

Update for Wiltshire Area Boards

July 2022

Covid-19 Summer Boosters

People in Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire who are eligible for the Covid-19 spring booster vaccine, but have yet to come forward, are being encouraged to go and get their boosters. Having the top-up dose before the end of July will not only provide protection during the summer months, but will also ensure people will be able to receive the autumn booster jab as soon as the vaccines become available.

Currently, people aged 75 and over, as well as care home residents and those aged 12 and above with a weakened immune system, are eligible for the spring booster vaccine. Getting the top-up dose, which for most people will be their fourth Covid-19 vaccine, is the best way to prolong the immune-boosting effects of previous vaccinations, which should keep serious cases of coronavirus at bay.

Spring booster jabs can be booked online at www.nhs.uk. The site also contains up-to-date information on the local venues that are providing the vaccine but do not require patients to have a pre-booked appointment.

As of 8 July, more than 2.2 million Covid-19 vaccinations have been given out at sites across Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire, with the current number of total vaccinations now standing at around 2,295,246.

Ongoing pressures on local health and care system

Frontline teams in hospitals and GP practices, as well as NHS colleagues working in the community are experiencing a sustained level of intense demand from people for health and care services, which has been exacerbated by the recent rise in cases of Covid-19.

Local health leaders are asking people across the region to play their part in helping to combat the pressures by taking small, easy actions, including treating minor conditions at home, having all recommended doses of the Covid-19 vaccine, not visiting friends and family in hospital when feeling unwell and using our pharmacies for help and support wherever possible and using the online 111 service in the first instance.