

Report to Downham Market Town Council 13th April 2021
Councillor Josie Ratcliffe

Downham Market Vaccination Centre

Norfolk and Waveney CCG is promoting a series of drop-in clinics at DMTH from Sunday 11th to 18th April, 9am to 2pm. These are for anyone aged 50+ to receive their first dose, and also people aged 30+ in priority groups 1-9 which includes health and social care staff and unpaid carers, and also Clinically Extremely Vulnerable individuals and their household members (letter from GP and evidence of shared address needed). No appointment is necessary but attendees are asked to take proof of age and NHS number. Priority groups 1-9 aged under 30 cannot currently receive the Astra Zenica jab due to a change in government guidance.

A resident of Downham Market contacted me on the first day of the drop-in clinics at DMTC to complain that her husband had been turned away. This was despite the CCG's social media posts stating that eligibility includes household members of CEV individuals (and the resident had checked this with the 119 booking line). I was able to get a message to the CCG on Sunday to explain that guidance at DMTC did not match their social media posts. First thing Monday morning they updated the guidance being used by the clinic so this issue should be resolved – household members (age 30+) of CEV individuals are eligible to receive their first dose.

I received my first Covid-19 vaccination at Downham Market Town Hall and I found the service to be efficient and friendly.

Use the national booking service to make vaccination appointments at the Town Hall:

<http://www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination>

(Anyone unable to book online can call 119 free of charge)

Borough Council COVID-19 information and service impacts: www.west-norfolk.gov.uk/coronavirus

And Norfolk County Council: www.norfolk.gov.uk/coronavirus

Borough Council

Borough councillors have been made aware of a "UK Community Renewal Fund" for which King's Lynn and West Norfolk has been identified as a priority area. I've been advised that dialogue is taking place with DMTC on potential projects, and that the Borough Council will assist with applications. I hope this is correct.

Norfolk County Council

NCC is reopening **Downham Market Library** from Tuesday 13th April for browsing and PC bookings. Visitor numbers will be limited, however 'Select and Collect' and 'Grab and Go' selections are still available. Any items on loan are still being renewed until further notice and won't be charged fees. Revised opening hours:

Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri: 10am - 6pm

Saturday: 1pm - 4pm

Wereham (Crimplesham Road) Part-time Recycling Centre is open and appointments are not needed. The 'Reuse Shop' is also open on site for donations of household items. A proportion of the proceeds goes to East Anglian Air Ambulance (EAAA). Site opening hours: 9am–5pm on Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

Norfolk Constabulary - SNAP Panel 28th April

Safer Neighbourhood Action Panel (SNAP) meetings for 'Downham Market and Surrounding Parishes' are held online for Norfolk Constabulary to receive input from members of the public. Dates for DMSP meetings:

28th April online at 7pm, 28th July online at 7pm, 27th October online at 7pm

If you can't make any of the meetings you can email issues to the panel: EOKingsLynn@norfolk.police.uk