

# Core brief

**New Year message from Jane Grant, Chief Executive  
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As we prepare to say goodbye to 2020 and welcome 2021, today's announcement that the Oxford/AstraZeneca vaccine has been approved for use in the UK should give us all cause for celebration.

100 million doses of the new vaccine have been ordered and taken together with the Pfizer/BioNtech vaccine, this should provide sufficient supplies to vaccinate the entire country.

Within NHSGGC, we have already vaccinated 15,000 healthcare workers and care home staff, and a further 4,000 care home residents.

Over the weeks and months ahead, our hardworking team of vaccinators will continue to work at pace and at scale to deliver the COVID vaccine programme to many thousands more in line with the national priority list set by the JCVI with the aim of completing this by the end of spring 2021.

As we prepare for better times, it is important also to pause to reflect on what has been an incredibly challenging year for us all. Many of us will have been touched personally by the pandemic. Some will have lost loved ones or a colleague to this virus and my thoughts are with you at this time.

Every one of us has been impacted professionally. I have been very proud of how NHSGGC staff have responded and delivered time and time again when so much has been asked of you. I also have an enormous sense of pride for the way in which everyone has pulled together and worked as a team. You really do represent the very best of the NHS.

Throughout all of the challenges we have experienced this year, you have continued to provide excellent care to our patients and supported families and loved ones unable to be together. My thanks go to every one of you.

I wish you all a very happy and healthy New Year.

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