

Covid-19 vaccination programme: Stakeholder briefing

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“As we enter what could be the final leg of this initial vaccination rollout, we are ramping up our efforts to encourage all those who are eligible to come forward to be vaccinated.

“In the week that the vaccine was opened up to people aged between 20 and 29, we received feedback from our vaccination teams that many people are putting off booking their appointment due to incorrectly assuming their GP practice will contact them first.

“With almost the entire adult population now eligible for the vaccine, the onus is on people to secure their own appointments using the National Booking Service, and this is the message we are calling on our partners to help us spread.

“All vaccination sites across Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire are now listed on the National Booking Service, which can be accessed online by visiting www.nhs.uk or over the phone by calling 119.

“Giving people the freedom to book their own appointments mean any person wishing to have the vaccine can receive their jab at a location convenient to them, be it somewhere close to home, or a site near a place of work or education.

“New sites are being added to the list of vaccination venues all the time and, just this week, the vaccine clinic at the Great Western Hospital in Swindon was included on the National Booking Service for the first time.

“We understand that some people have a specific location in mind for their vaccine appointment, and we ask that anyone who is unsuccessful in booking their preferred vaccine site on the first time of trying to keep checking back as new slots are being added all the time.

“We’ve come so far in our journey together, having already surpassed the one millionth vaccine mark, and we need to carry this momentum forward as we begin providing the vaccines to the youngest adults in our communities.”

At a glance: the latest coronavirus vaccine developments in BSW

- As of Tuesday 8 June, our vaccine teams have carried out a total of 1,020,056 vaccinations, made up of 585,920 first doses and 434,136 second doses
- On each day of the last week, our teams carried out an average of 1,541 first doses and 5,071 second doses

- Due to the recent warm weather, vaccinators have noticed more people fainting or feeling queasy after having the vaccine, and we are reminding patients not to arrive at a vaccine site on an empty stomach
- The vaccination team at the Steam Museum in Swindon administered their 150,000th vaccine this week
- An additional community pharmacy in the Marlborough area is expected to begin providing the vaccine in the coming days
- The mobile vaccination clinic is in Bath and North East Somerset this week, and plans are also being drawn up for how the bus can be used to bring the Pfizer vaccine to communities that struggle to reach existing vaccination sites
- We are expecting to have given the vaccine to around 90 per cent of all people aged between 40 and 49 in our region by the end of this week

Vaccination progress to date

