

Covid-19 vaccination programme: Stakeholder briefing

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“How and when to provide the coronavirus vaccine to teenagers and older children has been the hot topic this week, and I know that many people have questions about how this will play out locally.

“Guidance from the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation states that young people aged between 16 and 17 and nine months should be offered the Covid-19 vaccine.

“From our point of view, this news is very welcome as it means more people in our communities, especially the younger age groups who are typically more social, will not only be protected from coronavirus, but also less likely to pass the virus on to others.

“However, with any such announcement relating to the widening of the vaccine eligibility criteria comes a great deal of behind-the-scenes planning, and our teams are currently working hard to ensure the vaccination centres we already have in place are able to welcome this new group of young people.

“As it stands, 16 and 17-year-olds in Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire can already receive their Covid-19 vaccine from the walk-in clinics that are operating at Bath Racecourse and Salisbury City Hall.

“We know there will be demand for the vaccine from young people living outside of Bath and Salisbury, and we hope to announce which of our other vaccine centres will be able to accommodate these groups in the next few days.

“Clearly, a lot of information is coming out and things are changing on an almost daily basis, which is why we will be keeping our CCG website updated with all the latest developments.

“We’ll also continue to post updates to our social media channels, so please do follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter, and share the content to your respective audiences.”

At a glance: the latest coronavirus vaccine developments in BSW

- More than three quarters (75.8 per cent) of all people aged between 30 and 39 in Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire have received their first vaccine, and almost half (40.3 per cent) have had both doses

- Around 70 per cent of people aged between 18 and 29 have also had a first vaccine, which puts BSW ahead of the national average
- We continue to make plans for Covid-19 booster vaccines, which are expected to begin in September, at roughly the same time as the annual flu vaccination programme
- Both vaccines will be massively important in order to keep many people healthy during the winter, and we will do everything we can to make the vaccination process as simple as possible
- It is expected that the vaccine invitation will be extended to children aged between 12 and 15 in the coming days, and we are speaking with all of our vaccine sites to work out which locations will be able to provide this service
- The Steam Museum in Swindon hit another enormous milestone this week, when the team delivered their 200,000th vaccine
- The mobile vaccination clinic has had a busy week, after first visiting Swindon's Islamic community on Saturday and then spending time outside Primark in Bath city centre
- This weekend, the mobile vaccination clinic will return to Swindon, with the bus visiting Abbey Park School on Saturday and the County Ground on Sunday
- We're looking to update our stakeholder briefing, and would very much value any feedback on what works and what could be improved. Please send all suggestions to bswccg.communications@nhs.net



The mobile vaccination clinic team in Bath city centre earlier this week