

Covid-19 vaccination programme: Stakeholder briefing

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Gill May,
Director of Nursing and
Quality

“Our current vaccination total now stands at more than 350,000, of which around 10,000 is people who have had both doses.

“This is incredibly exciting as it means more and more people will start to become fully protected against coronavirus, which is so important as lockdown restrictions begin to be lifted.

“But, as we slowly return to a more normal way of living, we need the people of Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire to continue following the latest government guidance and to come for their first and second doses as soon as the invitation is given.

“It is only by doing these things that we can hope to prevail over coronavirus once and for all, and I would be extremely grateful if all our stakeholders could help us in sharing this overarching message.”

A year like no other

Today marks a year to the day since the World Health Organisation declared Covid-19 a global pandemic.

It has been a whirlwind year, and one that has been incredibly difficult for all health and social care workers, as well as our non-NHS colleagues who have been just as much an integral part of the local coronavirus response.

In recognition of this and, more specifically, the extraordinary determination and commitment of health and social care staff across Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire during this time, we have commissioned a video to highlight some of the incredible work that has gone on.

This includes interviews with one of the vaccination team and a patient at STEAM in Swindon.

You can view the video [on YouTube](#) as well as on the CCG's Twitter, Facebook and Instagram channels - @NHSBSWCCG.

Please share this link with your friends, family and colleagues and do share our social media posts if you are a social media user.

At a glance: the latest coronavirus vaccine developments in BSW

- In the seven days to Wednesday 10 March, our vaccination teams carried out almost 35,000 vaccinations, which took our overall total past the 350,000 mark
- More than 75 per cent of all local people in priority groups one to nine have now received their first vaccine dose
- We continue to remind people in Swindon who receive a letter to book an appointment at an out-of-area large vaccination centre that they will still be contacted by their GP practice with the offer of having the vaccine locally
- More than 40 people attended our Opening Doors online event last Thursday, which proved to be a valuable opportunity for people from local black, Asian and minority ethnic groups to share their vaccine concerns with us, and to ask any questions they had about the vaccine's development and distribution
- We'd like to say a big thank you to our panel of experts who took part in the event:
 - Steve Maddern, Director of Public Health, Swindon Borough Council
 - Dr Nima Satish, Clinical Lead for Diabetes, BSW CCG
 - Uzo Ibechukwu, Clinical Pharmacist, Royal United Hospital
 - Pradeep Bhardwaj, Chariman, Swindon Hindu Temple
- The insights gathered from this event will now be used to support further ongoing communication and engagement work with people from all backgrounds living in Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire
- We are expecting more pharmacies in the region to begin providing the vaccine in the coming weeks, and we will share details of which sites will be carrying out this service as soon as possible

Vaccination programme to date

