

Covid-19 vaccination programme: Stakeholder briefing

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“Like me, I’m sure you will have felt a great sense of satisfaction at the news of 10 million first doses of the coronavirus vaccine being given out across the country.

“This is a real milestone moment and, closer to home, we too have hit a number of important milestones, namely giving more than 100,000 people their first dose, and also offering the vaccine to all care home residents in our region.

“We are in a strong place, and hope to begin vaccinations in people outside of the top four priority groups, as well as begin to plan second doses, from Monday 15 February.

“To help us get to where we need to be, we will now be supported by our pharmacy colleagues, who will begin offering the vaccine to people in Swindon, Ludgershall and Westbury.

“As I’ve said before, the vaccination programme is a mammoth logistical operation, and I’d like to say a special thank you to all the health and care staff whose incredible professionalism, stamina and unwavering determination is making a real difference to the lives of so many.”

At a glance: the latest coronavirus vaccine developments in BSW

- So far, more than 137,000 people in Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire have received their first coronavirus vaccination, with more than 40,000 of these jobs taking place in the last seven days alone
- Avoiding vaccine wastage remains a top priority for us, which is why each vaccination site holds a list of people, often from partner organisations, who can be contacted quickly should there be any spare vaccines left at the end of each clinic day
- Three community pharmacies will begin offering the vaccine to eligible people from today. These pharmacies are:
 - Avicenna Pharmacy in Swindon
 - Shaunaks Pharmacy in Westbury
 - The Pharmacy in Ludgershall
- These pharmacy sites will appear on the national coronavirus vaccine booking system – alongside the large vaccination centres at Salisbury City Hall and Bath Racecourse – and will give people an additional, potentially more convenient, venue choice for their vaccination

- During the next two weeks, vaccinators will visit housebound patients who fall into one of the top priority groups in their own home, and we hope to have completed this phase of the vaccination programme by the middle of February
- We know that vaccine confidence among people from black and minority ethnic backgrounds is low, with only around 57 per cent expected to say yes to the vaccine
- Our research has shown that much of the hesitancy stems from incorrect information being shared regarding the vaccine's ingredients, the speed at which it was developed and whether a cost is involved
- As a result, we continue to work closely with community leaders and faith groups to spread vaccine-positive messages, and we are also in the process of producing a number of materials in languages other than English

Vaccination sites across BSW

Vaccination sites

- ⊕ - Hospital hub
- ▲ - Large vaccination centre
- - Community-based, GP-led site
- - Pharmacy

