

6. COVID-19 and Recovery Update

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Overview

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 - Update on Phase 2
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1. Covid Vaccination Programme – phase 2 update

- 1,215,025 vaccinations delivered in BNSSG of which 693,554 are first doses and 521,471 are second doses as at 19th July recorded in NHSE Foundry
- 59% vaccines delivered by PCNs and a further 16% by community pharmacies
- 68.6% people aged 30-39 have received first dose of vaccine and 63.4% of people aged 18-29 as at 19th July
- All eligible people have been invited for vaccination and there is capacity to vaccinate across the different modalities in the programme
- Continued focus on increasing uptake for younger people (under 40s) through walk-in clinics throughout July and August in addition to booked appointments supported by advertising and social media

Phase 2 updates

- Mass vaccination site at UWE is now open and Ashton Gate is due to close 4th August
- Information on all walk in clinics is now available via www.grabajab.net (link to healthier together page) or QR code we are using on flyers and leaflets
- Avonmouth trailers targeting employers in the area now doing circa 100 vaccines per day

Young People Update

- We are targeting walk-in clinics and comms to where 18-29 year olds are to make it easy for them to access the vaccination, rather than travelling too far/booking, eg, Primark
- Launched system-wide youth campaign: Let's Get the Jab Done promoting www.grabajab.net, a web page with up to date info on walk-in clinics and other ways to have the vaccine.

What next?

- Currently sourcing a suitable venue for a regular clinic in Bristol city centre area. Including Cabot Circus and the Broadmead/Galleries area
- Exploring whether Primark can continue to support the vaccination programme further e.g. displaying imagery/flyers
- Asking festivals, nightclubs, event organisers, etc, to promote vaccine uptake on their social media using the 'Let's Get the Jab Done' graphics and www.grabajab.net. Pop up clinics in these spaces considered inappropriate due to issue of consent, mixing with other substances, cold chain issues.
- 'Let's get the jab done' outdoor advertising on billboards, lamp post wraps in central Bristol and Weston. Posters & flyers distributed across BNSSG to 'young oriented' businesses (gyms, retailers, bars, barbers) via covid marshalls/community engagement teams, vaccine coaches and agency.
- Universities/colleges will be sent various assets to promote www.grabajeb.net to their students
- Imagery will also be displayed on screens in council owned gyms and on large screens (Millenium Sqare and sports grounds)
- Social media promotion will continue however this will be organic posts as opposed to paid for content



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JCVI advice on vaccination in children

JCVI advice issued 19th July recommending vaccination of children and young people who are:

- 12 to 15 years of age with severe neuro-disabilities, Down's syndrome, underlying conditions resulting in immunosuppression, and those with profound and multiple learning disabilities, severe learning disabilities or who are on the learning disability register
- 12 years and over who are household contacts of persons (adults or children) who are immunosuppressed

In addition JCVI advised it is considered reasonable to allow a lead-in time to offer vaccination to those children who are within three months of their 18th birthday to ensure good uptake of vaccine in newly-turned 18 year olds.

Phase 3 booster programme

JCVI interim guidance recommends 2 stage approach to booster programme

- Stage 1:
 - adults aged 16 years and over who are immunosuppressed
 - those living in residential care homes for older adults
 - all adults aged 70 years or over
 - adults aged 16 years and over who are considered clinically extremely vulnerable
 - frontline health and social care workers
- Stage 2:
 - all adults aged 50 years and over
 - all adults aged 16 to 49 years who are in an influenza or COVID-19 at-risk group
 - adult household contacts of immunosuppressed individuals

PCN DES specification and opt in for phase 3

- DES specification now published for phase 3 to go live from 6th September. Existing DES specification extended until 31st October
- Item of service and supplement for residential/house bound remains the same
- DES to be updated in light of updated JCVI guidance
- Co-administration with flu to be supported pending advice from JCVI and as evidence supports
- Opportunity for PCNs to consider new groupings or sites – updated collaboration agreement to be published
- Working to develop a national capped pull model enabling greater control over deliveries at PCN level
- Accubook now shows appointments within National Booking Service - working to ensure local appointments visible into the NBS
- Emphasis on use of NHS estate where possible
- PCNs encouraged to maximise use of workforce and volunteers available
- Community Pharmacy EOI process in parallel offering 3 options (low 100 per wk, medicum 350 per week and high 1000 per week)

PCN DES opt in process

- PCNs to submit opt in forms to CCG by 28th July
- CCG to complete assurance and submit to NHSE by 10th August
- Assurance covers:
 - New site designation where applicable
 - Demonstration in writing of sustainable workforce plan
 - Consideration of co-administration with flu
 - Impacts on health inequalities and access
- Opt in process promoted at PCN Mass Vaccination Q&A and in bulletin/direct communications
- Mass vaccination programme supporting PCNs that wish to secure new estate

3. General Practice resilience

- Increase in number of practices reporting significant staff absence due to isolation, compounded by planned summer leave and shortage in locum cover supply
- Urgent scoping of number of practices currently impacted instigated and escalation to Bronze and Silver command
- Communication to practices with regards to business continuity, instigating PCN and locality resilience plans where appropriate, digital support for remote working and communications support with patients
- Work is underway to scope and agree proposed escalation actions and support for primary care
- Proposal to expedite work on development of bank for primary care (as a forerunner for wider project on community, primary care and social care bank)

- PHE guidance published stating double vaccinated frontline NHS and social care staff in England who have been told to self-isolate will be permitted to attend work in exceptional circumstances
- Regional framework and risk assessment in development which can then be recommended for use in primary care for exceptional circumstances – NB this does not cover household contacts

4. Arrangements for Primary Care

NHSEI Arrangements for Primary Care letter published 19th July which outlined the following:

- Covid 19 SOP for General Practice withdrawn from 19th July
- IPC guidance still applies and this covers recommendation to encourage patients to use face masks in healthcare settings
- General practice should continue to offer a blended approach of face-to-face and remote appointments, with digital triage where possible.
- the majority of services that were previously suspended have now been reinstated.

The following provisions will continue under the DHSC's National Health Service (Amendments Relating to the Provision of Primary Care Services During a Pandemic etc.) Regulations 2020 until 30 September 2021:

- A suspension of the requirement that practices report to commissioners about the Friends and Family Test returns.
- A temporary suspension of the requirement for individual patient consent in certain circumstances, to encourage increased use of electronic repeat dispensing (eRD).
- A continuation of the temporary increase in the number of appointment slots that practices make available for direct booking by 111, up to one slot per 500 patients per day.