

Covid-19 vaccination programme: Stakeholder briefing

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Gill May,
Director of Nursing and
Quality

“It has been another milestone week in our vaccination journey, as we not only celebrated the 10,000th vaccine given at the Great Western Hospital in Swindon, but also opened the large vaccination sites at Salisbury City Hall and Bath Racecourse.

“So far, we have given nearly 100,000 vaccines to those people in the top four priority groups. In our area, there are approximately 190,000 people in these groups, so we are halfway to protecting 100 per cent of those most at risk, which we hope to achieve by 15 February.

“We very much appreciate the sheer amount of time and energy that our colleagues across BSW, including volunteers and local authority partners, are giving to help get us to where we need to be.

“This last week also saw the overwhelming majority of our care home residents receive the first dose of the vaccine, which is such a positive step forward as we know all too well that these vulnerable people are often the ones whose lives are sadly taken by this cruel virus.

“Looking ahead, we are already getting ready to plan when people can expect their second doses, and we are also looking to open more community-based vaccine sites in areas where we know a venue is needed to support those who struggle to travel to the sites already up and running.

“Again, I cannot emphasise enough the scale of the vaccination task, and while we know there will be issues along the way that impact the rollout and experience for our residents, our teams continue to work incredibly hard to deliver a successful programme. However, we have more control over certain things than others, so please do bear with us.”

At a glance: the latest coronavirus vaccine developments in BSW

- Two large vaccination centres, based at Salisbury City Hall and Bath Racecourse, opened to patients this week, providing people who are able to travel an alternative, potentially faster, route to receiving the vaccine
- Public Health England has in the last week published a number of new guidance documents, which provide useful information regarding the vaccine. These include:
 - [Guide for pregnant women and mothers who are breastfeeding](#)
 - [Guide for older adults](#)
 - [What to expect after vaccination](#)
 - [Why some people are being asked to wait to receive the vaccine](#)

- [Guide for healthcare workers](#)
 - [Guide for social care staff](#)
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- It is expected that from the beginning of next month, some community pharmacies in the region will begin offering the vaccine to people who are currently eligible, and more information about this will be released in the coming days
 - Although with every day that passes more people in our communities are receiving the vaccine, there is still a very real need for all of us to continue following the current government guidance, which includes wearing a face covering when in public place, practicing social distancing and avoiding contact with people from other households
 - We continue to work with our local authority partners on engaging with people from black and minority ethnic backgrounds about the vaccination roll out, and why it is so important to book a vaccine appointment when invited to do so
 - Wiltshire Council's online vaccine Q&A session, which featured Kate Blackburn, Director of Public Health for Wiltshire, and Gill May, Director of Nursing and Quality, is now available to [watch on YouTube](#)

Photos from the large vaccination centres in Salisbury and Bath

