



## Covid-19 vaccination: Briefing for stakeholders

Covid-19 booster vaccines will soon be available to all adults over the age of 18, as part of what the Prime Minister has called another great British vaccination effort.

Under the new plans, which have been announced in response to the new Omicron variant of coronavirus, the waiting period between a person's second primary dose and their booster jab will also be reduced from six months to 12 weeks.

These new plans from the government reinforce the messaging that we have been giving for some time, which is that having the booster vaccine is the best way to stay protected against Covid-19.

For now, while we await further detail, we continue to prioritise boosters for people over the age of 40, and kindly ask that adults aged between 18 and 39-years-old wait to be contacted by the NHS before attempting to book a jab or visiting a vaccination site.

More than 1.7 million vaccines have been given out in our region over the last 12 months, and we will continue to ensure that no person who wishes to receive a vaccine will be left behind.

**Gill May,**  
Director of Nursing and Quality

### Updates



#### Mums-to-be invited to take part in Covid-19 vaccination webinar

Pregnant women will have the chance to put their questions about the Covid-19 vaccine to a panel of the region's top maternity experts at an upcoming online event.

Taking place at 7.30pm on Wednesday 8 December, the virtual Opening Doors discussion forum is an opportunity for mums-to-be, as well as their partners, other family members and friends, to seek reassurance about having the coronavirus vaccine while pregnant.

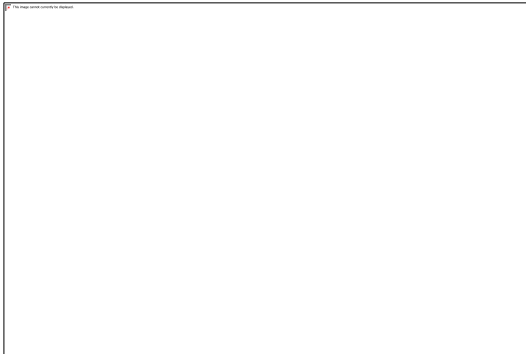
Any person wishing to attend can secure a place by sending an email to [bswccg.engagement@nhs.net](mailto:bswccg.engagement@nhs.net).

## Clinicians and health leaders to host winter wellness Facebook Q&A

A panel of clinicians and health leaders will be answering questions from the public on how to stay well this winter during a special Facebook Q&A session taking place next week.

GP Dr Bryn Bird, Becky Reynolds, BaNES Director of Public Health, and Cara Charles-Barks, Chief Executive at the Royal United Hospital in Bath, will provide expert advice on local services, share updates on the vaccination programme and answer questions from the public.

Watch the Q&A by heading to the CCG's Facebook page at 6pm on Monday 6 December, and submit questions by sending an email to [bswccg.communications@nhs.net](mailto:bswccg.communications@nhs.net).



## Reaching out to housebound patients across BSW

We continue to pull out all the stops to take the Covid-19 booster vaccine to housebound patients across Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire.

As well as making individual visits to patients' homes, we are also arranging private transportation to vaccine sites for those people whose mobility is less restricted.

Protecting our most vulnerable residents remains a priority, and we hope to have completed this important piece of work by the end of January.

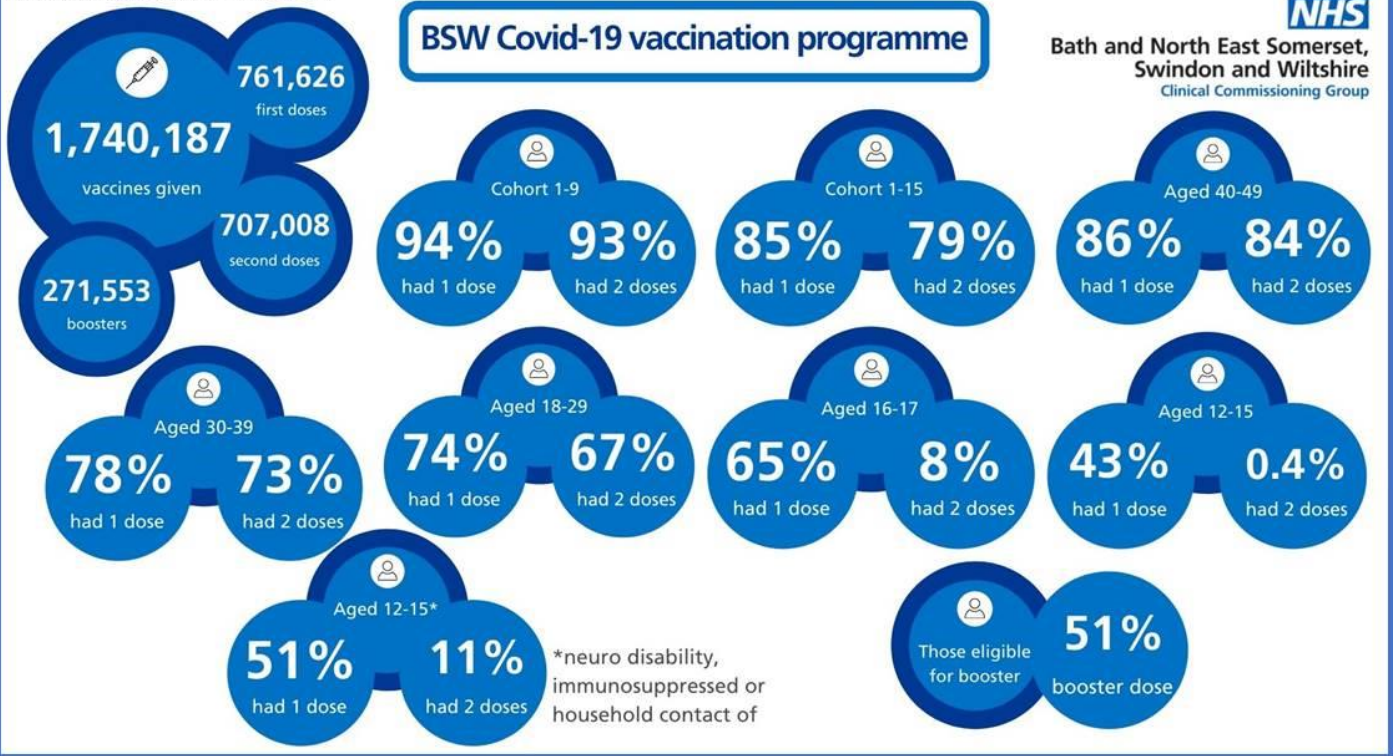
**Vaccination progress to date**

Data correct as of 1 December 2021

## BSW Covid-19 vaccination programme



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The BSW Covid-19 vaccination programme is being led by BSW CCG with support from partner organisations including voluntary community and social enterprises.

