

Covid-19 vaccination programme: Stakeholder briefing

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“Yesterday it was announced nationally that 16 and 17 years should be offered a first dose and we expect to implement this change in guidance within the next few weeks. We are already offering the vaccine to young people who are just shy of their 18th birthday (anyone aged 17 years and nine months or older) to help ensure they are protected before going on to higher education. For the moment if you, or anyone you know is between the ages of 16 and 17 and nine months, then the message is please wait to be called forward to have your vaccine.

“69 per cent of our 18 – 29 year olds have now received their first dose of Covid vaccine and I’m pleased to see the uptake amongst this group slowly rise. We will be continuing our pop-up clinic and vaccine bus programme throughout August alongside the existing walk-ins and bookable sites across our region. For the latest details about where to get vaccinated locally, visit www.bswccg.nhs.uk”

At a glance: the latest coronavirus vaccine developments in BSW

- We have now received the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) guidance to inform how we roll out the vaccination programme to children aged 12-15 years with specific health conditions and children and young people aged 12 years and over who are household contacts of persons (adults or children) that are immunosuppressed. This second group is being offered the vaccine on the understanding that the main benefits are related to the potential for indirect protection of their household member who is extremely vulnerable. If you have a child who is eligible under this guidance, please wait to be called forward as vaccinations will not be available until 23 August.
- We continue to plan new sites and pop-up vaccination services to complement our established vaccination sites and walk-in clinics. The bus clinic in Bath last Sunday was very popular and over 150 people were vaccinated.

This weekend we plan to be at Swindon and Wiltshire Pride event on Saturday (more details about the event are available here: <https://www.swindonwiltshirepride.co.uk/>) and there will be a pop up clinic at the Shah Jalal Mosque in Swindon from 10am-4pm on Sunday. Next week the bus will be in Bath; do visit www.bswccg.nhs.uk for the latest details of walk-in clinics.

- In common with other parts of the country, Wiltshire has seen a number of Covid outbreaks in its factories or workplaces during the pandemic. Last week a pop-up Covid vaccination clinic, coordinated by the local authority public health team, was piloted at one of these sites. A pharmacist, fluent in Polish, was also on hand to answer any questions from employees for whom English is not their first language. The event was successful and we are now looking to roll out the pop up clinic to other businesses in Wiltshire that have a large Eastern European workforce.
- We are looking at how we can support more pregnant women to come forward to get vaccinated and continue our health promotion campaign aimed at this group. This information guide explains the importance of vaccination and tackles the concerns some mums-to-be have: [COVID-19 vaccination: women of childbearing age, currently pregnant or breastfeeding - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/covid-19/vaccination-women-of-childbearing-age-currently-pregnant-or-breastfeeding)

Vaccination progress to date

