

Covid-19 vaccination programme: Stakeholder briefing

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“Never before has there been a vaccination programme as ambitious as this, and it really is humbling to have been able to see everything come together so quickly and efficiently.

“The four community sites that came online this week are among the first of their kind, and I know that NHS teams in other areas of the country will be looking to us as they arrange their own vaccination programmes.

“We all know there is a long way to go until we can confidently say that coronavirus is no longer a threat, but we’ve taken the first steps, and it’s important to remember that even the most intimidating of journeys start with that first step forward.”

At a glance: the latest coronavirus vaccine developments in BSW

- Four community sites, known as local vaccination services began offering the vaccine to staff and patients over the age of 80 on Wednesday 16 December
- Around 975 patients are expected to attend each of the four sites – the Steam Museum in Swindon, the Corn Exchange in Devizes, Rowden Surgery in Chippenham and Combe Down Surgery near Bath
- Eighty-six-year-old Richard Conroy was first to have the vaccine in Devizes, and said: “I feel absolutely marvellous – everyone should have the jab when it is offered.”
- More local vaccination services are expected to open at other venues across BSW in the coming weeks and work is ongoing to ensure this can happen as quickly and as safely as possible.
- It is recognised that patients over the age of 80, as well as health and care staff, living in Salisbury have not had an opportunity to receive the vaccine yet, and work is carrying on behind-the-scenes to remedy this as quickly as possible
- As has been said before, this vaccination programme will take time, and people are asked to continue social distancing and to self-isolate and seek a test at the first sign of showing coronavirus symptoms.



Eighty-six-year-old Richard Conroy is the first to receive the vaccine at the Corn Exchange in Devizes.

Healthcare professionals in Devizes prepare the vaccines for the first group of patients.



Staff at the Corn Exchange in Devizes await the arrival of the first patients.