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Statement issued on behalf of Dr Anoop Dhesi, Chair NHS Norfolk and Waveney Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)

Covid-19 vaccinations to begin in Norfolk and Waveney on Wednesday 9 December

The NHS in Norfolk and Waveney has today begun inviting care home workers and members of the public who are 80 and over, to attend appointments to receive the Covid-19 vaccination. We now have a vaccine that has been confirmed as safe and effective by the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA).

Vaccinations will begin at the Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital (NNUH) and the James Paget University Hospitals (JPUH) on Wednesday 9 December 2020 and will be by appointment only.

The two hospitals are the first sites in Norfolk and Waveney to receive the vaccine. They are among 50 hospitals across the country beginning vaccinations this week.

Initial supplies of the vaccine are limited and being given to those most at risk from Covid-19 including a small number for at risk frontline NHS staff.

People over the age of 80 will be contacted by their GP practice. All people due to be vaccinated will be asked to fill in a health screening questionnaire and consent form.

Vaccinating all adults will be a marathon not a sprint. The first community vaccination sites will begin operating later in the month.

The Covid-19 vaccination programme has been planned extensively by the NHS so it can be rolled out as quickly and safely as possible. This programme of vaccination is the largest in the history of the NHS.

Over the coming months people will be invited when it's their turn to be vaccinated. Do not ask your GP or hospital, please wait for your invite.

In the meantime, the best thing we can all do to protect ourselves, our families and our communities is to wash hands, cover face, and make space.

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