Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire Clinical Commissioning Group

Covid-19 vaccination programme: Stakeholder briefing

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Gill May, Director of Nursing and Quality

"Getting as many people as possible vaccinated before the final easing of social distancing restrictions on Monday 19 July remains our overarching priority.

"It's a message I've shared numerous times previously through these bulletins, but it still stands as the target that my team and I strive to achieve.

"Not taking into account the booster programme that is expected to begin in the autumn, our vaccination journey is now in its final stages.

"Nearly 1.2 million vaccines have been given out, and more than 91 per cent of all adults in the top nine most at-risk categories have been fully vaccinated.

"At the other end of the scale, more than half of all young adults aged between 18 and 29 have had their first dose and are currently awaiting their second.

"Our mission now is to do all we can to get the younger generations to come forward, especially as we know they are likely to be the carriers of Covid-19 when society fully reopens later this month.

"We've heard feedback that some are put off from booking their vaccine as they still believe they'll either have to wait weeks for an appointment, or be asked to attend a vaccination clinic far from home.

"A lot of hard work has gone on over the last few months to make getting the vaccination as easy, simple and convenient as possible, and I'm pleased to say that lots of our sites have appointment slots available this weekend.

"I ask that partners continue to support us in getting these slots filled, as it is only when jabs go into arms that we have the edge on Covid-19."

At a glance: the latest coronavirus vaccine developments in BSW

- As of Wednesday 7 July, our vaccine teams have carried out a total of 1,185,915 vaccinations, made up of 682,743 first doses and 503,172 second doses
- An average of more than 4,000 vaccinations have been carried out every day during the last week

- As it stands, 94 per cent of people in the JCVI's top nine most at-risk categories have received a first vaccine, with around 91 per cent having had both doses
- Salisbury City Hall administered its 100,000th vaccine on Monday, and the team celebrated with ice cream, balloons and bacon sandwiches
- We continue to remind people to eat before receiving the vaccination, as having any injection on an empty stomach can lead some people to feel queasy or faint in the moments afterwards
- Although, the Pfizer vaccine was recently trialled on our mobile vaccination clinic, it has been decided that our team of roving vaccinators will from now on only hold AstraZeneca clinics
- This decision was made in light of huge numbers of people wanting the Pfizer vaccine arriving at the bus, with some waiting in line for more than four hours



Vaccination progress to date