



**11 April 2022**

Dear colleagues,

Welcome to our new look Partner Update. We've changed the design to reflect that we are now sharing information about not only Covid-19, but other topics as well.

However, our main focus will continue to be on keeping you up to date about the Covid-19 vaccination programme in Bolton.

Five to 11 year olds can now get their Covid jabs at two walk-in vaccination sites in Bolton: Market Place Shopping Centre and Horwich RMI club.

Parents and carers can check their opening times in our poster below. Alternatively, they can book an appointment for their child at a selection of sites in Greater Manchester and beyond on the National Booking Service [on line](#) or by calling 119. More information on the vaccine for this age group is [on our website](#).

Bolton's walk-in vaccination sites continue to offer first and second doses, boosters, Spring boosters (if eligible) and third/fourth doses for clinically extremely vulnerable people.

Finally, Ramadan Mubarak to everyone in Bolton who is observing the Islamic holy month.

Muslims have been reassured that they can continue to get vaccinated during Ramadan. The British Islamic Medical Association and leading scholars have said that having the Covid vaccine won't break their fast.

Ibrahim Ismail from Bolton Solidarity Community Association answers some questions that Muslims may have about the vaccine [in this video](#).

**Communications and Engagement Team  
NHS Bolton Clinical Commissioning Group**

## **Partner Update**

### **Walk-in Covid-19 vaccination clinics**

Details of this week's walk-in Covid-19 vaccination sites in Bolton are [in this poster](#), on the [CCG's website](#) and on the CCG's Facebook, Twitter and Instagram pages.

### **New to the UK vaccination information for migrants**

The [Government's website](#) has information for anyone who has moved to the UK and advises them on the need to register with a GP to have their routine vaccinations. It explains the vaccines that people with health conditions, pregnant women, infants, children and older adults need and the diseases this will help to protect them from. It also has information on health services, how to use them and where to get assistance. Leaflets can be downloaded in a selection of languages.

### **Waiting for treatment?**

The NHS is continuing to work hard to reduce hospital waiting lists which have built up during the pandemic.

If you or someone you know is waiting for delayed treatment, the [GM While You Wait website](#) has advice and support. The NHS has also launched the [My Planned Care website](#) which gives patients the latest average waiting time for a consultation, treatment or surgery at individual hospitals, along with advice and support.

### **Mental health support**

Supported Steps offers free support to people in Bolton whose financial struggles are having an impact in their mental health and wellbeing. [See this leaflet for more information.](#)

### **Cheering Bolton's community champions**

The voluntary work of Bolton's community champions is being celebrated on billboards, adverts and advans across the borough.

The champions have played a vital role in sharing trusted information about coronavirus, and the Covid-19 vaccination and testing programmes, with people in their local communities.

[Find out more about the programme and how to take part.](#)



### **The Big Conversation**

Greater Manchester Integrated Care Partnership has launched a [public consultation](#). People who live or work in Greater Manchester are urged to complete the Big Conversation survey for the chance to win one of four £250 shopping vouchers. The results will be used to help the partnership develop its five year plan which will set out its aims, objectives and priorities for health and care in GM – and how it intends to achieve them. Closing date: Sunday May 8.

### **Carers roadshows**

Bolton Carers Support is holding a series of roadshows where carers can give their views on what type of short breaks and support that they would like the charity to provide. [Dates are in this leaflet.](#)

### **Cancer event**

The Cancer Awareness UK roadshow will visit Bolton Market from 10am to 4pm on Thursday 14 April.

Nurses will give advice on spotting cancer, local support services and national cancer screening programmes. [Check out this leaflet for more information.](#)

### **Tackling loneliness**

The national charity Re-engage has launched a free telephone befriending service for LGBT+ people aged 75 and over.

If you would like to be matched with a friendly volunteer, or know someone who could benefit from a weekly chat, call 0800 716 543 (freephone) or email [samuel.higgins@reengage.org.uk](mailto:samuel.higgins@reengage.org.uk)

### **Online mental wellbeing support**

Manchester-based professionals can find out more about the online digital mental health support provided by Kooth (age 10-25) and Qwell (age 26 plus). [Register here](#) to take part in a webinar – various dates are available in April.

### **April is Bowel Cancer Awareness Month**

Bowel Cancer Awareness UK is holding [free online awareness talks](#) in April. They last 30 minutes and cover the signs and symptoms of bowel cancer, risk factors and screening.

The CCG's chairman Dr Niruban Ratnarajah has more information about bowel cancer – and why it's important to get any possible symptoms checked – in [his latest column](#).

If you no longer wish to receive this email then please email [bolccg.communications@nhs.net](mailto:bolccg.communications@nhs.net) and we will remove you from our distribution list.

We will endeavour to keep you updated but as the situation is changing rapidly, you should check the national coronavirus guidance regularly.

The information in this is update correct at the time of issue. It is gathered from a number of sources including Bolton Council, CVS and Healthwatch.

