

Update to Practices 15/07/21

Walk in clinics

Capacity for both AZ and Pfizer 1st and 2nd doses at many walk in vaccination centres across BSW.

Details published and updated daily via the CCG Website CCG bswccg.nhs.uk

Sites will ONLY accept patients for 2nd doses **on or after 8 weeks** so please ensure all practice staff are aware of this before signposting. Patients will be turned away without a clinical reason for early vaccination (as per green book) e.g. about to undergo immunosuppressive therapy or pregnancy due date.

Patients will NOT be able to be vaccinated earlier at a walk in centres due to travel arrangements.

Patients awaiting 2nd vaccine if OVER 8 weeks (or booked appt at 11-12 weeks)

All vaccinations should be brought forwards to 8 weeks as per the most recent letter from Keith Willett C1342-second-dose-interval-letter-6-july-21.pdf (england.nhs.uk).

Please consider sending a text message to any patient who is currently more than 56 days since 1st vaccination to state :

Vaccination is now recommended at minimum 8 wks. Please cancel and rebook your appt via NBS or visit a walk in service, details available at bswccg.nhs.uk

Vaccination record is inaccurate / incomplete on the NHS App

Patients may make contact their registered GP practice (or be directed to via 119) if their vaccination is not showing correctly in their GP medical record and NHS app.

Providing the vaccination took place over 48 hours ago the current national process to follow for practices is per <https://digital.nhs.uk/coronavirus/vaccinations/covid-19-vaccination-record-queries> (also shown below)

Practice to contact the Vaccination Service Desk on 0300 200 1000. (This service is for medical staff use only).

Provide:

- **NHS number**
- **date of vaccination**

Please note by adding the vaccination into TPP/EMIS manually this will not update the national immunisation database or the NHS app and will result in a duplicate once the vaccination has been recorded correctly.

If practices have access to Pinnacle they should NOT add into Pinnacle unless they are the site that vaccinated them.

If the site was **within BSW**, please contact the original site management team (even if they are currently inactive) providing the following details : Name, DOB, NHS number, Date, Vaccine type, Batch number, L/R arm.

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We understand that this is not an ideal process and NHSE are currently in the process of creating a national issue resolution service via 119 due to go live the end of the month, we will provide more information on this service as it becomes available.

If you do not have any of this information, please ask the patient to contact PALS via scwcsu.palscomplaints@nhs.net or tel **0300 561 0250** providing consent to follow up.

Vaccinations done abroad / other sites

Where individuals are vaccinated **overseas**, this can be recorded in the notes section of their patient record if the GP wishes. Practices or vaccination sites **must not add** vaccinations given abroad to Point of Care systems or to NIMS, as we do not currently have a way of verifying information about vaccines given abroad, and if added to Pinnacle could result in a site being incorrectly paid for the vaccination. This could also lead to the patient being able to access an NHS Covid Pass (previously Covid vaccine certificate) without the overseas vaccination record having been verified as being true and correct. Only vaccines given by the vaccination site should be entered in to Pinnacle. NHS England are working on the approach to vaccines given abroad, in terms of recording of the vaccination event, and the NHS Covid Pass.

If patients have had vaccinations anywhere other than England (Wales and Scotland from end of July), their NHS record via NIMS (and therefore Pinnacle) will not be updated. For this reason they CANNOT book via 119 or the NBS.

Guidance as to the correct brand of vaccine which should be offered to a patient if they had a brand which is not available in the UK is available [COVID-19 vaccination: information for healthcare practitioners - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/covid-19-vaccination-information-for-healthcare-practitioners).

If clinically appropriate, please advise that patients should attend a walk in site for 2nd doses after 8 weeks (and not before) taking with them a record of their original vaccination. They should not access a UK vaccine if they have had a complete course abroad solely to ensure a complete NHS vaccination record.

NOTE – there are no Moderna sites in BSW so they will need to travel outside of the area for any subsequent vaccinations.

After 23rd July, all Scottish and Welsh vaccination records will be transferred into the NHS system and show on the NHS APP, access via the NHS Covid Pass (as per instructions [here](#)).