

Local Outbreak Engagement Board

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Flu and COVID19 Vaccination Update

1. Purpose

This report is an update on the flu vaccination and plans for COVID vaccination in Walsall.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That, subject to any comments Board Members may wish to make, the update report on flu and COVID vaccination in Walsall be noted.

3. Report detail

- 3.1 The flu vaccination in Walsall continues to be delivered to schedule. The current uptake of flu vaccination is available in Appendix A.

The key developments have been summarised below.

Flu vaccination

- Relative to the corresponding period of last year, Influenza vaccination in the over 65's is approximately 10% higher this year. However, it should be noted that the vaccination campaign commenced earlier this year.
- Vaccination of pregnant women who are not otherwise at clinical risk, and in pregnant women overall is lower this year than at this time last year. However, uptake in pregnant women who are also at clinical risk is higher than in the 2019/20 season ending October.
- Flu vaccination has been actively promoted to the residents and staff in care homes.
- Plans are in place for offering flu vaccination to homeless people in the near future.

COVID Vaccination

- Plans are being drawn up for the roll out of the COVID vaccines in the near future.
- It is likely that the vaccination will be made available in phases; the first phase is likely to prioritise the elderly and vulnerable groups and health care workers. There are approximately 91,000 eligible people in Walsall who will be offered vaccine in Phase 1.
- A 13 week programme of vaccination is being drawn up and will commence in early to mid-December to offer vaccine to phase 1.
- Potential sites are being explored for mass vaccination and community sites (PODs). In addition, vaccination will also be offered from the acute hospital for healthcare workers.
- There are plans to develop a model for roving delivery of vaccination to people who are homebound or in care homes.
- A programme of communications and engagement with the public to promote the uptake of the COVID 19 vaccine and combat vaccine hesitancy is underway.

Background papers

None

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Appendix A
Influenza Vaccine Statistics for Target Groups in Walsall.

Table 2: Uptake in Adult Target Groups:

% Uptake Ending Oct 2020					
65 and over	65 and over: At-Risk	16 years to under 65 years: At-risk	Pregnant and NOT IN a clinical risk group	Pregnant and IN a clinical risk group	Total Pregnant Women
68.4	72.3	35.8	18.4	38.4	20.7

The table above illustrates the uptake of Influenza vaccine by key target groups in Walsall.

Nationally, these figures stand at:

72.9% in 65+ year olds

37.8 % in under 65 at clinical risk

30.8% in pregnant women

Table 3: Uptake in Adult Target Groups in comparative period last season

% Uptake ending October 2019				
65 and over	16 years to under 65 years: At-risk	Pregnant and NOT IN a clinical risk group	Pregnant and IN a clinical risk group	Total Pregnant Women
58.6	28.8	25.5	34.4	26.4

Relative to the corresponding period of last year, Influenza vaccination in the over 65's is approximately 10% higher this year. However, it should be noted that the vaccination campaign commenced earlier this year.

Vaccination of pregnant women who are not otherwise at clinical risk, and in pregnant women overall is lower this year than at this time last year. However, uptake in pregnant women who are also at clinical risk is higher than in the 2019/20 season ending October.

This year, preschool children (ages 2-3) and all primary school-aged children are being offered the vaccine. Uptake data are not comparable with the corresponding period of the 2019/20 season due to the changed eligibility criteria.

Table 3: Uptake in Child Target Groups:

% Uptake ending October 2020	
Aged 2 years to 10 years - All Patients	Aged 2 years to 10 years - At Risk
7.9	13.9

National child uptake data will be available at the end of November to enable comparison with national average and regional neighbours.