

## Covid-19 vaccination programme: Stakeholder briefing

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“It was revealed this week that the vaccination clinic at the Steam Museum delivered its 100,000<sup>th</sup> vaccine.

“This is an incredible achievement, and I’d like to say just how proud I am of everybody involved in the operation at the Steam Museum.

“One hundred thousand is a huge milestone and, like all our vaccination teams across Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire, the staff at Steam have been unwavering in their determination to offer the vaccine to as many people as possible.

“As a region, we’re also seeing the number of people vaccinated increase massively week on week, and we’re now just shy of the 750,000 mark – a total I’m confident we will reach in the next few days.

“But while it’s important to take stock of how far we’ve come, it’s also important to look ahead, which is what we have been doing following the government announcement for health systems to begin exploring coronavirus vaccinations post September.

“Although no concrete decision has yet been made, it’s possible that a third jab may be offered to the most vulnerable in the lead up to winter, as well as possible first and second vaccines for people aged between 12 and 16. We continue to await guidance.

“This may seem a long way off but, if the last six months are anything to go by, time will creep up on us and it’s important that this planning work happens now so we are fully prepared to deliver whatever is asked of us.

“We thank everyone for their continued support, and I would like to particularly mention our volunteers across the sites who, throughout all weathers, have helped people to park and to get in and out of the venues.”

### At a glance: the latest coronavirus vaccine developments in BSW

- As of Wednesday 5 May, our vaccine teams have carried out a total of 743,688 vaccinations
- This total is made up of 508,150 first doses, and 235,538 second doses
- The Steam Museum in Swindon will be used as a counting station for local elections over the coming days, but the team at the site have planned for this and have added extra clinics either side of the weekend to ensure there was no impact to the vaccination programme

- More vaccination sites have been added to the national booking system this week, which means more people will be able to secure vaccine appointments at a venue close to home
- However, we are aware that there is a huge demand for appointments and slots have been filled within minutes of being added to the system, so we encourage people to keep checking back if their preferred site is not listed on the first time of trying
- People who use their mobile phones to book via the national booking system should ensure they scroll down and press the submit button, as we have seen lots of people arrive who think they have an appointment but actually do not
- The mobile vaccination clinic has had another successful week on the roads of Swindon, with more than 100 people getting vaccinated during the clinic's visit to the town's fire station
- Our colleagues who are working on the mobile vaccination clinic have seen lots of people come forward who are not registered with a GP and, as such, have not been invited for an appointment
- We kindly ask our partners to help us spread the message that anyone not currently registered with a GP should do so as quickly as possible, even if it is only a temporary registration, as this will still ensure they are invited for their vaccine

### Vaccination progress to date

