

## Covid-19 vaccination programme: Stakeholder briefing

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“This week, I took part in an on-air question and answer session with BBC Wiltshire, in which listeners called in with their questions about our vaccination programme.

“It was fantastic to be able to help provide reassurance around people’s queries, especially when their question related to their own health and wellbeing or that of a loved one.

“However, taking part in the Q&A also made me realise that many people in our local communities are still uncertain or, in some cases, unaware of what we have been doing over the last six months.

“Of course, many people choose to get their information on the pandemic from the mainstream news outlets, but it’s really important that we are providing answers at a local level too.

“The CCG’s website has an incredibly detailed FAQ page, with information on everything from the safety of the vaccine to the location of all our vaccination clinics.

“My ask is that our partners continue to direct people with queries to this extremely useful resource, as well as, wherever possible, to advertise the FAQ through internal and external communication channels.

“The radio interview also prompted a person yet to have the vaccine to contact me directly, and I’m pleased to say the appointment is now being arranged, so please do encourage others to get in touch if they are still waiting.

“Elsewhere, this week has been another busy one, with our operational team liaising with national colleagues about the opening of new vaccination sites in parts of Wiltshire and Bath and North East Somerset.

“The final details are still being worked out, but I very much hope we will be able to share more information on this in the coming days.”

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

- As of Wednesday 12 May, our vaccine teams have carried out 798,200 vaccinations, which is up more than 54,000 on last week’s total
- We continue to make solid progress in offering people their second dose of the coronavirus vaccine, with more than 95 per cent of all people over the age of 80 having now had both the required vaccinations

- More than half of all people aged between 40 and 49 in our region have also had their first vaccine, which puts us in a great position to begin vaccinating people in their 30s over the next few weeks
- We're also very pleased to announce that more than 91 per cent of those living with a learning disability in BSW have had their first vaccine, and 36 per cent have had their second
- People using the national booking system are reminded to keep checking back if their preferred location is not listed at the first time of trying, as new appointment slots are being added on a regular basis
- However, appointment slots are dictated by the availability of vaccine which, as we have shared previously, has been lower than expected since the beginning of last month
- The mobile vaccination clinic completed its tour of Swindon locations this week, before moving on to sites in Chippenham, Warminster and Melksham
- From next week, the bus will visit areas in Bath and North East Somerset, before visiting all previous locations for a second time during June and July

### Vaccination progress to date

