

COVID-19 Response Stakeholder briefing

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COVID-19 Vaccination update: Brighton and Hove

Welcome to your regular briefing from the Sussex Health and Care Partnership on the roll-out of the COVID-19 vaccination programme in Brighton and Hove.

Introduction

The COVID-19 vaccination programme continues to be rolled out across our communities. The top line brief from this week is:

- We are on course to meet the national target for offering the COVID-19 vaccination to the top four priority groups by mid-February;
- To date more than 374,670 vaccinations have been delivered across Sussex, including 362,581 first doses;
- All vaccination services are continuing to work this week to invite anyone in the first four priority groups who has not had their vaccination yet, and who wants it, for an appointment by next week;
- To ensure everyone has been offered the opportunity to have the jab, people aged 70 and over who have not yet been vaccinated and who would like to, are now able to contact the national booking service directly to arrange an appointment. People can go online - www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination or call 119.

Latest position

The latest official national data on vaccinations has been published today, this data reflects vaccinations up to 7 February 2021.

For full data: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/covid-19-vaccinations/>

In the week since this data was recorded, progress has continued to be made and we remain on course to have offered the vaccination to the top four priority groups by mid-February, in line with the national target.

Our current position is:

- **Priority 1 - Residents and staff in a care home for older adults** - all older peoples care homes have received first dose vaccinations with the exception of a small remainder of homes who have been deferred due to an outbreak. Vaccinations for these homes have been scheduled.
- **Priority 2 - Frontline Health and social care workers and aged 80+.** Front line NHS staff have received first dose vaccination and we are working to ensure that remaining social care staff vaccinations are completed by February 15th. The majority of people aged 80 and over have been completed, with the remainder expected in the next two weeks.
- **Priority 3 - Aged 75-79.** 84.9% of those aged 75-79 have received the first dose vaccination in Brighton and Hove. The remainder of the cohort is expected to be completed by February 15th.
- **Priority 4 - Aged 70-74 and Clinically extremely vulnerable individuals** – 75.4 % of those aged 70-74 have received the first dose vaccination and the remainder of this cohort is expected to be completed by February 15th. We have identified those who are clinically extremely vulnerable and to date 56.6% have been vaccinated with the remainder are being actively invited for an appointment this week.
- Data this week shows:

11 /02/21	Sussex		Brighton and Hove	
Priority group	First dose	%	First dose	%
Age 80+	101,612	90.4%	9,725	83.3%
Age 75-79	69,584	89.8%	6,604	84.9%
Age 70-74	79,824	76.8%	8,499	75.4%
Clinically extremely vulnerable individuals	48,097	74.3%	5,388	56.6%

How services are working

There are a number of ways in which the vaccination is being rolled out to our communities:

- **GP led vaccination services** – these include the GP led or community vaccination services, and pharmacy services in some areas;
- **Large vaccination centres** – each county will have at least one large vaccination centre which will be able to give the vaccine to large numbers of people as more supplies become available;
- **Roving service** – the vaccine is being taken into care homes and into people’s own homes if they cannot attend a vaccination site; and
- **Hospital hubs** – larger hospitals across the country have been offering the vaccine to people over 80 attending for a planned appointment. Now that more local vaccination services are up and running, hospital hubs are focused on vaccinating health and care staff.

GP led vaccination services

The local vaccination services for Brighton and Hove are currently:

Brighton Racecourse, for patients at:

- Albion Street Surgery
- Allied Medical Practice – School House Surgery and Church Surgery
- Arch healthcare
- Ardingly Court Surgery
- Beaconsfield Medical Practice
- Broadway Surgery
- Park Crescent Health Centre
- Pavilion Surgery
- Preston Park Surgery
- Regency Surgery
- Saltdean and Rottingdean Medical Practice
- Ship Street Surgery
- Stanford Medical Centre
- St Luke's Surgery
- St Peter's Medical Centre
- The Avenue Surgery
- The Haven Practice
- Warmdene Surgery
- Wellsbourne Healthcare CIC
- Woodingdean Medical Centre

County Oak Medical Centre, for patients at:

- Brighton Station Health Centre
- Carden Surgery
- Montpelier Surgery
- Seven Dials Medical Centre
- University of Sussex Health Centre

Portslade Health Centre, for patients at:

- Brighton Health and Wellbeing Centre
- Benfield Valley Healthcare Hub
- Charter Medical Group
- Hove Medical Centre
- Links Road Surgery
- Mile Oak Medical Centre
- Portslade Health Centre
- Trinity Medical Centre
- Wish Park Surgery

Large vaccination centres

Appointment only vaccinations centres are now available at:

- Crawley Hospital
- The Welcome Building, Eastbourne
- The Brighton Centre

The three centres provide further choice for eligible patients to the local GP-led vaccination services that now cover all patients in Sussex and select pharmacy led services that are also available through the national booking system.

Appointments for three vaccination centres are available through the national booking system. People in the eligible groups, who have not had their vaccination and who live within 60 miles of a service location are receiving letters inviting them to book their vaccination.

The Brighton Centre will offer appointments 12 hours a day, 7 days a week, and as a result could deliver up to 3,000 vaccinations a day (subject to the supply of vaccines), enabling the NHS to significantly increase capacity to deliver vaccinations.

People who have received a letter can either use the national booking system to arrange an appointment at a large-scale vaccination centre or pharmacy, or wait to be contacted by their GP led vaccination service (supported by your GP practice) to arrange an appointment.

Roving service (care homes and those who are housebound)

People aged over 65 years old in care homes and those who look after them were identified as the top priority group for the COVID-19 vaccine by the Joint Committee on Vaccinations and Immunisations, due to their high risk from coronavirus.

Thanks to the dedication and commitment of our vaccination teams from GP-led services and Sussex Community NHS Foundation Trust, Sussex has met the government target to vaccinate older care home residents by the end of January 2021.

Residents living in all care homes for older people in Sussex have been offered the COVID-19 vaccine. A small remainder of homes in Sussex have had visits deferred for safety reasons, following a risk assessment, during local outbreaks. These homes – as well as any other residents or staff that were unwell or unable to have a vaccine at the vaccination team's initial visit, will be visited as soon as possible.

Frontline health and care staff across Sussex continue to be able to access the vaccine daily at one of our hospital hubs or vaccination centres.

Vaccinations for those who are housebound are also underway carried out by GP practices teams and Sussex Community NHS Foundation Trust. You will be contacted when an appointment is available and we are on track to have completed everyone who is housebound by mid February.

Hospital hubs

There are now seven hospital hub vaccination services in Sussex focused on the vaccination of health and care staff, including care home staff. Health and care staff will be told by their employer how they can book an appointment at one of the following hubs:

- Conquest Hospital, Hastings
- Eastbourne District General Hospital
- Mill View Hospital, Hove
- Princess Royal Hospital, Haywards Heath

- Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton
- St Richards Hospital, Chichester
- Worthing Hospital

Working with our communities

We are working with our diverse communities across Sussex to ensure that people have information about the vaccine, how and when they might be contacted for a vaccination appointment and where they may need to go.

We know that community members are our best methods for sharing information; we now have over 100 Vaccination Champions from communities across Sussex, who play a vital role in ensuring that correct information is shared through their networks and contacts. We also link with many other individuals and groups who liaise with communities to ensure we can reach and hear from as many people as possible.

Over the past week, we have:

- Held meetings with partners and communities in Arun, Crawley and the Havens to talk about issues relating to accessing the Vaccine
- Planned partner and community meetings in Hastings and East Brighton in the next week
- Talked to BAME community members in Brighton and Hove about their questions on and experiences of the vaccine
- Talked to Patient Participation Group members in Hastings and Rother, and Eastbourne, Hailsham and Seaford, about vaccination
- Collected and reviewed insight from some of our groups and communities who experience health inequalities, including our BAME communities, carers, Gypsy Roma and Traveller communities and people with Learning Disabilities
- Produced a community briefing that drew together information on translated resources and support for our BAME and Faith communities
- Added to the [translated resources](#) on our website
- Discussed communication about the vaccine with members of our D/deaf community

Our team are always happy to attend (virtually) any community meetings to hear people's experiences and answer questions- please contact us on sxccg.publicinvolvement@nhs.net

We want to collect stories from people who have had the vaccine about their experience – not just on what it was like being vaccinated, but what this means for you and your family. If you'd like to talk to us, please do get in contact by emailing sxccg.publicinvolvement@nhs.net or by calling us on 0800 433 4545.

Frequently Asked Questions

We know that people want to know more about the vaccination programme and how it will affect them and their loved-ones.

To help us get information out to people and deal with the high volume of enquiries that we are receiving, we are regularly updating our FAQs on the [Sussex Health and Care Partnership website](#), to address common questions and queries.

A selection of those questions are below:

Do the vaccines work against different strains of the virus?

We know that the vaccines currently being given by the NHS appear to work well against the strains of COVID-19 that are dominant in the UK. That is why medical experts encourage eligible people to get their vaccine as soon as they are offered it, because it will prevent the risk of illness from the strains that pose an immediate threat.

For strains that are dominant in other countries or are yet to emerge, the current vaccines may be less effective at preventing infection, but some evidence suggests they could still be just as effective at preventing serious illness, hospitalisation and death. It may be that updated vaccines or booster jabs are developed in the future. In the meantime, the clinical advice remains that people should get the vaccines that are shown to protect against the strains that pose the greatest risk right now.

Can I get the vaccine if I'm not living at my usual address?

Any resident registered temporarily with a Sussex GP practice is entitled to receive their vaccine through that practice. They will be included in the correct priority group and invited for vaccination as appropriate. If you are not registered with a practice you should call your nearest practice to register as a temporary resident.

If a person has registered but their temporary registration has ended, or the practice has closed its list, they can call this number for help: NHS England Customer Contact Centre on 0300 311 22 33.

Will I miss my vaccination if I am in hospital?

If you are in hospital when you become eligible for your vaccination, you will be able to have it when you are discharged. It does not matter if the next priority group is already being vaccinated; everybody eligible will be able to have the vaccine. However, if you were in hospital with COVID-19 you must wait until at least four weeks after the onset of symptoms or the date of your first positive COVID-19 test.

When you are out of hospital you can call your GP to inform them that you are now ready to have the vaccination, and they will arrange for you to have an appointment at your local GP-led service. Alternatively, you can book online or by telephone to have your vaccination at a large vaccination centre. Visit <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/> or dial 119 to book.

A full FAQ is available here: <https://www.sussexhealthandcare.uk/keepsussexsafe/sussex-covid-19-vaccination-programme/faqs-about-the-covid-19-vaccine/>

If you have a question about the Sussex COVID-19 vaccination programme, which is not answered in our FAQ document, please do let us know using the dedicated mailbox Sxccg.vaccineenquiries@nhs.net