



# Rushcliffe

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## Please keep testing this Autumn

A photograph of an elderly man with a mustache and a dark cap, holding a young child in a grey coat and blue hat. They are outdoors in a park-like setting with buildings in the background. The NHS logo is visible in the top right corner of the image frame.

**Vaccines are our best protection this winter.**

It's easy for us to pass on COVID-19 or flu viruses without knowing. This winter there are two essential vaccines you'll need to protect yourself and your loved ones.

Find out if you're eligible now at [nhs.uk/wintervaccinations](https://nhs.uk/wintervaccinations)

We're continuing to remind everyone to take a COVID-19 regular lateral flow test at home or at one of our [Community Testing](#) sites until further notice. Remember if anyone has symptoms they should [book a test](#).

A reminder anyone aged 16 or 17 can walk in for their COVID-19 vaccination at selected sites without needing to book an appointment. Locally to Rushcliffe the closest site is Queen's Medical Centre.

Those eligible can also get a vaccine without an appointment and those who have had their first dose 56 days ago (eight weeks) can walk in for their second dose.

People can walk in for a booster vaccine at selected sites if they are eligible and have received notification from the NHS to do so.

As well as booster vaccinations, those over 16 are being urged to take up the offer of first and second doses if they haven't already. You can find your nearest vaccination site and book an appointment on the [NHS website](#) or by calling 119.

The public are also being reminded to come forward for their flu jab to maximise their protection ahead of winter. You can find out more about who is eligible and where to get a flu vaccine [here](#).

For all enquiries on Vaccination appointments please visit [Nottingham and Nottinghamshire's CCG website](#).

For any questions, please email [media@rushcliffe.gov.uk](mailto:media@rushcliffe.gov.uk).

## Devolution vision for Nottingham and Nottinghamshire



Leaders from the nine councils in the County have set out their ambitious joint vision for devolved powers to improve investment in the economy, the environment and health.

In a paper to the joint City of Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Economic Prosperity Committee, councils have outlined how they would work in partnership to help

boost economic investment, improve the environment, and tackle health and educational inequalities across the city and county.

The City and County are aiming to be one of the government's pathfinder sites for devolution deals, the details of which will be outlined in the much anticipated 'levelling-up' white paper expected this autumn.

If a deal was to be agreed, powers would be handed equally to Nottingham City Council and Nottinghamshire County Council to work in partnership with district councils such as ourselves to take responsibility from the government over major decisions and services that affect people in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire.

If successful, a devolution deal could result in extra powers and money from government to deliver a county and city-wide approach to improve investment in education and skills, transport and the environment, the economy and infrastructure, land and housing, health and social care, youth services and support to vulnerable young people and potentially much more.

Extra powers could also be gained to deliver community safety, tourism, and heritage, as well as better control over regulatory powers.

Our Leader Cllr Simon Robinson said: "This partnership could make significant strides in Rushcliffe and Nottinghamshire allowing more local decision making on many key services that affect us all and levelling up in line with the government's vision.

"Sustainable growth, the environment, quality of life for our residents and efficient services are our priorities here in Rushcliffe and devolution shaped in this way with partners could only increase focus and resource to achieving them even further.

"More devolution from the government over major decisions and services can only be a positive for Rushcliffe, Nottingham and Nottinghamshire people."

Council leaders will consider a report at the next Economic Prosperity Committee to be held at Castle House, Great North Road in Newark on October 29.

The report will also seek approval to establish a programme team at a cost of £449,831 to be funded from the Shared Business Rates Pool.

## **Exercise programme for adults with additional needs receives vital Reach Rushcliffe funding**



An exercise group that organises classes for adults with additional needs have received vital funding from Reach Rushcliffe to extend the provision into the upcoming winter months.

Working as part of the Meet, Greet and Eat project, the 'Project Believe' exercise class organisers have received the funds from our project that will assist with costs of the qualified trainer, the purchase of equipment and the cost of hiring a venue.

The classes provide participants with physical activity training to improve their mental health and reduce social isolation and to also give helpful information on weight loss and management, health and nutrition and how to improve balance and coordination.

They meet every Thursday at All Hallows Church Hall in Lady Bay in West Bridgford and are inviting new members to join the classes.

[Read more on our website.](#)

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## **Afghanistan Resettlement Programme**



We are working collaboratively with Government Office and other key partners to assist newly arriving Afghanistan citizens who qualify for assistance under the Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy.

Nottinghamshire has been one of the first areas to create a countywide offer and in the first instance our commitment is to assist the programme with two property pledges for approximately eight people which has been matched by similar offers from the other Nottinghamshire Districts.

We are working closely with key partners, including Metropolitan Thames Valley Housing and using existing networks via Nottingham

City Council and Notts Refuge Forum to provide information and support to ensure successful integration into the community.

For those wishing to offer accommodation, follow the information on the [government's web pages](#).

Locally, residents can make donations such as clothing toys etc via [Care4Calais](#), [The Refuge Council](#) and [the British Red Cross](#) who are appealing for donations and supporting many newly arrived families from Afghanistan. More locally, [Host Nottingham](#) are accepting donations for asylum seekers or refugees which may include assistance for Afghanistan citizens.

The list of donations being sought is:

**Women's items:**

- Tops, leggings, hoodies / warm tops and sportswear (All sizes 6-18 nothing larger)

**Men's Items:**

- T-shirts, jeans, joggers, jackets, trainers (sizes 8,9,10 and half sizes), sportswear (Medium and Large).

**Underwear and socks for men and women:** (brand new in packets)

(Men's pants Medium and Large - Women's size 10 – 16)

**Toiletries for men and women (unopened):**

Shower gels, deodorants and body sprays

**Extra items:**

Phones - unlocked, wiped and working and rucksacks and wheeled suitcases.

For more information and to arrange delivery, please  
email [hostaccompanying@gmail.com](mailto:hostaccompanying@gmail.com) or call 07735 551 362 or 07986 012 013.

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**All the latest information for residents is available on the [Coronavirus webpages](#)  
or over the phone on 0115 981 99 11.**