

## Covid-19 vaccination programme: Stakeholder briefing

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“Another week, and another set of milestones have been achieved across Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire.

“Not only has our vaccine total now exceeded 600,000, which is fantastic news and a testament to all involved, but our mobile vaccination clinic has started visiting selected communities across our region to offer the vaccine to people who may have otherwise chosen to go without.

“Doing everything we can to ensure that no community is left behind in our vaccination programme has always been one of our top priorities, and I’m incredibly proud that this new service is up and running.

“We are hopeful that this new mobile clinic will replicate the success of the vaccination boat, which has already brought the vaccine to more than 250 people since being launched just a few weeks ago.

“Elsewhere, and as you may have heard through other channels, the supply of vaccine continues to be varied.

“We always knew that this would be the case, given the high level of global demand for vaccines, and we are well prepared to weather any challenges this may cause and to use our existing supply in an effective way that ensures those most in need are able to get protected without delay.

“As we look ahead, we remain confident that all adults in our region will have been offered the vaccine by the end of July, which is in line with the government’s target.

“Of course, getting to this point will require a huge amount of effort from all involved but, having seen what has been achieved already, I have no doubt that we will get where we need to be.”

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

- As of Wednesday 21 April, our vaccine teams have carried out a total of 636,809 vaccinations
- In the last seven days, around 6,000 second doses have been given each day, and brings our second dose vaccination total to just under 150,000
- We are hopeful that all vaccination sites in Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire will be added to the national booking system in the coming weeks

- This move, once complete, will make it easier for people to book vaccine appointments at the site nearest to them and at a time which is convenient
- The first phase of the vaccination-by-boat programme has been a huge success, and has resulted in 254 members of our local boating communities receiving a first dose of the coronavirus
- There is now a planned pause in the programme, and it is expected that the boat will take to the waterways again in approximately four weeks
- More than 1,500 new members of staff have been recruited into the vaccination programme since December, which means there is strong staff coverage across all parts of our region
- In collaboration with our three local public health teams, we continue to look at ways in which we can bring the coronavirus vaccine to our homeless communities, and I'm pleased to say that dedicated clinics for rough sleepers are very much in the pipeline

### Mobile vaccination clinic



\*Pictured at the Pine Trees Community Centre in Swindon