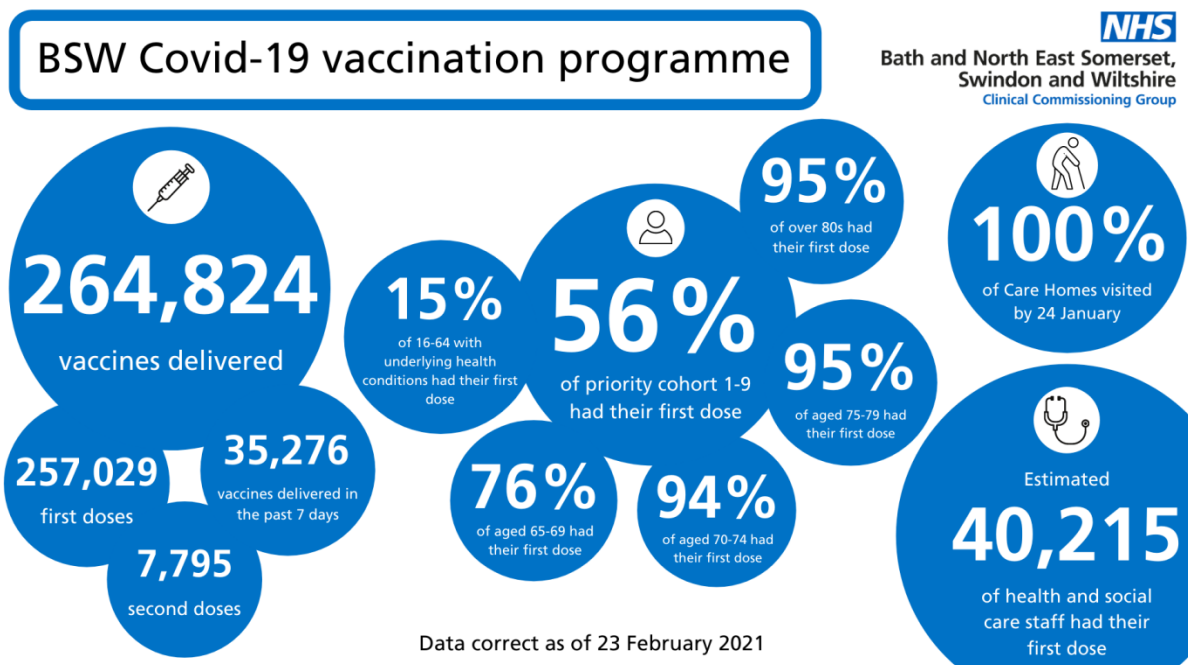


Update for Wiltshire Area Boards

March 2021

Coronavirus vaccination



- We are currently around halfway through the process of vaccinating people in priority groups five and six (people aged over 65 and anyone aged between 16 and 64 with an underlying health condition) and this puts us on track to meet the targets set out by the government.
- People who were among some of the first to have the vaccine will begin receiving their second dose from the beginning of March.
- Health and social care workers will also begin to receive their second dose, and we are working closely with all provider organisations to ensure this happens as smoothly as possible.
- Unpaid carers who are in receipt of a carers allowance, or who are registered as a carer with their GP, can now book their vaccine appointments using the online or telephone national booking system.

NHS England publishes the [weekly vaccination figures for each CCG area](#) online every Thursday, and these provide a detailed breakdown of vaccine uptake by age group

The CCG website has a dedicated Covid-19 vaccination page www.bswccg.nhs.uk/latest-covid-19-updates with all the latest information including a detailed question and answer section which is updated regularly as issues arise.

We have established an email address for any enquires from the public relating to the vaccination programme: bswccg.vaccinequery@nhs.net

Temporary step down beds mobilised at South Newton Hospital

At the beginning of February a temporary service started at South Newton Hospital near Salisbury providing discharge to assess and intensive rehabilitation for patients who are ready to leave Hospital but require some ongoing rehabilitation or therapy before they can go home. In total 12 beds have been commissioned.

We have received positive feedback from patients and their families about the care being given so far and we will continue to review this regularly.

This new service is a fixed term arrangement until 31 March 2021 for non Covid-19 patients.

South Newton Hospital is six miles from Salisbury and operated by Renovo. The site achieved CQC registration in December 2020. The team at South Newton have worked closely with the CCG, who have commissioned the service, Salisbury hospital, Wiltshire Health and Care, CQC and Wiltshire Council to mobilise the service and accept new patients.

Intensive enablement support service

Wiltshire Council and BSW CCG are funding a 12 month pilot to provide additional support to people that live in the community who have enhanced mental health, learning disabilities and/or autism support needs.

This new team will be part of Wiltshire Council's provider services and will support individuals that are known to Social Care (have a social worker) or actively under the care of a health worker (for example the Community Team for People with a Learning Disability – CTPLD).

The aim of this service is to provide time limited support in a person's own home, enabling support for people with mental health needs, learning disability and/or autism who are at risk of hospital admission and/or for people being discharged from acute psychiatric hospital and/or rehab.

The service will also support people not in crisis, but who may benefit from a period of enablement. This model of support aims to develop life-skills such as independent living skills working alongside Education and Skills, Wiltshire Employment service and Community Connecting, working closely with health commissioned services.

The new team are currently being recruited and undertaking required training. It is anticipated that the service will start to support people in the community at the beginning of March'21. Throughout the 12 month pilot, regular evaluation will take place to better inform future needs for people with mental health, learning disability and/or autism support needs.'

Virtual Wards for Care Homes

The Virtual Wards for Care Homes initiative has been setup to pilot new ways of delivering and improving care for residents, particularly while coping with the Covid crisis.

Twelve care homes in Wiltshire are currently participating in the pilot. They refer residents who are showing early signs of deterioration, or who have complex issues best resolved by a multi-disciplinary team.

Clinics are held each week using Microsoft Teams, and will normally include a geriatrician, GP, community nurses, mental health ANP, physiotherapist, occupational therapist, consultant frailty nurse, social worker and care-coordinator.

In almost all cases, a revised care plan is agreed by the team and the patient is then followed up to assess progress and refine their treatment. Overall, around 67% of patients go on to have improved quality of life, with improved physical and/or mental health. Even when it is not possible to enhance the existing care plan or improve the individual's wellbeing, it is very reassuring for the family and carers to know that they have had a thorough review and are receiving the best care for their needs.

The benefits for the individuals and the wider healthcare system include:

- preventing avoidable deterioration that might require admission and more aggressive or costly treatment
- avoiding a succession of out-patient appointments that take time, that lack the multi-disciplinary input, that are logistically difficult for care homes, and risky and distressing for patients who can feel they are being passed from one speciality to another with little hope of resolution
- responding quickly to the referral, reviewing the patient's needs fully and from a variety of perspectives, and rapidly putting in place an action plan that has the best chance of stabilising or improving the health and wellbeing of the individual
- minimising pressures on other parts of the healthcare system by keeping the residents as well as possible, as long as possible, and in their own home.

We are looking to expand the programme further and welcome contact from GPs or care homes who wish to get involved.