

Covid-19 vaccination programme: Stakeholder briefing

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“Last weekend was a milestone moment in our vaccination programme, as the final community-based sites at Salisbury Cathedral and Salisbury Plain Health Centre opened their doors to patients.

“This positive news means that every primary care network (a group of GP practices working together) in our region is now paired with a vaccine site, which also means that all people who are first in line to be vaccinated will soon be contacted, if they have not already.

“We have always said that the vaccine rollout is a marathon – not a sprint – but we’re making real progress, and the [latest data from NHS England](#) shows that we’ve helped to protect more than 63,000 people.

At a glance: the latest coronavirus vaccine developments in BSW

- The last of our community-based vaccination sites at Salisbury Cathedral, Larkhill Health Centre and West View Surgery in Keynsham opened at the end of last week
- From Monday, two large vaccination centres, based at Salisbury City Hall and Bath Racecourse, will open to patients. More information about these new sites is available on our website
- Letters inviting people to these venues, along with Ashton Gate Stadium in Bristol and the Bath and West Showground in Shepton Mallet, are being sent to those currently eligible for the vaccine
- Patients who receive a letter can choose to visit one of these large-scale vaccination centres or wait to be offered the vaccine through their GP practice
- Information on all of the vaccination sites currently operating across Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire is available on the CCG website
- We continue to respond to questions and queries regarding the vaccine rollout through our dedicated mailbox, which can be reached by sending an email to bswccg.vaccinequery@nhs.net

- Many of the answer to queries to this mailbox are already covered in the detailed FAQ section that is now up and running on our website (www.bswccg.nhs.uk/latest-covid-19-updates)
- The list of FAQs is being updated on a weekly basis to include any new emerging themes, such as questions relating to the ingredients of the vaccine and what to do when receiving an invite letter to a Large Vaccination Centre
- We are asking our partners to reference this list of FAQs when responding to their own public questions and queries
- Wherever possible, our primary care networks are supporting one another to provide the vaccine to people at the venue closest to their home
- Plans to offer the vaccine to those who are unable to leave their home are now under way, and these people will be contacted directly in the coming weeks

Photos from the first day of vaccinations at Salisbury Cathedral

