

## Covid-19 vaccination programme: Stakeholder briefing

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“I want to thank everyone who has been involved in setting up this hugely challenging vaccination programme. Partners from all across the health and care system have worked tirelessly to get us over the start line in this mammoth effort to vaccinate our communities.

“It’s often been said throughout this pandemic that it is a marathon and not a sprint – this is especially true when it comes to the vaccination programme. There is a lot of work ahead for frontline staff in the coming months, demand is high and people are already working long hours.

“Our work continues over the holiday period but I hope you are able to take a break and spend time with loved ones as much as is possible. Best wishes to you and your family from all of us at the CCG.”

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

- Primary Care Networks have been operating local vaccination sites across the region including the Steam Museum in Swindon, the Corn Exchange in Devizes, Rowden Surgery in Chippenham, Combe Down Surgery near Bath and new this week, sites in Melksham, Ramsbury and Westbury.
- Twelve more local vaccination services will open in the first two weeks of the January 2021 giving us full cover across the region.
- Great Western Hospital are looking forward to giving the second vaccination in the series in the new year.
- Work continues at our other hospital hubs and other sites in preparation for the delivery of the vaccine.
- Planning for vaccinations in care homes continues to be a focus as we work to reach our older and most vulnerable people.
- This is an extensive vaccination programme and it will take time to roll it out to the general population. We all must continue to following social distancing rules and to self-isolate and seek a test at the first sign of showing coronavirus symptoms.



Thumbs up from Ray Edwards after having his vaccination at Spencer Sports and Social Club in Melksham.

Gwen Thomas getting herself protected at the Melksham local vaccination site.



## A few words of thanks



At this difficult and challenging time for the NHS; health professionals; and the local community, I wanted to say thank you and well done. My father lives in Swindon.....he is 86 and has heart failure. His surgery contacted him for his Covid vaccine and this morning I took him to the Steam museum in Swindon.

From the staff who directed us to park, through the staff checking him in, everybody was professional and helpful, at what for them will be another busy day. He got through in a little over half an hour and your team were helpful and considerate throughout.

I can only imagine how busy this year has been for those of you working in health and public protection, thank you for everything you have done to help everybody.

