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| **MEDIA RELEASE**  19 January 2021 |
| **Vaccinators needed - help us overcome the virus**  Healthcare professionals are being asked to come forward to help administer the Covid-19 vaccines in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland.  A number of new vaccination centres are being set up, and each one requires dozens of staff to administer the jabs.  Any registered healthcare professional can play a part after appropriate training – most of which they can do online at home. Retired professionals can join a temporary register up to five years after they have left the permanent register.  Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust is recruiting staff on behalf of the local NHS.  Anne Scott, director of nursing, allied health professionals and quality said: “We are looking for staff who are registered healthcare professionals, or could easily re-register. This includes a wide range of professions such as physiotherapists, pharmacists, occupational therapists, speech and language therapists as well as nurses and doctors.  “We will be offering full and part-time work over the next few months. You will be very welcome.  “Staff who have already been involved in the programme have said it is hugely rewarding to help deliver vaccines which protect life, and will help the country return to normal.”  We are also looking for administrative staff to welcome patients and to help ensure accurate records are kept for members of the public receiving the vaccination.  In addition, this project is looking for volunteers to help patients at the vaccination sites.  For more details and to apply, please visit: [www.leicspart.nhs.uk/supportvaccinations](http://www.leicspart.nhs.uk/supportvaccinations)  **ENDS**  **NOTES TO EDITORS**   * Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust (LPT) provides community health, mental health and learning disabilities services for the one million people living in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland. We have a budget in excess of £275 million and employ approximately 5,500 staff. For more information visit: [www.leicspart.nhs.uk](http://www.leicspart.nhs.uk). Our registered charity is called Raising Health (charity number 1057361). The charity fundraises to support excellent care initiatives, equipment and innovations which go above and beyond core NHS provision to enhance the experience of our patients, service users and staff. See [www.raisinghealth.org.uk](http://www.raisinghealth.org.uk) * **For further information contact:** Kartik Bhalla, eCommunications Officer,  Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust, Tel: 0116 295 0994, Email: [Kartik.Bhalla@leicspart.nhs.uk](mailto:Kartik.Bhalla@leicspart.nhs.uk) |