



Covid-19 vaccination: Briefing for stakeholders

A number of announcements have been made this week regarding the Covid-19 vaccination programme which will have implications for people in our region.

Booster vaccines for people over the age of 40, as well as second primary doses for teenagers aged either 16 or 17-years-old, have been announced, and we expect bookings for these vaccinations to be available from next week.

Additionally, it has been announced that children aged between 12 and 17-years-old now need to wait a minimum of 12 weeks after having Covid-19 before getting the coronavirus vaccine.

This news means some parents will need to cancel their child's booked appointment at Bath Racecourse, Salisbury City Hall or the Steam Museum in Swindon.

We are currently working with our colleagues at Virgin Care, who are managing the in-school vaccination programme, to understand what this change means for children who had intended to have the vaccine at their place of education.

Gill May,
Director of Nursing and Quality

Updates



Getting the booster vaccine to housebound patients

We are supporting our GP colleagues across Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire in providing booster vaccines to patients unable to leave their homes.

Although many at-home vaccinations have already taken place, we expect the programme to continue throughout December and early January.

To help get the vaccines out as quickly as possible, we are seeking support in the form of drivers from our colleagues at St John Ambulance.

Bumper week for booster vaccines across BSW

More than 37,000 booster vaccinations were carried out across Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire last week.

The super-busy week means that locally more than 182,000 people most at risk of becoming seriously ill



from Covid-19 have now had their all-important top-up dose.

Having the booster vaccine is the best way for people to maintain immunity to coronavirus, which is expected to circulate more during the colder winter months.



Some vaccination venues to leave programme during December

Around 15 venues from across the region will withdraw from the vaccination programme during December.

Appointments for first and second doses of the Covid-19 vaccine, as well as booster jabs, will continue to be available from a wide range of locations, including community pharmacies, large vaccination centres and some GP-led venues.

The planned change will enable vaccination centre staff to offer additional support to their frontline primary care colleagues ahead of what is expected to be a busy winter period.

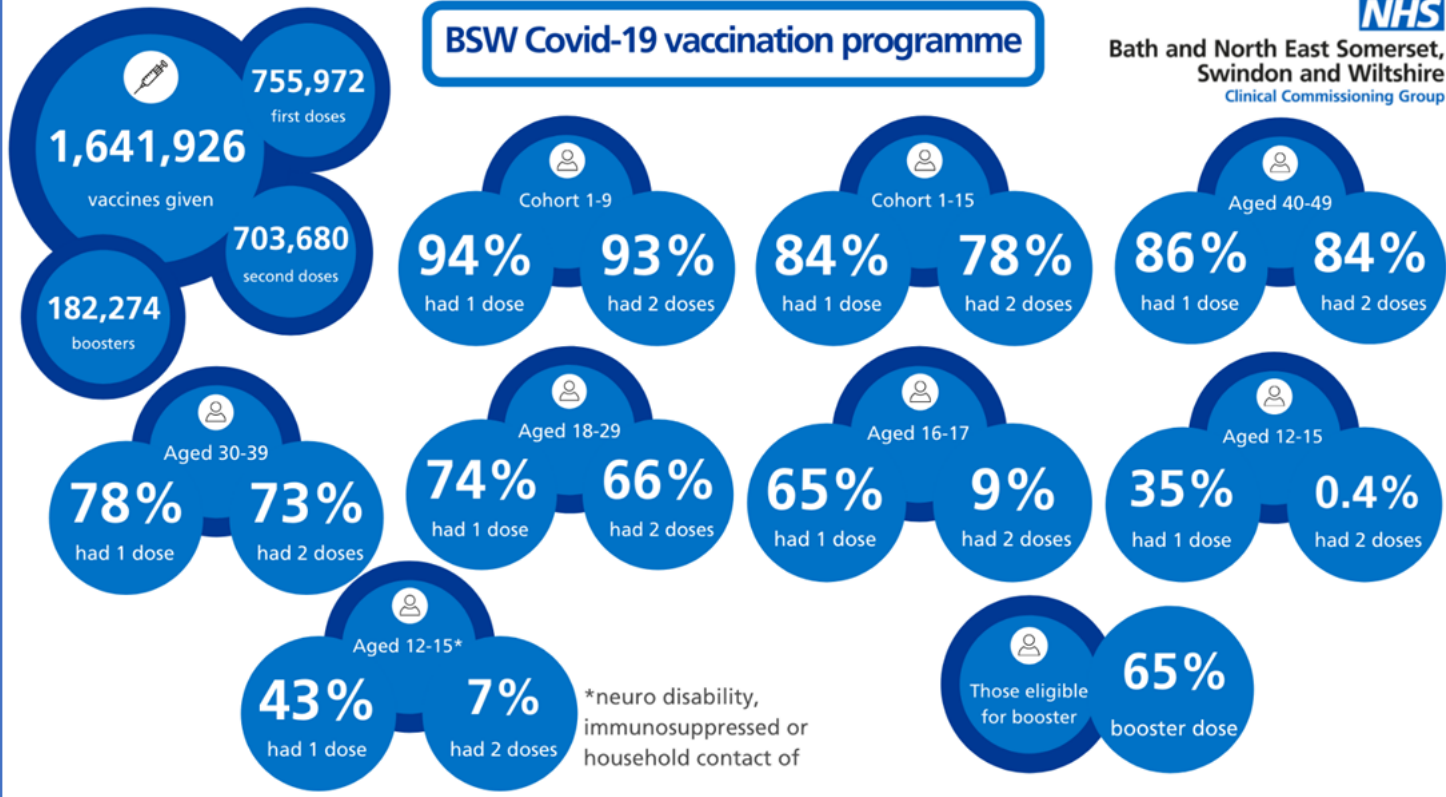
Vaccination progress to date

Data correct as of 17 November 2021

BSW Covid-19 vaccination programme



Bath and North East Somerset,
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The BSW Covid-19 vaccination programme is being led by BSW CCG with support from partner organisations including voluntary community and social enterprises.

