



Covid-19 vaccination: Briefing for stakeholders

The offer of a Covid-19 vaccine has now been extended to children aged between five and 11-years-old who are considered to be clinically extremely vulnerable.

Families across Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire whose children are eligible for their vaccine will be contacted by their GP practice.

However, if a family's GP practice is not participating in this stage of the vaccination programme, children will still be able to get protected at our large vaccination centres, and the teams at these sites will also contact parents directly.

We know this news will be welcomed by many parents of young children who have for some time been concerned about their son or daughter catching Covid-19, and how it might affect them given their existing health condition.

Although no official announcement has yet been made, we wait in readiness for the vaccine to be offered to all children in this age range and, should the time come, we are confident of being able to provide families with a vaccination offer that has their little ones' best interests at heart.

Gill May, Director of Nursing and Quality

Updates



Pop-up vaccination clinic at Swindon pub

The Moonrakers pub in Swindon was converted into a pop-up vaccination clinic today as part of the CCG's work to take the vaccine directly to areas where uptake is low.

Vaccination rates in the Penhill area of Swindon, where the Moonrakers pub is located, are lower than other parts of the town, especially for people under the age of 30.

Nearly 10,000 young people double-jabbed

More than 9,000 secondary school children across Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire have now had both doses of the Covid-19 vaccine.

Currently, around two thirds of all 12 to 15-year-olds in the region have had their first dose, with a further 28 per cent having had both.

Vaccines for young people continue to be offered in schools, as well as at Bath Racecourse, Salisbury City Hall and the Steam Museum in Swindon.





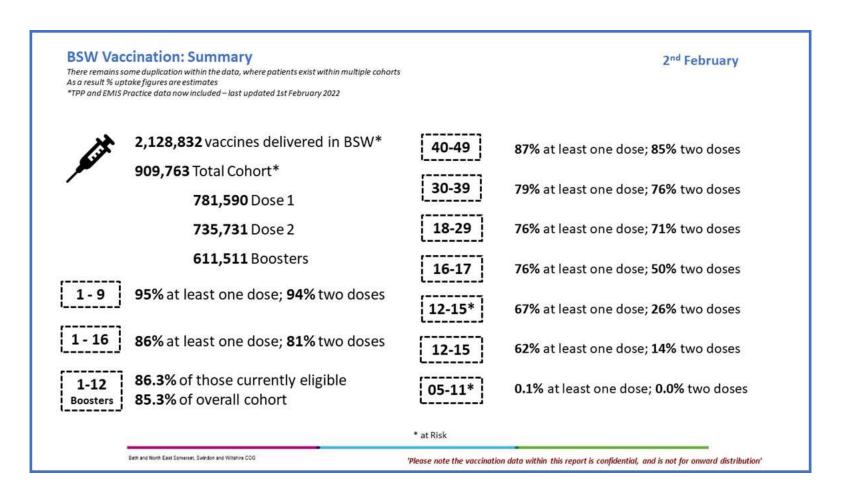
Booster uptake well above 80 per cent for all parts of the region

More than 86 per cent of all eligible adults across Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire have had their immunity to Covid-19 boosted by a third top-up jab.

The strong appetite for booster jabs can also be seen in the three localities, with 88 per cent of adults in Wiltshire having had a third dose, 86 per cent in Bath and North East Somerset and 83 per cent in Swindon.

Having three doses of the Covid-19 vaccines offers the best protection against the highly transmissible Omicron variant of coronavirus.

Vaccination progress to date



The BSW Covid-19 vaccination programme is being led by BSW CCG with support from partner organisations including voluntary community and social enterprises.







