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Hampshire and Isle of Wight COVID-19 Vaccination Programme Briefing

Vaccination programme update

We are pleased to report that very good progress continues to be made with delivery of the COVID-19 vaccination programme across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.

This week vaccination centres opened at Basingstoke Fire Station, the St James's Hospital site in Portsmouth and The Riverside Centre in Newport on the Isle of Wight. Meanwhile an additional four pharmacies across the area have come online this week and are now providing vaccinations by appointment. This brings the total number of vaccination sites across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight to 63. Details of all sites are available [here](#).

We continue to be extremely grateful to all colleagues, volunteers and partners who are working incredibly hard to support local delivery of the vaccination programme in our communities and would once again like to thank all those involved.

Vaccine supply

While the roll-out of this vital programme is dependent on supply, we have sufficient capacity and remain confident that everyone in the first four priority groups identified by the [Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation \(JCVI\)](#) will have been offered a first dose of the vaccine by the Government's target date of 15 February. We continue to deliver vaccinations via a combination of Primary Care Networks (PCNs), pharmacies, vaccination centres and hospital hubs.

Priority groups

We continue to prioritise ensuring those in [groups 1-4](#) receive the first dose of the vaccination, as follows:

- care home residents and staff
- those aged 80 and over and frontline health and social care workers
- those aged 75 and over
- those aged 70 and over and clinically extremely vulnerable individuals

Reaching the initial priority groups is our top priority. Anyone aged over 80 who has not yet received their first of the vaccine for any reason, for example due to ill health, is being

contacted and followed up. We also continue to contact those aged 70 and over and people who are clinically extremely vulnerable to offer them the vaccine in all areas where we have capacity to do so.

Vaccine data

Both Hampshire and the Isle of Wight Integrated Care System (ICS) and Frimley Health and Care ICS (which includes North East Hampshire), have now delivered the first dose of the vaccine to more than 91% of people aged 80 and over. We continue to perform extremely well in terms of vaccination rates across the region and other parts of the country and are doing all we can to drive uptake among eligible groups in our communities.

A breakdown of vaccination figures by NHS region and Integrated Care Systems/ Sustainability and Transformation Partnerships is available [here](#). This data is updated daily and weekly.

Vaccine coverage in care homes

All eligible care home residents and staff across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight have been offered a first dose of the COVID-19 vaccination, apart from in a small number of care homes where positive cases of the virus have been identified. In the coming weeks we will be returning to these care homes to vaccinate those who have not yet received the first dose due to illness or self isolating.

Reducing inequalities

As the vaccination programme progresses at pace we continue to work in partnership to understand and tackle inequalities, addressing individual concerns and circumstances including medical history, age and ethnic background.

In support of this, we have set up a joint working group comprising of communications leads across the NHS and local authorities in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. This group is working closely together to deliver a dedicated Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) communications plan which aims to:

- Engage with BAME communities, increase awareness and enhancing understanding of the vaccination programme and how the process works
- Identify and address concerns from our BAME communities about the COVID-19 vaccine programme
- Understand and address existing barriers for our BAME communities using NHS services, such as communication, language and/or culture

Community outreach work with BAME groups is underway in a number of areas. This vital work is supported by a range of materials and activity including shared key messages for

all partners, a dedicated voluntary sector communications pack, case studies, media work with community broadcasters and social media activity.

We are engaging with groups identified by our public health partners as being at risk of inequalities related to the vaccination programme to understand potential barriers and how these can be tackled. Key themes from this work will be used to further target our local communications approach and outreach work.

Update on how the vaccine is delivered

The NHS across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight continues to contact local people in priority groups 1-4 to invite them for a vaccine. We aim to offer eligible people as much choice as possible about where they receive the vaccination. As a result, and as more vaccination sites have opened, some people may have received an invitation to attend a vaccination centre (by letter) as well as being invited through their GP practice, or as an outpatient or inpatient at their local by their local hospital. If an individual receives more than one invitation, they can choose where they would like to book an appointment to attend. However it is important that our communities do not contact their GP practice directly to ask when they will be vaccinated.

Everyone invited to have the vaccine will need an appointment. Most people who are invited by letter will then have the opportunity to go onto the national booking system and book an appointment slot or call 119. If people are initially unable to book an appointment at their local vaccination centre, they should continue to check the booking system as more slots will be regularly added

This week four more pharmacies have started to offer vaccines by appointment, bringing the total number of pharmacies that are supporting delivery of the vaccine across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight to nine. Details are as follows:

- **Superdrug, 10-12 Hampstead House, Basingstoke**
- **Crookham War Memorial Hall, Sandy Lane, Church Crookham**
- **Lalys Pharmacy, 1 Guildhall Walk, Portsmouth**
- **Goldchem Pharmacy, 147a Albert Road, Southsea**
- **Village Pharmacy, 3-4 Stubbington Green, Stubbington**
- **Greywell Pharmacy, 19 Greywell South, Greywell Shopping Centre, Leigh Park**
- **Boyatt Pharmacy, St Peters Church Hall, Shakespeare Road, Eastleigh**
- **Botts Pharmacy, West Quay, Southampton**
- **A R Pharmacy, 3 Hazel Farm Road, Southampton**

Information on local pharmacies providing vaccination appointments continue to be added to the national booking service as they come online. Individuals will be offered the choice of attending a pharmacy when they receive their invitation letter, or can wait to be contacted by their GP and arrange to be vaccinated at a GP-led or hospital site.

Attending vaccine appointments

Everyone who makes an appointment to be vaccinated is asked to attend at the time they have booked to avoid any delays. If an individual has already made an appointment and then decides to take up the offer of attending another site, it is important that they cancel one of the appointments. This enables us to offer the slot to someone else and ensures that we can vaccinate as many people as possible.

More information on what will happen at an appointment is available [here](#).

Importance of following national guidance

Colleagues continue to do an incredible job in supporting local delivery of the largest vaccination programme in the history of the NHS.

It remains vital that everyone continues to follow all national guidance to help reduce the risk of COVID-19, even if they have received the vaccine. This includes staying at home wherever possible, social distancing, wearing a face mask or covering as required and regular handwashing.

Frequently asked questions

We continue to update the frequently asked questions on our [website](#). In the course of the past week we have provided further updates on the process for booking appointments, including what to do if no available appointments at local vaccination centres show when a person goes online to book their slot. Additional appointments are regularly being added and anyone who cannot immediately access a slot at their nearest vaccination centre is advised to keep checking the booking system for new appointments. We have also answered queries about lost vaccination cards and provided information on the current available vaccines. Details of pharmacies and vaccination centres across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight have also been updated.

If you have a query that is not answered in our frequently asked questions, please email the Hampshire and the Isle of Wight Vaccination Team at whccg.covid.vaccination.enquiries@nhs.net who will be happy to help.

Further information

We will continue to provide regular updates on the COVID-19 vaccination programme. Our [webpages](#) are being updated regularly. Previous editions of this update are also available on these pages.

- For more information on the vaccine, please visit www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination.
- Figures on vaccination uptake for the UK will be published on a daily and weekly basis on the [NHS England and NHS Improvement website](#).
- An easy read information leaflet about the COVID-19 vaccination has now been published: <https://www.southamptoncityccg.nhs.uk/more-information-and-resources>
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