

Covid-19 vaccination programme: Stakeholder briefing

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“The first few weeks of any new year is always a particularly difficult time for the NHS, but the challenge this year is like one we have never seen before.

“But while our hospitals are working around the clock to care for people suffering from the effects of coronavirus, our vaccine teams are doing all they can to ensure as many people as possible, and in the quickest and safest way, can be protected against this terrible disease.

“So it is with a great deal of caution that I say there is a lot to be optimistic about, and I hope that with two highly-effective vaccines in our arsenal, this start of this new year will be the time when the tide turns on Covid-19 once and for all.”

At a glance: the latest coronavirus vaccine developments in BSW

- To date, more than 13,000 people across Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire have received the vaccine, and we will continue adding to this total with every new day that goes by
- A further 12 community sites will begin giving vaccinations over the next 10 days or so, in areas such as Trowbridge, Calne, Witlon, Tidworth, Malmesbury and Batheaston
- These sites are in addition to the nine which are already up and running, and providing the vaccine to those who are eligible since before Christmas
- By the end of next week, it is hoped there will be at least one vaccination site within a reasonable distance of every person living in BSW
- A staff vaccination programme began this week at the Royal United Hospital in Bath
- Sheena Brown, who received the vaccine in Bath having worked in the NHS for five decades, said: “The country is going through such a difficult time and the vaccine will help save lives and stop the NHS from being overwhelmed.”