Norfolk 11.4; Norwich 23.5; and South Norfolk 18.5.
- The total number of people tested for Covid-19 in the last 7 days is 24807, compared to 23372 for the previous 7 days (11.3% increase).

The figures show an increase in west Norfolk but the figures are still low.

Here are some additional government links you may find useful:

[Cases | Coronavirus in the UK \(data.gov.uk\)](#) - This site can be filtered to show information for each district

[Interactive Map | Coronavirus in the UK \(data.gov.uk\)](#) - Can focus in on the map to district level and ultimately ward/street view.

Vaccination update (From N&WCCG)

The latest national vaccination data shows that we are continuing to make strong progress with both first and second doses. The data shows that up to Sunday, 6 June 2021:

- 80% of adults in Norfolk and Waveney had received their first dose, compared to 74% of adults in England. This puts us first out of the 42 health and care systems in England.
- 60% of adults in Norfolk and Waveney had also received their second dose, compared to 52% of adults in England. This puts us fourth out of the 42 health and care systems.
- 97% of people over the age of 50 have had their first dose, along with 89% of this group have had their second dose.
- In the week to 30 May, 55,846 doses were given of which 15,662 were first doses and 40,184 were second doses.

- A total of 1,196,745 doses of vaccine had been given locally since the start of the vaccination programme.

There is more detail in this [press release](#) about today's figures. The CCG will continue to keep you updated on developments with the programme.

In line with the ask from Government, the CCG are looking to bring forward second doses for all patients over 40 and to vaccinate as many as possible within an eight-week window.

Latest figures from Public Health England show that having two doses of the vaccine responds well to the Delta variant, with efficacy at more than 90%. With this in mind, the national booking service and our local primary care vaccination sites will be contacting individuals to bring their second doses forward, where possible, in line with vaccine supply. More walk-in vaccination sessions will also give people this additional opportunity to get their second dose earlier.

We are doing all we can to ensure that within this four-week delay window, as many people are asked and encouraged to come forward for their first and second doses.

It is highly likely that the vaccination programme nationally will open to individuals over the age of 18 in the coming days. Teams across Norfolk and Waveney are working to diversify their offer at each site; this includes but not limited to the following:

- More walk-in sessions – we know younger cohorts respond better to walk-in clinics without the need to book an appointment. The national booking system and all sites available across Norfolk and Waveney will still be available to book
- Clinic times will also be reviewed – we will work hard to ensure that as many clinics as possible take place early morning, late afternoon, into the evening and at weekends.

A new campaign, aimed at individuals over the age of 18 is also being developed and will be launched when this age group is eligible to book a vaccine. It would be hugely appreciated if all MPs, Councillors and partner organisations could share these messages when they become available. We will be focussing even more attention on social media as opposed to more traditional communication channels, in line with younger cohort preferences.

We continue to regularly address myths on social media and correcting these where we see them. More than 1,000 young people have been surveyed over the last few weeks and it is pleasing to see that more than 90% said they will get their vaccine when it is offered to them. The feedback from the survey has given us valuable insight into some of the key factors where individuals may not be considering the vaccine. These are historic issues that we and other systems continue to address, such as pregnancy, breastfeeding and impact on DNA. We continue to share videos and useful materials to correct any disinformation and reassure people where they may be concerned.

Vaccination bus stops in North Lynn

The Norfolk and Waveney CCG vaccination bus stopped in North Lynn on Saturday 12 June. I would like to thank our ward councillors, borough council staff and community partners who have got the message out in the area about the visit, this included knocking on the door of around 2000 properties in the area.

356 vaccines were given in North Lynn through the vaccination bus and pop-up clinic last week.

It is vital that we get the message out to some of the pockets of west Norfolk that have a lower vaccination uptake. More work will be done for other areas, including South Lynn next.

England remains in Step 3

The government has announced a 4-week pause at Step 3. Step 3 restrictions remain in place, and you should follow the guidance on this page, which explains what you can and cannot do.

It is expected that England will move to Step 4 on 19 July, though the data will be reviewed after 2 weeks in case the risks have reduced. The government will continue to monitor the data and the move to Step 4 will be confirmed one week in advance.

However, some restrictions will change on 21 June. From 21 June, there will be changes to the rules on:

- weddings and civil partnership ceremonies and wedding receptions or civil partnership celebrations
- commemorative events following a death such as a wake, stone setting or ash scattering
- large events pilots
- care home visits
- domestic residential visits for children

[More information available here.](#)

Grants for business

Local Restrictions Support Grant: Over £23m paid out in main and discretionary grants. The deadline for payments is 30 June and we only have three applications left to clear.

Restart Grants: Nearly £13m paid in main and discretionary grants. Applications close on 30 June. We will be doing some proactive work around take up of the discretionary Restart Grant.

Tourism Recovery Plan

On Friday 11 June the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) published the Tourism Recovery Plan which sets out the role that the UK Government will play in supporting the tourism sector's recovery from COVID-19.

The government also announced that later this year it will also launch a new rail pass for "staycationers" to help make it easier and more sustainable for domestic tourists to get around the country.

In autumn, the National Lottery will also launch a £10 million voucher scheme to encourage trips beyond the peak summer season, with players having the chance to claim vouchers to redeem at tourist attractions across the UK between September 2021 and March 2022.

Announcement:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/tourism-recovery-plan>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-plan-to-drive-rapid-recovery-of-tourism-sector>

Borough Council service impacts

All of our service impacts can be found here: www.west-norfolk.gov.uk/coronavirus

If you require specific information about any of the issues raised in this update, please contact communications@west-norfolk.gov.uk

Residents across Norfolk are being urged to have their say about community safety in the county.

****Sent on behalf of the Norfolk County Community Safety Partnership (NCCSP)****

Survey launched to seek views on community safety in Norfolk

The Norfolk County Community Safety Partnership (NCCSP) has launched a consultation to understand what residents believe will make Norfolk a safer place to live, work and visit.

The NCCSP develops a Community Safety Plan which sets out the priorities which partners will focus on. Having carried out an assessment of crime and community safety issues, the NCCSP has drafted a new three-year plan which proposes seven priorities.

The partnership now wants to hear from Norfolk residents whether they feel the priorities correctly reflect the issues which matter most to them.

The proposed priorities are:

- Serious violence
- Domestic and sexual abuse
- Preventing terrorism
- Criminal exploitation, including modern slavery and county lines drug dealing
- Neighbourhood crimes like robbery, burglary, anti-social behaviour, vehicle crime and other theft offences
- Hate crime and community tensions
- Fraud

The NCCSP brings together organisations from across Norfolk to tackle crime and disorder, and ensure the county remains a safe place for all.

The NCCSP wants to make the public and professionals aware of a variety of community safety issues in order to enable them to better protect themselves and others.

Once the priorities have been agreed, the partnership will use a variety of approaches to promote important community safety messages to both the people of Norfolk and professionals.

More details and take part in the consultation here:

<https://www.norfolk-pcc.gov.uk/police-and-crime-plan/working-in-partnership/community-safety/nccsp-strategic-plan-consultation/>

Consultation closes on 16 July 2021.