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## Hampshire and Isle of Wight COVID-19 Vaccination Programme Briefing

### Vaccine programme update

NHS teams across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight continue to work at pace to deliver the COVID-19 vaccination programme to those in our communities who are most at risk. A huge thank you to all colleagues who are working together to support local delivery of the programme.

On Tuesday (26 January) Oakley Road in Southampton went live as a vaccination centre for the local community. Previously it had been focused on providing vaccinations for health and care staff. In addition four pharmacies across Hampshire and Isle of Wight have now begun offering vaccination by appointment (full details below). There are now 54 vaccination sites across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight and feedback from the public about their experiences continues to be positive. Our remaining three vaccination centres in Basingstoke, Portsmouth and on the Isle of Wight are due to go live very shortly and details of all sites are available [here](#).

We are continuing to focus on vaccinating the first four priority groups, as identified by the [Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation \(JCVI\)](#). These are:

- those aged over 80
- care home residents
- care home staff
- frontline health and care staff

Vaccinating the above groups remains our priority in this first phase. Following the Government's recent announcement that the vaccination programme would be extended, we are now also offering vaccinations to the next cohort which includes:

- those aged over 70
- people who are clinically extremely vulnerable.

We know some people have raised concerns that they or their loved ones who are in the over 80s category may have been missed. Please be assured that we remain absolutely focused on reaching the initial priority groups. In areas where we have sufficient supply and capacity we are also offering the vaccine to those aged over 70 and the extremely clinically vulnerable.

## **Vaccination supply**

We have sufficient vaccine capacity planned and continue to offer the first dose to the four priority cohorts for the first phase identified by the JCVI.

Delivery against capacity is dependent on vaccine supply, and we are confident that there is equitable supply of the vaccine across all Primary Care Networks (PCNs). The combination of delivery via PCNs, vaccine centres and hospital hubs in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight in the coming weeks is more than sufficient for us to achieve the Government's ambition of offering the first dose of the vaccine to all everyone in priority groups 1-4 by 14 February.

## **Vaccination data**

Data on the number of COVID-19 vaccinations provided by the NHS in England is being published on the NHS England and NHS Improvement website. This data is reported daily and weekly and includes a breakdown of vaccination numbers by NHS region and Integrated Care Systems (ICSs)/Sustainability and Transformation Partnerships (STPs) area. The latest vaccination figures are available [here](#).

The roll out of the vaccination programme across Hampshire and Isle of Wight continues to progress very well. Both Hampshire and Isle of Wight ICS and Frimley Health and Care ICS (which includes North East Hampshire) have delivered the first dose of vaccine to over 85% of the over 80s. Our rates of vaccination compare extremely well across the South East of England and across the country and huge thanks go to all of our staff, volunteers and partners involved in supporting the delivery of the vaccination programme to our communities.

## **Community transport to vaccination appointments – support is available**

We are grateful to Community First which has dedicated some of its transport capacity to help people get to their COVID-19 vaccination and medical appointments in areas including Basingstoke, Fareham, Gosport, Havant, Winchester, the New Forest and East Hampshire.

The charity provides a safe, secure and affordable way of getting to these essential appointments, offering a door-to-door service. Residents will pay a small fare for their journey, which is in-line with local bus fares, and also accepts bus passes to help reduce costs. For more information and to contact your local service, please click [here](#). This is just one of a number of community schemes run by the voluntary sector supporting the vaccination programme.

We will continue to share updates on support available in our communities when they are available.

## Local delivery of the vaccination programme

The NHS will be in contact with residents when it is their turn to receive the COVID-19 vaccination. While we absolutely understand the frustrations of waiting for an invitation, we kindly ask that people do not contact your GP practice to ask when they will be vaccinated. The NHS will be in touch with everyone as soon as we possibly can.

Everyone awaiting a vaccination invitation is reminded to:

- make sure they are registered with a GP practice
- ensure their GP practice has up-to-date contact details for them – especially a mobile phone number if they have one. This makes it quicker and easier for us to get in touch. There is no need to call us with this information, it can be updated online through the practice website

It remains as important as ever that we all continue to follow the national guidance and:

- stay at home as much as possible
- wear a face covering when out in the community
- observe social distancing measures
- continue to wash hands regularly

## How the vaccine is delivered

Across Hampshire and Isle of Wight residents will continue to be invited to have a vaccination through their GP service, by their local hospital (as an inpatient or outpatient) or at a vaccination centre (via letter).

In addition some local pharmacies are also now offering the vaccine by appointment. In Hampshire and Isle of Wight the pharmacies listed below are providing vaccination, with more due to go live in the coming weeks. We will share further details of local pharmacies that will be offering the vaccine as they are announced and will add these to our [interactive map](#) showing all vaccination sites in our area.

- Superdrug, 10-12 Hampstead House, Basingstoke
- A R Pharmacy, 3 Hazel Farm Road, Southampton
- Lalys Pharmacy, 1 Guildhall Walk, Portsmouth
- Boyatt Pharmacy, St Peters Church Hall, Shakespeare Road, Eastleigh

Details of local pharmacies providing the vaccine are being added to the national booking service as they go live. When individuals receive their letter inviting them for a vaccination they will also be offered the choice of attending a pharmacy so that they can select the most convenient location for them. Alternatively they can wait until they are contacted by their GP and arrange to be vaccinated at a GP-led or hospital site. It is important to highlight that if individuals already have an appointment and decide to take up the offer of

a site which is more convenient, then it is important to cancel one of the appointments so that we are able to offer slots to as many people as possible.

We know that this process can be confusing so below (appendix 1), and attached with this briefing are some graphics to make it easier to understand.

More information is also available in our [press release](#), in which local GP Dr Tim Cooper explains the process for the vaccine roll-out. This week Dr Matt Nisbet, GP in Basingstoke, also answered listeners' questions about the roll-out of the vaccine on BBC Radio Solent. To listen, click [here](#).

## Frequently asked questions

We continue to collate frequently asked questions around the vaccine programme and are keeping these updated on [our webpages](#).

This week we have updated information about how and when residents will be contacted by the NHS to receive their vaccine, added detail on how we are responding to offers of support from community venues and businesses and an update for health and care professionals enquiring about their appointments. We will also be adding detail on appointments for carers and the new pharmacy services as these go live.

We know that many of our partners are being contacted with questions about the vaccination programme. If you have a query, or receive one, that is not included in the frequently asked questions on our websites please contact the Hampshire and the Isle of Wight Vaccination Team via [whccg.covid.vaccination.enquiries@nhs.net](mailto:whccg.covid.vaccination.enquiries@nhs.net).

## Vaccination updates and important information

We will continue to provide regular updates on progress with the roll out of the COVID-19 vaccination programme. Our [dedicated webpages](#) with local updates are being updated regularly. Previous editions of this update are also available on these pages.

- For more information on the vaccine, please visit [www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination](http://www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination).
- Figures on vaccination uptake for the UK will be published on a daily and weekly basis on the [NHS England and NHS Improvement website](#).
- An easy read information leaflet about the COVID-19 vaccination has now been published: <https://www.southamptoncityccg.nhs.uk/more-information-and-resources>
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# How will I get my COVID-19 vaccine?



When it's your turn you will be sent a letter by the national NHS booking service.


You may also be contacted by your local vaccination (GP) service by phone, letter or text.

If you miss the call they'll try again. If they can't get through by phone they'll write.

Please be patient and don't contact your GP.



# How do vaccination centres work?



COVID-19 vaccination centres are opening up across the country and are working through the same priority lists as local vaccination (GP) services.

Vaccination centres are based in large, central locations that can serve lots of people at once

You can choose to go to any vaccination site

When it's your turn, the NHS will contact you by letter to explain how to book an appointment online or by phone

If you receive a letter you can still choose to wait until you are contacted by your local vaccination (GP) service if you'd prefer

