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Dear colleague

Thank you for your continued support for the COVID-19 vaccination programme. It is an incredibly complex programme that is changing and expanding rapidly. Coupled with the significant pressure on the health service brought about by the record numbers of cases and COVID-19 hospital admissions, all our local NHS organisations, including the CCG, are extremely busy at the moment.

It is important that you, as key stakeholders, elected representatives and sources of trusted information, are well briefed so that you can share important public health messages, information about the vaccination programme and accurate updates on the pressure the NHS is currently facing. I hope that our regular written briefings and meetings, including to the Local Outbreak Engagement Boards, are helpful with this.

You'll understand that in such a fast changing situation and given the severity of the situation, the NHS must focus on operational priorities and delivering the vaccination programme. With that in mind, I'd ask that we really strive to make the most of our regular meetings to share information and ask questions, so as to limit the individual requests in between meetings. It is likely that if you have a question, the answer would be relevant to others, so please ask away when we're together in meetings.

I am understandably getting regular requests for updates on the number of people being vaccinated. To clarify, the Government and NHS England are taking the lead on publishing information about the number of people being vaccinated. Yesterday they started publishing information at a regional level, which can be found here:

[www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/covid-19-vaccinations](http://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/covid-19-vaccinations).

We cannot regularly publish or give you information ourselves on the numbers vaccinated locally. However, we expect that in the near future that the Government and NHS England will start to publish information at system level, which for us is Norfolk and Waveney, and at upper tier local authority area. We also expect that to start with there is likely to be a lag between the vaccinations that have been given and the numbers reported through the national system.

The CCG is updating its website very regularly, with the very latest information about the vaccines and the answers to many frequently asked questions. Please continue to direct people to it. We're creating information in a range of formats, there's a myth buster, a page in EasyRead and we're making some videos too. Here is a link to our website:

[www.norfolkandwaveneyccg.nhs.uk/covid-19-vaccination-programme](http://www.norfolkandwaveneyccg.nhs.uk/covid-19-vaccination-programme).

With best wishes



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