

COMMUNITY VOICE

Welcome to the Derbyshire Dales Community Voice Update



Department of Health and Social Care
A new dentistry reform plan will make it quicker and easier to get NHS dental treatment.



**OUR PLAN FOR
NHS
DENTISTRY**

**MORE THAN
2.5 MILLION
APPOINTMENTS**

- Dental vans for isolated communities**
- Incentives for dentists to work in areas most in need**
- Smile for Life programme to support children's oral health**

Backed by £200 million over the next year, it includes extra appointments, dental vans and measures to improve oral health.

More details here 

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/.../millions-more-dental.../>



NHS
Find a dentist

COVID-19 vaccination programme for Spring 2024

A spring Covid vaccination will be offered to people at highest risk of serious illness following advice from the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI).



The NHS will confirm how and when eligible people can get this vaccination.

[JCVI advises on eligible groups for 2024 spring COVID-19 vaccine](#)



**SPRING
COVID
VACCINATION**

will be offered to:

-  Everyone aged 75 and over
-  Residents in care homes for older adults
-  Immunosuppressed people aged 6 months and over



NHS England will confirm details on how and when eligible people can access the spring vaccine in due course.



Help travelling to medical appointments

Do you need some help getting to your medical appointments?

Access to Health is a bus service that is partly funded by Derbyshire County Council and is available for disabled people and those that cannot access public transport for their healthcare needs.

If you or someone you know needs the service, call 03333 444125 for High Peak, Derbyshire Dales & South Derbyshire.

The Volunteer Driver will usually wait for you at your medical appointment for up to 2 hours and then bring you home again if required.

This great service relies on volunteers, get in touch on the number above if you're interested in helping out.

FIND OUT MORE



Did you know that you can pay less for Hormone Replacement Therapy (HRT) medicine through the HRT Prescription Prepayment Certificate (PPC)?

Since its launch last year more than half a million HRT PPCs have been issued, helping women in England save money on HRT medication for menopause symptoms.

Here's what you need to know before applying, including checking if your medication is covered by the prepayment certificate. [nhs-hormone-replacement](https://www.nhs.uk/healthcare/medication/hormone-replacement-therapy)



You can now get treatment for seven common conditions at most pharmacies without a GP prescription.

This will make it quicker and easier to get care while empowering pharmacists to use their expertise.

Across England, 95% of pharmacies have signed up to offer the expanded service which includes treatment for:

- sinusitis, sore throat and earache
- infected insect bite, impetigo and shingles
- uncomplicated urinary tract infections in women

More details here :

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/.../over-10000-nhs-pharmacies.../>

Find a pharmacy

Keeping in touch: If you have any questions, ideas or concerns please email: Rachel@ddcvs.org.uk

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Want to meet other carers for information or a chat?

Are you looking after someone with a long-term illness or disability?



Carers Cafe

10:30-12:30 NOON ON THE 4TH THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH
LE MISTRAL CAFE WIRKSWORTH

First meeting 29th February

Call Grace 01629 812154 ext 2



Share your feedback on wheelchair services in Derbyshire

www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/RAWOPA/

Are you a Derbyshire resident who relies on a wheelchair? Your input can shape the future of wheelchair services! Share your experiences with us by taking our short survey. It only takes 5 minutes but your feedback could make a huge difference 🙌

Healthwatch Derbyshire wheelchair services survey

Are you a carer for someone who uses a wheelchair in Derbyshire? [Healthwatch Derbyshire wants to hear from you too.

Take this survey and let us know about your experiences with wheelchair services. Together, we can make a difference!

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