

Covid-19 vaccination programme: Stakeholder briefing

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“It’s been an incredibly busy week for the NHS, with many of our local services across Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire feeling the enormous pressure of caring for an increasing number of very ill coronavirus patients.

“The events of the last week only serve to highlight just how vital the current Covid-19 vaccination programme is, and I’m proud that we are making real strides in offering the lifesaving vaccine to so many of our most vulnerable family, friends and neighbours.

“As it stands, almost all of our community-based vaccination sites are up and running, and we expect the remaining few to have opened their doors by the weekend.”

At a glance: the latest coronavirus vaccine developments in BSW

- Vaccinations have started in care homes across the region, and it is expected that this will increase in the coming days as further vaccine deliveries are made
- More community-based vaccination sites have opened in the last week in areas such as Tidworth, Wilton, Pewsey and Keynsham
- The Bath Pavilion opened as a vaccine centre on Wednesday 13 January, with another iconic venue – the Steam Museum in Swindon – also reopening as a vaccine site, following an initial stint before Christmas
- We are currently in the process of writing to healthcare employers across the region to arrange the vaccination of any health and care staff who have not yet been invited to attend a vaccine appointment
- Our local authority colleagues are supporting this piece of work by arranging vaccinations of those staff working in a social care setting
- The CCG website now has a dedicated Covid-19 vaccination page (www.bswccg.nhs.uk/latest-covid-19-updates) and this will act as the go-to place for all the latest information, as well as hosting a detail question-and-answer section

- We know many of our partner organisations are receiving a high volume of enquires from the public relating to the vaccination programme, and we can now share the email address for which such questions and queries should be sent: bswccg.vaccinequery@nhs.net
- Further information on the groups of people that are currently prioritised for the vaccine is available from the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation, which can be found by [clicking here](#).

Photos from the community-based vaccine clinics

