

Covid-19 vaccination programme: Stakeholder briefing

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Quality

“We have come an incredibly long way in a very short space of time, and nothing showcases this progress more than our activity during last weekend, when we vaccinated more than 10,000 people.

“This drive and determination, which has been unwavering over the last two months, is what will get us to where we need to be, and I’m pleased to say that we are well on our way to meeting our target of giving all people in the top four priority groups their first vaccine dose by the middle of this month.

“So far, more than 93 per cent of local people over the age of 80, as well as more than 93 per cent of local people aged between 75 and 79, have been vaccinated.

“This is on top of 100 per cent of care homes in our region being visited by our mobile vaccinators, which means that nearly all of the most vulnerable people in our communities have now been protected.

“Of course, there is still a long way to go, and while it is important we recognise our milestones, we must always think about our next steps, which at the moment is how we begin vaccinating those people in priority groups five and six, while also starting second doses.

“For now, however, we all must continue to follow the latest government guidance on hand washing, social distancing and mask wearing, as these steps will ultimately keep us safe while vaccines are being rolled out.”

At a glance: the latest coronavirus vaccine developments in BSW

- We are now within touching distance of reaching our 200,000th vaccine milestone, and it’s likely this will be achieved within the next 24 hours
- NHS England publishes the [weekly vaccination figures for each CCG area](#) online every Thursday, and these provide a detailed breakdown of vaccine uptake by age group
- Any person aged 70 or over who has yet to be invited to receive the vaccine can now book their own vaccination appointment either online at www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination or over the phone by calling 119
- People booking appointments via these routes will be able to choose to receive their vaccine from a large vaccination centre or one of three pharmacies in the region

- Appointments can also be requested directly through GP practices
- Mobile vaccinators, made up of staff from Wiltshire Health and Care, Virgin Community Care and Medvivo, are currently in the process of visiting up to 6,000 housebound patients across Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire
- These home visits are essential to ensuring that no person, especially anyone who is particularly vulnerable, is left behind during the vaccination rollout
- Vaccinations at Salisbury City Hall are being supported by military veterans who belong to the Re Act Disaster Response charity
- Cross-agency working to promote the vaccine message to people from black and ethnic minority groups continues, as does our work to engage with local organisations that represent both paid and unpaid carers
- Patients currently in hospital and in the top four priority groups are also being vaccinated, which is really important as some may be in hospital for a longer period of time
- Data below provides vaccination coverage this week, but please note some people will not be able to have the vaccine because of illness and some will decline the offer

Vaccination progress to date

