

NHS Norfolk and Waveney CCG received a query relating to the vaccination programme in North Norfolk.

The query and answers provided in a written response can be found below:

**I am writing to raise a concern with the CCG about the lack of plans for a Covid-19 vaccination centre in Cromer. I am aware that several sites have been identified in North Norfolk, and that more are planned, but it seems to us that Cromer is one of the chief towns in our area, with a high proportion of elderly and vulnerable residents, who may find it hard to travel for their vaccinations. We would be most concerned if this led to a delay in such residents being vaccinated, with a consequently increased risk to health and life. Accordingly we would like the CCG to commit to a firm date in the near future for a vaccination centre to be set up in Cromer, preferably by February.**

Whilst there are no current plans for a vaccination site in Cromer, GP practices are working closely together with neighbouring practices in local groups called Primary Care Networks (PCNs). Each PCN has a designated vaccination site, providing a good geographical spread of vaccination locations across Norfolk and Waveney. The closest PCN vaccination sites to Cromer are in Sheringham and North Walsham, which are both within the government's ambition of ensuring everyone is able to access a vaccination centre within 10 miles.

Each of these sites will vaccinate patients from across a number of the PCN's member practices – not just those on their own surgery list. People in the 'at risk' priority groups will be contacted to make an appointment no matter which practice they are registered with, so there will be no delays for Cromer residents. In addition, if patients have any difficulties in getting to their appointment, or require further assistance or support, they can discuss this with the GP practice or hospital when they are contacted, where available community transport options can be explored.

We are also working with PCNs to mobilise additional large and small community sites over the coming weeks and months. Vaccines will be offered in a range of settings. Some vaccination teams will visit people to offer the vaccine, for example in care homes or for those patients classified as housebound, while other people may have to go to their nearest centre.