

Covid-19 vaccination programme

update on delivering the programme in Merton

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SWL overview

- **Hospital Hubs** - Croydon and St George's hospitals went live on 8 December. Kingston, Royal Marsden and St Helier went live 29 December 2020.
- **Care Home and social care staff** - Single points of contact have been established for these groups to allow easy and rapid access to Covid Vaccines. By 30 December just over 5000 Care Home (80%), Home Care and Social Care (20%) staff had logged a request for a vaccine.
- **Primary Care** - Between 15 -31 December 12 PCN vaccination sites opened across SWL delivering an estimated 15,000 vaccinations by 31 December 2020 across the three priority cohorts: over 80s; care home staff; patient-facing high risk health and social care staff. A further 14 PCN sites will be open by 11 January 2021 as part of Wave 5-6 roll out.
- **Care Homes** – Vaccination in care homes began in mid-December. Due to the characteristics of the Pfizer vaccine, care homes with over 50 residents were identified to receive the vaccine during the initial roll-out. The roll out of the vaccine to care homes will accelerate during January 2021
- **Large vaccination centres** – These will begin to open in January and February.
- **Workforce** - the NHS have recruited 174 people who have been cleared and trained to be vaccinators. 157 returners to practice identified - mixture of medical, nursing and AHP with 89 cleared and undertaken their training. Modelling shows that in SWL we need 464 vaccinators and we are track to secure this number as to date 1,203 applications have been received.
- **Communication and engagement** materials circulated and insight work to be completed to ensure good uptake across all population groups within the priority cohorts.



Current information on JCVI cohort prioritisation

Table 2 – Priority groups for vaccination advised by the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation

Priority group	Risk group
1	Residents in a care home for older adults Staff working in care homes for older adults
2	All those 80 years of age and over Health and social care workers
3	All those 75 years of age and over
4	All those 70 years of age and over Clinically extremely vulnerable individuals (not including pregnant women and those under 18 years of age)
5	All those 65 years of age and over
6	Adults aged 18 to 65 years in an at-risk group (Table 3)
7	All those 60 years of age and over
8	All those 55 years of age and over
9	All those 50 years of age and over

Scheduling of the delivery of the vaccine to the priority cohorts is dependent on the vaccine characteristics



Modelling

* Priority	Cohort	Population	No of vaccinations
	1 Care Home Residents	4,547	9,094
	1 Residential Care Workers	8,253	16,506
	280+	35,404	70,808
	2 Healthcare workers	32,840	65,680
	2 Social care workers	21,803	42,166
	375-79	23,901	47,802
	470-74	34,133	68,266
	565-69	36,858	73,716
	6 High Risk Under 65	5,020	10,040
	7 Moderate Risk Under 65	68,955	137,910
	860-64	32,520	65,040
	955-59	42,299	84,598
	1050-54	52,816	105,632
	11 Key Workers 18-49 Not at Risk	68,890	137,780
	11 Other 18-49 Not at Risk (BAME)	176,687	335,374
	11 Other 18-49 Not at Risk (non BAME)	242,212	484,424
	Total	877,134	1,754,268

The table shows the SWL population totals against the priority cohorts and then the number of vaccinations that will be given that 2 doses are required. The modelling has been adjusted to assume 75% take up with 100% uptake in care homes. Definition of at risk still to be confirmed- the original COVID19 shielding categories have been used as a proxy measures. Key workers are defined as – Education and Childcare; Food and necessary Goods; Key Public Services; National and Local Government; Public Safety and National Security; Transport; Utilities and Communications



COVID-19: Vaccination Deployment Delivery Models

Delivery model overview

Delivery models have been defined centrally to ensure consistency in deployment across all regions. Each region has defined the mix and number of delivery models required based on local demographics.



Vaccination Centres

High volumes, high throughput in a fixed location for an extended period e.g. sports venues, conference venues

Target cohorts: All JCVI Cohorts (except care home residents and staff)



Local Vaccination Services

Community / Primary Care Led vaccination (centres and roving teams at vaccination peak)

Temporary use of primary care facility, retail, community facility or portacabin, to deliver capacity for temporary period / Vehicles with vaccinators visiting locations, such as care homes, detained estate and individual addresses for housebound

Target cohorts: All JCVI Cohorts for centres, roving to vaccinate eligible individuals in care homes, households, Secure MH estate, MHLDA estate, detained estate



Hospital Hubs

Delivered from NHS provider premises of a defined number of hubs and further NHS trusts

Target cohorts: NHS provider staff



GP-led vaccinations

Merton Primary Care Networks

- Merton GP practices are working together in Primary Care Networks (PCNs) to deliver the vaccine to people in the community.
- Merton has two Primary Care Networks delivering vaccinations at dedicated sites on behalf of the borough. The Wilson & the Nelson.
- Vaccinations may not take place at residents' usual GP practice, but at a primary care vaccination site (led by GPs and practice nurses).



GP-led vaccinations

Vaccination site	Primary Care Network	Go live date	GP practices involved
The Wilson Hospital	East Merton PCN North Merton PCN	Tuesday 15 December 2020	Cricket Green Medical Practice Figges Marsh Surgery Rowans Surgery Tamworth House Medical Centre Wide Way Medical Centre Colliers Wood Surgery Merton Medical Practice Mitcham Family Practice Mitcham Medical Centre Riverhouse Medical Practice
The Nelson Health Centre	Morden PCN North West Merton PCN South West Merton PCN West Merton PCN	Week commencing Monday 4 January 2021	Central Medical Centre Morden Hall Medical Centre Ravensbury Park Medical Centre Stonecot Surgery Alexandra Road Surgery Vineyard Hill Surgery Wimbledon Medical Practice Wimbledon Village Practice Grand Drive Surgery Nelson Medical Practice Francis Grove Surgery Lambton Road Medical Practice



Priority groups for the vaccine

- In line with national advice from the Joint Vaccination and Immunisation Committee (JVCI), in these first four weeks we have been delivering the Pfizer vaccine to the priority groups of people over 80 and care home staff.
- The vaccination programme is phased - we need to make sure that the most vulnerable people get it first, so the NHS will be advising people in priority groups when it's the right time for them to come forward for the vaccine.
- To reduce waste, vaccination sites have been using unfilled appointments to vaccinate healthcare workers who have been identified at highest risk of serious illness from Covid-19.
- Increased supply and the approval of the Oxford AstraZeneca vaccine means that vaccination can now immediately be expanded to all frontline health and social care workers.
- Currently, we expect most over 80s to have been offered the vaccine by the end of January, though over 80s will be able to come forward and receive the vaccine throughout the Covid-19 vaccination programme.



Care home staff, residents and front line care workers

- Before the first vaccines were delivered in early December we began to work with care homes across all 6 SWL boroughs to reach out to care home staff as a top priority group
- Around 4,000 care home workers out of about 14,000 have come forward. Currently around 500 in Merton. We continue to work hard to encourage them to do so.
- The local authority are working closely with health colleagues to coordinate vaccine appointments for front line social care workers including front line domiciliary and agency staff and all those who work directly with vulnerable adults. We are also coordinating the roll out to the workforce working with clinically vulnerable children and young people.



Oxford AstraZeneca vaccine approval and new guidance on the second dose

- The approval of the UK-developed and manufactured Oxford AstraZeneca vaccine provides a major boost to our plans to offer protection to those who would benefit most as quickly as possible.
- [This new vaccine is easier to transport and store, which means it is perfect for helping to vaccinate many more people in our communities](#) - including being able to more easily vaccinate residents in care homes and for the over 80s who are housebound in their own homes.
- Our PCN sites have begun to receive supplies of the Oxford AstraZeneca vaccine, starting last week



New guidance on 2nd dose

- The Government has decided to increase the gap between the two doses of the COVID-19 vaccines from three to four weeks to up to three months.
- This new guidance on the period between doses is important as it means that we will be to get the maximum benefit for the most people in the shortest possible time and will help save lives.
- Therefore, focusing on giving the first dose of the vaccine to as many people and front line health and care staff as possible.



How people are being contacted

- The NHS will continue to contact people directly to invite them to receive the vaccine - when it is their turn, they will receive an invitation for an appointment.
- This may be via the phone, text message or letter either from a Merton GP practice and there is likely to be a national booking system coming on line.
- This will be the same for those patients who are housebound and would require a home visit. If those people who are housebound are offered an appointment at a centre, they should talk to their GP or respond to the contact details in their invitation.
- As only a proportion of PCN sites are live at this time, many over 80s will not yet have been contacted.



Large vaccination centres

- As well as hospital hubs and primary care sites, we are working to bring on line community vaccination centres to help further expand our capacity to deliver the vaccine programme
- Plans in place to open large vaccination centres in SWL in the coming weeks and this will be capable of treating large numbers of patients.
- Across South West London there has been a large scale recruitment campaign to recruit teams to manage and deliver vaccines at these vaccination centres across six boroughs. Currently running a volunteer recruitment campaign which has generated a good response.



Sharing key messages

- The SWL CCG communications and engagement team has been sharing all the latest public facing materials and Q&As with Merton & Wandsworth partnership communications and engagement group members.
- Members of the public have an important part to play to help us with this programme of work, please share these important messages:
 - please don't contact the NHS to seek a vaccine, we will contact you
 - when we do contact you, please attend your booked appointments
 - and please continue to follow all the guidance to control the virus and save lives.



Building confidence

- The government has set out the challenging ambition of vaccinating all those in the top four priority groups by February 2020 as set out by the Joint Vaccination and Immunisation Committee (JVCI).
- We will continue to work hard to build confidence in the vaccine with local residents and we would appreciate your support with this.
- The CCG engagement team has started to reach out to community groups and organisations to help raise awareness of the benefits of the vaccination and address the questions and concerns that people have. The local authority will actively support with this engagement



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