

Covid-19 vaccination programme: Stakeholder briefing

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"Sadly, this week the NHS along with the nation has entered a period of mourning following the death of His Royal Highness Prince Phillip, The Duke of Edinburgh. Following national protocol, announcements and communications have been limited to essential services only. In light of this, the newsletter this week is brief.

I am pleased to say that we are making progress on developing the next phase of delivery of the vaccination programme to the under 50 year olds. There are changes in our region with some PCNs choosing not to continue with vaccinations meaning we will have an increasing focus on the use of community pharmacies alongside the remaining PCN services and the Large Vaccination Centres. In due course people will be able to book at all our sites, including PCN sites, through the National Booking Service.

The whole team are working at pace with national and regional colleagues to put plans for the next cohorts into action but understand that some members of the public will quite naturally be frustrated as our operational plans race to keep up with national announcements. As always we ask for patience as we continue to deliver the largest ever vaccination programme this country has seen."

At a glance: the latest coronavirus vaccine developments in BSW

- As of Wednesday 14 April, our vaccine teams have carried out a total of 584,693 vaccinations, including an increasing number of second dose vaccination reaching just over 100,000 to date.
- On Monday 13 April 2021 the [government announced](#) that people aged 45 to 49 are now invited to book their appointments.
- [Read the JCVI final statement on phase 2](#) of the COVID-19 vaccination programme: 13 April 2021
- In BSW, appointments for the 45-49 age group are becoming available through the National Booking Service and some GPs and more will be opened up over the next few days. We ask that those who fall into this age group are patient while we work to open up appointment slots.
- Ramadan has begun and the British Islamic Medical Association, an affiliate of the Muslim Council of Britain, has issued [specific advice](#), recommending the vaccine and insisting it is okay to have during Ramadan as it is not nutritional, nor does it contain any animal or foetal products.

Vaccination progress to date

