

# COVID-19 Response Stakeholder briefing

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## COVID-19 Vaccination update: East Sussex

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

### 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;
- Three large vaccination centres are open across Sussex; the Brighton Centre, The Welcome Building, Eastbourne and Crawley Hospital;
- Residents living in all care homes for older people in West 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 a local outbreak;
- Our GP-led vaccination services is available to all registered patients who are eligible for a vaccine;
- Seven hospital hubs are currently focussing on vaccinating health and care staff;
- Housebound patients, who cannot attend a vaccination site, are being contacted and visited by a roving service to take the vaccine into people's own homes
- Our 'When will I get my jab?' campaign continues to make sure residents know where to get information about their vaccine

### Latest position

The latest official national data on vaccinations has been published today, this data reflects vaccinations up to January 31.

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.** 80.1% 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** – 36.0% 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 are actively working with our PCNs to ensure this cohort is vaccinated as early as possible.

Data this week shows:

04/02/21	Sussex		East Sussex	
Priority group	First dose	%	First dose	%
Age 70-74	36,186	35.4%	13,891	36.0%
Age 75-79	63,095	81.4%	23,056	80.1%
Age 80+	97,624	86.6%	34,723	85.1%

## 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 one large vaccination centre which will be able to give the vaccine to large numbers of people as more supplies become available. The Welcome Building in Eastbourne went live this week for anyone in the eligible groups living within 60 miles;
- **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 East Sussex are currently:

### Eastbourne

*The Beacon Shopping Centre, for patients at:*

- Victoria Medical Centre

*Sovereign Centre, for patients at:*

- Arlington Road Surgery, Grove Road Surgery, Park Practice, Seaside Medical Centre, and The Lighthouse Medical Practice

*Princes Park Health Centre, for patients at:*

- Harbour Medical Practice, Sovereign Practice, Stone Cross Surgery in Pevensey, and Downlands Medical Centre and Manor Park Surgery, both in Polegate

## **Hastings**

*Kings Church, for patients at:*

- Beaconsfield Road Surgery, Carisbrooke Surgery, Churchwood Medical Practice, Harold Road Surgery, Hastings Old Town Surgery, High Glades Medical Centre, Priors Road Surgery, Sedlescombe House, South Saxon House Surgery, The Station Practice, and Warrior Square Surgery

*Laycocks Pharmacy, Ore*

## **Lewes district**

*For Lewes: River Lodge Surgery, for patients at:*

- Foundry Healthcare Lewes

*For Seaford: Hampden Park Health Centre in Eastbourne, for patients at:*

- Old School Surgery and Seaford Medical Practice

*For the Havens: Brighton Racecourse, for patients at:*

- Chapel Street Surgery and Quayside Medical Practice in Newhaven, and Havens Health in Peacehaven

## **Rother district**

For patients in the district there a vaccination service went live last week at:

*For Bexhill: Sidley Medical Practice, for patients at:*

- Collington Surgery, Little Common Surgery, Pebham Surgery and Sidley Medical Practice

*Etchingham Village Hall, for patients at:*

- Fairfield Surgery, Ferry Road Health Centre, Martins Oak Surgery, Northiam Surgery, Oldwood Surgery, Rye Medical Centre, and Sedlescombe and Westfield Surgeries

*Ticehurst pharmacy*

## **Wealden district**

Across the district there are vaccination services available for patients living in and around Crowborough and Uckfield. The services are:

*For Crowborough: Saxonbury House Medical Centre, for patients at:*

- Ashdown Forest Health Centre, Beacon Surgery, Wadhurst Medical Group, Groombridge and Hartfield Medical Group, Rotherfield Surgery, Saxonbury House Surgery, and Woodhill Surgery

*For Uckfield: The Meads Medical Centre, for patients at:*

- Bird-in-Eye Surgery, Buxted Medical Centre, Herstmonceux Integrative Health Centre, Heathfield Surgery, Mid Downs Medical Practice, and The Meads Surgery

*For Hailsham:*

- Bridgeside Surgery, Hailsham Medical Group, Quintins Medical Centre

## **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.

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.

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

## Messages for the public

This is the largest vaccination programme ever undertaken by the NHS and a vital part of our fight against the coronavirus pandemic.

In Sussex we have developed a “When will I get my jab” campaign so that we can address any questions, concerns or would like to know more about the programme.

As part of the campaign, we will be promoting the campaign’s key messages across internal and external communications, including social media and the traditional media.

Over the coming weeks we will roll out further messaging focusing on when and where people can receive their jab as well as important information on why people should have a vaccination.

Three messages you can support us in promoting are:

1. The NHS will contact you when it’s your turn. Services are very busy providing care and rolling out the vaccine, so please wait to be contacted.
2. Please act on your invite when it comes.
3. The vaccine is one of our best defences against COVID-19 but for now it is still essential that we do all we can to stop the spread of the virus. Adhering to the current restrictions and remembering hands, face and space will save lives and help the NHS.

More information is on the ICS website -

<https://www.sussexhealthandcare.uk/keepsussexsafe/sussex-covid-19-vaccination-programme/>

## 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:

### **Who will contact me to offer me the vaccine?**

You will be contacted by the first NHS service that is able to offer you a vaccination. This may be your GP, one of the large vaccination centres or another NHS service. The NHS will let you know when it's your turn to have the vaccine. Again, it's important not to contact the NHS for a vaccination before then. Note that you must still have received an invitation to book an appointment at one of the large vaccination centres.

### **Do people who have already had COVID-19 get vaccinated?**

Yes, they should get vaccinated. There is no evidence of any safety concerns from vaccinating individuals with a past history of COVID-19 infection, or with detectable COVID-19 antibody, so people who have had COVID-19 (whether confirmed or suspected) can still receive the vaccine when it is their time to do so.

### **What is in the vaccine?**

There is no material of foetal or animal origin in either vaccine. All ingredients are published in the healthcare information on the MHRA's website.

- [Pfizer/BioNTech information](#)
- [Oxford/AstraZeneca information](#)

The British Islamic Medical Association have produced [a helpful guide for the Muslim community](#).

If and when further vaccines are approved we will publish information about known allergens or ingredients that are important for certain faiths, cultures and beliefs.

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](mailto:Sxccg.vaccineenquiries@nhs.net)**