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Hampshire and Isle of Wight COVID-19 Vaccination Programme Briefing

Vaccine programme update

In December last year, we began rolling out the vaccination programme with the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine reaching patients 80 years of age and above, as well as frontline health and social care staff, based on the [JCVI guidance for priority groups](#). According to government published figures, across the UK 944,539 people received the vaccine between 8 December and 27 December.

The COVID-19 vaccination programme has gained further momentum with the news that the Oxford/ AstraZeneca vaccine has been authorised for use. The first Oxford/AstraZeneca vaccinations started to be delivered to sites across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight this week. Before the vaccine can be distributed, each batch needs to be checked and approved. As soon as this happens the NHS can deliver.

Prioritisation of first doses of COVID-19 vaccines

[The four UK Chief Medical Officers \(CMOs\)](#) have said that, 'Prioritising the first doses of vaccine for as many people as possible on the priority list will protect the greatest number of at risk people overall in the shortest possible time'.

National policy has been amended in light of this meaning that second doses of both vaccines will be administered towards the end of the recommended vaccine dosing schedule of 12 weeks. This will maximise the number of people getting vaccinated and therefore receiving protection in the next 12 weeks maximising the impact of the vaccine programme in its primary aims of reducing mortality and hospitalisations and protecting the NHS and equivalent health services.

Two doses of the vaccine are still needed to get the best protection from the virus.

Local delivery of the vaccination programme

The NHS has planned extensively to deliver the largest vaccination programme in our history, providing three different delivery methods:

1. Hospital Hubs – focus on NHS Trust and social care staff
2. Local Vaccine Services – provided by GPs working together as Primary Care Networks (PCNs)
3. Vaccination Centres – large sites based within local communities and convenient for transport networks.

Across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, five hospital hubs, 36 Local Vaccine Services and one Vaccine Centre (currently focussing on health and social care staff) have gone live. A further one hospital hub, three Local Vaccine Services and three Vaccine Centres will go live over the next 2-3 weeks.

Area	Site	Site type
Isle of Wight	St Mary's Hospital	Hospital Hub
	The Riverside Centre <i>(due to go live shortly)</i>	Vaccination Centre
	The Newport Medical Centre (Carisbrooke site)	Local Vaccine Service
	West Wight Sport and Community Centre	
	Westridge Centre, Ryde	
	The Bay Medical Practice, Shanklin	
North and Mid Hampshire	Royal Hampshire County Hospital, Winchester	Hospital Hub
	Basingstoke and North Hampshire Hospital	
	Andover War Memorial Hospital <i>(due to go live shortly)</i>	
	Basingstoke Fire Station <i>(due to go live shortly)</i>	Vaccination Centre
	Hampshire Court Hotel, Basingstoke	Local Vaccine Service
	The Lights, Andover	
	Winchester Holiday Inn	
Portsmouth and South East Hampshire	Queen Alexandra Hospital, Portsmouth	Hospital Hub
	St James Hospital, Portsmouth <i>(due to go live shortly)</i>	Vaccination Centre
	Solent View Medical Practice, Gosport	Local Vaccine Service
	Portchester Practice	
	Festival Hall, Petersfield	
	Brune Medical Centre, Gosport	
	Brook Lane Surgery, Fareham	
	Fareham Community Hospital	
	Waterlooville Health Centre	
	Forest Surgery, Bordon	
	Hayling Island Health Centre	
	Emsworth Baptist Church	
	Eastney Health Centre, Portsmouth	
	Cosham Health Centre, Portsmouth	
	Kingston Crescent Surgery, Portsmouth	
	Lake Road Health Centre, Portsmouth	
	Southsea Medical Centre <i>(due to go live shortly)</i>	
Southampton and South West Hampshire	Southampton General Hospital	Hospital Hub
	Oakley Road, Southampton <i>(currently focussing on health and social care staff)</i>	Vaccination Centre
	Adelaide Health Centre, Southampton	Local Vaccine Service
	Royal South Hants Hospital	
	Ladies Walk Surgery, Southampton	
	Chessel Avenue Surgery, Southampton	
	St Peters Surgery, Southampton	
	Totton Football Club	
	Applemore Leisure Centre, Hythe	
	Park Surgery, Chandlers Ford	
	New Milton Health Centre	
	Bursledon Surgery	
	Colden Common Surgery	

	Badger Farm Community Centre, Winchester	
	Milford on Sea War Memorial Hospital	
	Fordingbridge Hospital	
	Crosfield Hall, Romsey	
	University Health Centre, Southampton (due to go live shortly)	
	Eastleigh Health Centre (due to go live shortly)	

In addition there are three Local Vaccine Services in north east Hampshire which are led by North East Hampshire and Farnham CCG. These sites are:

- Monteagle Surgery, Yateley
- Princes Hall, Aldershot
- Southwood Surgery, Farnborough.

The feedback from both patients and staff attending all of the sites has been very positive about how well clinics have run.

Effectiveness of the vaccines

People cannot choose which vaccine they receive. All available vaccines have to be approved by passing the Medicines & Healthcare Regulatory Agency's (MHRA) tests on safety and efficacy. So, people should be assured that whatever vaccine they get, it will be highly effective and protect them from coronavirus.

Reaching friends and family of the over 80 population

We want to vaccinate as many people as possible, as quickly as possible. The NHS has a clear vaccine delivery plan and the vaccine is being rolled out as quickly as doses can be supplied and quality checked, with over a million people already vaccinated right across the UK.

Groups of GP practices are working together as Primary Care Networks (PCNs) to deliver the vaccine to their registered populations at Local Vaccination Services. This means that some residents in the priority groups may find that friends and family have been vaccinated before them. They should not worry or assume they have been missed. We will reach everyone as soon as we can.

Residents will be contacted directly with an invitation for their vaccination, and all those vaccinated will need a booster jab within 12 weeks.

Understandably many people are keen to get vaccinated, and some people are frustrated not to have been invited for the jab yet. However some GP surgeries are being inundated by calls from family members asking when they will get the vaccine. We are urging members of the public not to contact their practice about vaccination as practices are being hindered from making outgoing calls, booking appointments, or taking calls from those who need urgent care.

Your support in reiterating these key messages with your local population will be most appreciated:

- Please don't contact the NHS to seek a vaccine, we will contact you
- When we do contact you, please attend your booked appointments

- Please continue to follow all the guidance to control the virus and save lives.

Vaccinating care homes

We have been doing everything we can to ensure care homes in England are getting the support they need to tackle COVID-19. In terms of vaccination, we are working hard to vaccinate all care home residents and workers as quickly and safely as possible.

All care homes have received regular written and verbal briefings over the past five weeks in order to prepare for vaccine administration. This includes sessions by safeguarding leads on consent, capacity, best interests decision-making and Lasting Power of Attorney as well as clinical and administrative information of both the Pfizer/BioNTech and more latterly the Oxford AstraZeneca vaccine. Further sessions have been delivered to care staff to support confidence in the vaccination process and ensure informed choice with the aim of achieving the desired high level of coverage in the care home workforce.

The Public Health England (PHE) leaflets to support the vaccination programme and inform residents and staff have been electronically distributed, including:

- Guide for older adults
- What to expect after vaccination
- Guide for social care workers – for social care staff
- Guide to COVID-19 vaccination for women of childbearing age, who are pregnant or currently breastfeeding.

Three separate forms covering residents with the capacity to consent, relative's views (for residents who lack the capacity to consent) and Lasting Power of Attorney have also been made available to homes in order to support early discussions.

Homes have been requested to make preparations to support the safe delivery of the vaccination process, including setting up spaces that:

- Enable privacy for clinical assessment, seeking consent, and managing circumstances where people lack mental capacity
- Preparation of vaccines close to where residents will be vaccinated to minimise risk of deterioration when transported following reconstitution/drawn up
- Support patient flow around the care home to enable social distancing for residents and minimising delay between vaccinations
- Enable the agreed arrangements for 15 minutes post-vaccination observation.

Keep abreast of vaccination updates

We will continue to provide regular updates on progress with the roll out of the COVID-19 vaccination programme.

- For more information on the vaccine, please visit www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination
- Figures on vaccination uptake for the UK will be published on a weekly basis on the [PHE coronavirus data dashboard](#)
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 - Twitter: @HIOW_CCGs
 - Facebook: @HIOWPartnershipCCGs / @westhampshireccg / @urgentcarepompey
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