

Covid-19 vaccination programme: Stakeholder briefing

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“This is set to be an historic week for the vaccination programme, as our teams prepare to deliver their one millionth vaccine.

“I’m sure you will agree that this is an enormous achievement, and one that will have undoubtedly saved the lives of many, many people living across Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire.

“But, as I’ve said before, while it’s important to recognise how far we have come, and to celebrate our teams for their ongoing drive and determination, our focus must remain on continuing to provide vaccines where they are needed.

“The emergence of new variants of coronavirus, such as that which was first recorded in India, serve as a constant reminder that we are not out of the woods just yet, and that there is still a very real and pressing need for people of all ages, and from all backgrounds, to have the vaccine.

“As you will know, our vaccination bus is helping to bring the vaccine to people who may otherwise have gone without, and I was moved this week to hear the stories of just some of the people who have used the bus read out on BBC Wiltshire.

“These powerful accounts, one of which from a gentleman whose experience of Covid-19 was so severe that it left him in a coma, really hit home that there are real people behind the numbers we talk about in this briefing each week, all of whom have families, friends and a life to live.

“If you have a few minutes to spare, I’d very much encourage you to listen back to the piece on BBC Wiltshire, not just for the stories, but to hear Alex Goddard, who has been the driving force behind the vaccination bus, speak about the impact the mobile clinic has had on our vaccination programme.

“The interview can be heard through [the BBC website](#), and coverage starts at 3:10:50.”

At a glance: the latest coronavirus vaccine developments in BSW

- As of Wednesday 2 June, our vaccine teams have carried out a total of 979,859 vaccinations, made up of 577,242 first doses and 402,617 second doses

- On Wednesday 2 June, the CCG held a live Q&A on Instagram with local social media influencer Amy Cousins, who helped provide important vaccine information to people in the younger age groups of the vaccination eligibility criteria
- The mobile vaccination clinic continues its second tour of Swindon this week, and will be returning to sites in Wiltshire from Monday
- Plans are being drawn up for how the vaccination bus can be used to bring the vaccine to people at their place of work, such as those working in food factories
- More community pharmacies are set to join the vaccination programme in the days and weeks ahead, as some GP-led sites withdraw to allow clinicians to focus on providing care and treatment for conditions separate to Covid-19
- Information on this [planned change to the list of vaccination sites](#) can be found on the CCG website
- The team at Salisbury City Hall celebrated a milestone this week when the 70,000th vaccine was given
- Salisbury City Hall and Bath Racecourse – the region’s two large vaccination centres – are now mixed vaccine sites, and can provide patients with both the AstraZeneca and Pfizer vaccines

Vaccination progress to date

