

Local Outbreak Engagement Board

January 2021

Covid-19 Vaccination Update

1. Purpose

- 1.1. This report is coming to the Board to update on the current progress with the establishment of a COVID vaccination programme in Walsall to meet the national ambition of offering a vaccination to all adults.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. To note the scale of the COVID vaccination programme in Walsall
- 2.2. To encourage as many residents as possible to receive the vaccination as it becomes available
- 2.3. Note the establishment of the COVID vaccination centres

3. Report detail

- 3.1. The Covid19 Vaccination programme for Walsall successfully commenced on 9th December 2020 at the Walsall Healthcare Trust (WHT) hospital hub swiftly followed by vaccination centres operated by Primary Care Networks (PCNs). PCNs have now commenced the vaccination programme. The Black Country and West Birmingham CCG has established a System Vaccine Operational Centre (SVOC) operational from 1st December which has daily oversight of national and regional communications, vaccine delivery and progress. There is daily touch point with the Regional VOC with any issues are escalated to the National Team via this route.
- 3.2. There are 2 vaccines currently approved for use by the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI); Pfizer and Astra Zeneca (Oxford vaccine). Both vaccines have been approved nationally and the CCG does not play any role in the assessment of effectiveness. Regular updates are provided to the CCG through the national operational centres and the guidance is passed to the vaccination centres to ensure that they always have the latest information.
- 3.3. It is vitally important that the vaccine is provided to all adults in the Borough as soon as the vaccines are available. There is sufficient vaccinator capacity available to deliver the vaccine. A high take up of the vaccine will significantly

reduce the spread of the COVID virus enabling a reduction in social restrictions and reducing pressures on key services including the NHS.

- 3.4. The delivery of the vaccination programme is a major undertaking and the CCG has been working with a wide variety of partners to ensure the vaccine can be delivered as quickly as possible
- 3.5. WHT, the Tranche 1 Hospital Hub, is achieving circa 750 vaccinations/day. Wave 1-5 PCN sites are all established with Wave 5 commencing 4th Jan. The roving delivery model was activated w/c 21st December for care homes (with 50+ residents) in areas with activated PCN sites. Community Pharmacy delivery model is pending final outcome of the completed designation
- 3.6. The national reporting system is not currently available to the CCGs, therefore all reporting of the COVID vaccination delivery is being done nationally.
- 3.7. The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust is leading the Workforce Bureau and is committed to establishing a workforce model for the vaccination programme, which doesn't impact adversely on the capacity of the acute providers, particularly given the significant challenges and pressures of COVID-19
- 3.8. Vaccinations commenced using the Pfizer vaccine with packs of 975 doses delivered for administering by PCN sites and Hospital Hubs. PCN sites receive their delivery in a thawed state and administer over a 3½ day period (shelf life at 2-8 degrees centigrade). Packs of 75 doses are being delivered for administering to care homes, also delivered to PCN sites in a thawed state. The Oxford/ Astra Zeneca vaccine is now delivered to Hospital hubs and PCNs in batches of 400 doses.

3.9. There are currently 7 COVID vaccination sites live in Walsall

Location	Lead Organisation
Oak Park Active Living Centre, Walsall Wood	East 1/East 2 PCN with Walsall Together
Bloxwich Active Living Centre, Bloxwich	North PCN
Sycamore House Surgery	South 2 PCN with Walsall Together
Forrester Street Surgery	South 1 PCN
Keys Surgery, Willenhall	West 2 PCN
Darlaston Health Centre	West 1 PCN
Walsall Manor Hospital	Walsall Together

3.10. The programme will be offer vaccinations to a total of 211,228 adults, with each person receiving 2 vaccinations

Cohort	Sub Group	Qty
RC	Residents	1354
	Workers	3401
80+	80+ Housebound	1794
	Non Housebound	11082
DE	All Detained Estates	1
HCW	NHS Trust	6106
	GP Staff	884
	Community Pharmacy	450
	Dentists	442
	Optometrists	67
	Other	0
SCW	Day Care	151
	Domiciliary Care	4130
	Community Care	1105
75-79	Housebound	1258
	Non Housebound	7961
70-74	Housebound	678
	Non Housebound	11473
65-69	Housebound	608
	Non Housebound	11689
High Risk	Housebound	0
	Non Housebound	1185
Mod. Risk	Housebound	850
	Non Housebound	22596
60-64	Non Housebound	9076
55-59	Non Housebound	10943
50-54	Non Housebound	13070
Key Worker	Education and Childcare	5238
	Food and Necessary Goods	3353
	Not At Risk Key Public Services	1030
	National and Local Government	341
	Public Safety and National Security	1192
	Transport	1747
	Utilities and Communication	3772
18-49	BAME Non Housebound	12434
	Non BAME Non Housebound	59767

3.11. As the availability of vaccine increases it is expected that larger sites may be required to deliver the number of vaccinations required. The programme will continue to balance local accessibility with the scale required.

4. Conclusion

4.1. The delivery of a COVID vaccination programme is one of the largest scale programmes ever delivered. It is vitally important that all adults receive 2 doses of the vaccine as quickly as it becomes available. Locally vaccinations have been developed both through NHS services and working closely with all partners.

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