

## Covid-19 vaccination programme: Stakeholder briefing

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"In the last 24 hours, the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) and the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) have issued new guidance about the Oxford/Astra Zeneca vaccine, and its use in people aged 30 and under.

"I would like to reiterate the very clear message from the government that getting vaccinated against coronavirus remains the right thing to do, and people should come forward for the jab when invited to do so.

"Of course, some people will want to know more about the government's latest announcements relating to the Oxford/Astra Zeneca vaccine, and this information can be found online by [clicking here](#).

"The virus is still present in many of our communities and, as we have been saying for many months now, vaccination is one of the things that will take us out of this pandemic and back to normality.

"With that being said, I ask all our partners to help us in continuing to encourage people of all ages, sexes and ethnic backgrounds to take up the offer of the vaccine when contacted by the NHS.

"Elsewhere, I'd like to say a special thank you to our vaccination teams who kept many of our vaccine clinics up and running over the Easter bank holiday weekend.

"This level of service and dedication hasn't gone unnoticed, and I know from speaking to many recent recipients of the vaccine how thankful they are of the sheer effort and determination that has been shown by so many.

"A special mention also goes out to our colleagues at the Great Western Hospital in Swindon who, like the team at the Steam Museum last week, reached an important milestone last weekend when the 40,000<sup>th</sup> vaccine was given – a tremendous well done to all involved."

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

- As of Wednesday 7 April, our vaccine teams have carried out a total of 543,915 vaccinations, including around 40,000 vaccinations in the last seven days alone
- There has been a fantastic start for the new water-based vaccination clinic, with more than 100 members of the local boating communities receiving a vaccine in its first two days of operation

- Mobile vaccinators have been out on the streets of Swindon this week to ensure that rough sleepers in the town have the opportunity to get the vaccine
- We're looking forward to expanding our outreach programme even further in the coming weeks when a new specially-adapted vaccination bus begins visiting community areas in which vaccine uptake has been low
- The large vaccination centres at Bath Racecourse and Salisbury City Hall remain temporarily closed, with sites expected to reopen on Monday 12 April
- We know it's not possible for some of our GP-led sites to continue providing vaccinations to the lesser-risk priority groups due to the need to continue routine health and care services and, as such, we are looking at adding extra vaccine provision in areas where venues will be withdrawn, such as in Bath and North East Somerset and parts of south Wiltshire
- Arrangements are also being made to provide the vaccine to people unable to return to their original vaccination venue, such as people who were vaccinated as a hospital inpatient but have now been discharged to their home or to another care setting

### Vaccination progress to date

