



# COVID-19

## Coronavirus

**Cleveland Local Resilience Forum**

### **Community messaging**

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020



### **Positive situation across the region's hospitals**

Hospitals across the region are celebrating high numbers of people recovering from Coronavirus and the fact that patients are being sent home. Last week (15 April) South Tees NHS Trust, which runs The James Cook University Hospital in Middlesbrough amongst others, were rejoicing after being able to announce that, although a good number of very sick people remain to be cared for, more than 200 patients have now overcome the virus and left their hospitals.

Furthermore, staff at James Cook broke into a spontaneous round of applause when Friarage nurse Helen Sharpe was discharged from their intensive care unit on Good Friday.

Helen, who was one of critical care's first COVID positive patients, spent 21 days on the unit.

As she left ICU on Friday Helen received a huge applause from the nurses and doctors who supported her on her road to recovery. Helen has been transferred to the ward for ongoing care after successfully overcoming the virus.

You can keep up to date with the news from both South Tees and North Tees NHS Trusts and watch the video of Helen leaving ICU, via their respective Facebook pages.

## **Fire Brigade called out to an increase in deliberate fires**

Fire Chiefs across the Cleveland area are once again calling on all local residents to be mindful of where their children are and what activities their children may be participating in.

The Cleveland Fire Brigade are hugely disappointed to be experiencing a large rise in fires being deliberately started across our region.

At a time when the emergency services are being stretched due to the Coronavirus pandemic, some members of the public are not following government guidelines. The community are reminded that they should stay at home, to protect the NHS and save lives. It is unfortunate that some members of the community are acting selfishly and putting others at harm, not only by starting a fire but also potentially spreading the virus.

Cleveland Fire Brigade are extremely saddened to see that these are, in the main, started by children and youths. They are asking parents to ensure that they know where their children are and, if they're not exercising, to keep them at home. People should only be exercising and socialising with members of their own household. The next time they go out with friends, they could end up possibly bringing the virus in to your own home.

Tackling arson is an enormous waste of resources especially as all emergency services are working around the clock to protect communities and vulnerable people in light of the Covid-19 pandemic.

To report any incidents, please call Crimestoppers

