

Jane Hunt MP



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Dear local residents,

Thank you to those who have contacted me about hospital hubs and the local roll out of the Covid-19 vaccine.

I am delighted that the UK is the first country in the world to approve one of the newly developed Covid-19 vaccines. The Government accepted the recommendation from the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) to approve Pfizer/BioNTech's vaccine for use following months of rigorous clinical trials and a thorough analysis of the data by MHRA's experts who have concluded that the vaccine meets its strict standards of safety, quality and effectiveness. This is a very positive step forward towards restoring normal life, but I would urge everyone to continue to follow the Government's guidance as it will be some time before the vaccine is fully rolled out.

I am also pleased that yesterday, the Health Secretary confirmed that Leicestershire will be getting a hospital hub and that the vaccination programme will be rolled out locally in the coming days through this hub and other vaccination services. The NHS is taking a phased approach to this, with patients aged 80 and above who are already attending hospital as an outpatient, and those who are being discharged home after a hospital stay, being among the first to receive the vaccine.

The NHS has informed me that people will be sent a letter either from their GP or the national NHS when it is their time to get the vaccine and has asked me to stress that people should not contact the NHS to get an appointment until they have received this letter.

I hope that this information is helpful. Please do let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jane".

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