

Briefing for Elected Representatives

A newsletter from Belfast Health & Social Care Trust

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First COVID-19 Vaccine at Royal Victoria Hospital



Joanna Sloan, Sister in the RVH ED has become the first person ever in Northern Ireland to receive the COVID-19 vaccination. [Watch](#) Joanna share her experience of receiving the vaccine and why it's important to her.

Bernie Owens, Trust Director, looking after the Covid-19 vaccination roll out, describes how the programme is now up and running for all Trusts to vaccinate staff and the residents and staff of care homes.

Chairman's Christmas Message

Our staff are vital to the work we do and are very much appreciated each and every day.

[Watch](#) Chairman, Peter McNaney address our staff, your Constituents, in this heartfelt Christmas message.



Eye Casualty Closed on Christmas Day

Eye Casualty
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Eye Casualty will be closed on Christmas Day therefore there will be no appointments available on that day.

An eye doctor will of course be on call for any sight threatening emergencies.

Should your Constituents have a serious eye problem, they should go to their nearest ED.

New Video Tour Children's Hospital Emergency Department

Check out this new animated video for kids that gives them a tour of the Emergency Department and shows them there's nothing to be scared of when needing to come in.

Click to [watch](#) the new animation.



Change to Accessing Urgent & Emergency Care



Patients who would traditionally have attended the Royal Victoria Hospital Emergency Department are now being diverted to our new Urgent Care Centre instead.

Please update your Constituents so they know where they're going, should they require urgent or emergency treatment at the RVH.

Read more [here](#).

Update - Free Staff Car Parking & Reimbursements

The Health Minister announced free parking for Trust staff (including agency/locum personnel and students), and all requests for parking have now been met on the City and Mater Hospital sites.

For the Royal Hospital site, the Trust has put in place a number of plans including off-site parking for those who can't be provided with a parking pass for the on-site car parks. Read more about it [here](#).

Give Us Feedback on Carer's Wellbeing

Do you have Constituents who provide a caring role to older people?

We want to improve the support carers receive, so please encourage your Constituents to provide us with some feedback on their experiences.

This short [survey](#) will take no longer than 5 minutes to complete.



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