



Covid-19 vaccination: Briefing for stakeholders

Since our last update on Thursday 23 December, almost 100,000 booster vaccines have been given out across Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire.

The response from local people to the government's call to get boosted before the end of the year was incredible, as was the way in which our vaccination teams pulled out all the stops to deliver the impossible.

It was a herculean effort, and I cannot begin to thank them enough for the hard work and determination shown over the festive period.

Our two millionth vaccine was given at the beginning of this month, and while this is a monumental achievement, we still need those who have yet to get boosted, as well as any people still in need of a first or second vaccine, to come forward without delay.

Covid-19 is still putting people in hospital, and with our local NHS currently experiencing significant and sustained pressure, having the vaccine is one simple thing we can do to show our support.

Gill May, Director of Nursing and Quality

Updates



Local booster uptake among the highest in the country

In BSW, around 80 per cent of all adults have had a booster vaccination, which puts the region ahead of many other areas in terms of uptake.

While this is good news, there is still more to do, and it's important that all adults – especially those under the age of 50, who are currently most likely to catch Covid-19 – get boosted without delay.

Second dose just as important as first for children aged between 12 and 15

Families are being reminded not to put off booking their child's second Covid-19 jab this new year.

Although vaccine clinics are still being held in schools, parents can ensure their child is vaccinated without delay by booking an appointment at one of the centres offering vaccinations for children.

These sites include the Steam Museum in Swindon, Bath Racecourse and Salisbury City Hall.



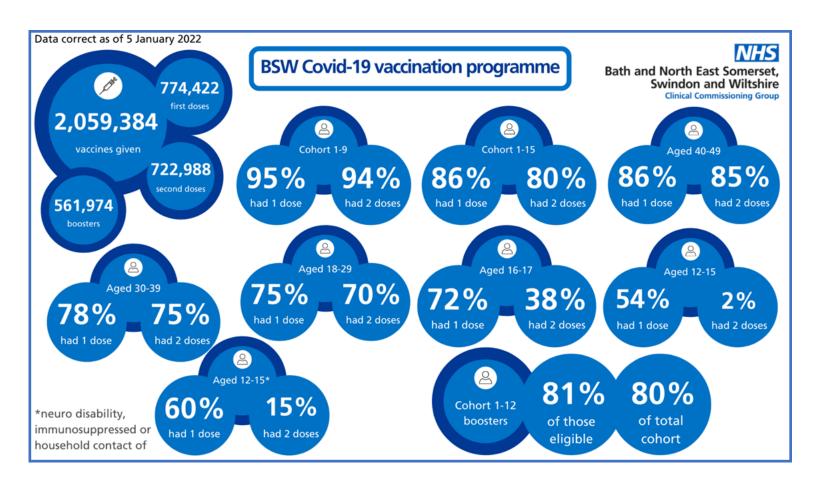


Free return taxi rides to vaccination centres in Swindon

Swindon residents experiencing financial hardship or who have mobility issues and no practical means to get to a local vaccination centre, can now book a free return taxi journey to a Covid-19 vaccination site until the end of January.

Details of the Grab a Cab for a Jab scheme, as well as how to redeem the offer, can be found at www.swindon.gov.uk.

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.







