

## NW London Covid-19 vaccination programme Briefing for JHOSC, March 2021

This paper provides an update for councillors on progress with the North West London vaccination programme.

### 1. Progress to date

*(Figures updated 2 March 2021)*

In the week ending 21 February 2021, a further 86,000 vaccinations were administered across NW London meaning 559,000 residents have now received their first vaccination.

Across NW London, we continue to focus on increasing vaccine uptake in those in the first 4 JCVI cohorts:

- Care home residents (90% vaccinated)
- over 80s (82% vaccinated)
- 75-80 year olds (86% vaccinated)
- 70-75 year olds (85% vaccinated)

In addition, we are now vaccinating those in JCVI cohorts 5-9 with an initial focus on those aged over 60 and residents of any age with long-term underlying health conditions.

- 65-69 year olds (80% vaccinated)
- 60-64 year olds (60% vaccinated)

All residents aged over 50, residents with a long-term underlying health condition, adult carers for older adults and those with disabilities and residents with a learning disability will be offered vaccination by 15 April 2021.

### Borough vaccination rates

| CCG                    | Care home residents % | Over 80s % | 75-79 % | 70-74 % | 65-69% | 60-64% |
|------------------------|-----------------------|------------|---------|---------|--------|--------|
| Brent                  | 86                    | 78         | 78      | 80      | 76     | 62     |
| Central London         | 89                    | 64         | 79      | 69      | 61     | 61     |
| Ealing                 | 85                    | 86         | 92      | 96      | 86     | 67     |
| Hammersmith and Fulham | 92                    | 80         | 83      | 81      | 75     | 55     |
| Harrow                 | 88                    | 86         | 93      | 88      | 85     | 63     |
| Hillingdon             | 92                    | 90         | 92      | 92      | 90     | 56     |
| Hounslow               | 88                    | 90         | 94      | 95      | 88     | 62     |
| West                   | 92                    | 70         | 72      | 68      | 65     | 53     |
| <b>NW London</b>       |                       |            |         |         |        |        |

## **2. Changes to how vaccination rates are calculated**

It should be noted that the way data is attributed at a national level, has been changed (w/c 22 Feb). The population of a borough is now calculated using reset ONS data. The number vaccinated is counted by those registered with a GP in the borough. For NW London as a whole this makes minimal difference, but it has impacted the percentage vaccinated figures for individual boroughs.

Some boroughs, especially those in inner London, are seeing a significant decrease in their percentage figures for numbers of people vaccinated. It is recognised that this way of counting gives difficulty especially to Central London CCG (Westminster) and West London CCG (Kensington and Chelsea) as the transient nature of the population means ONS over-estimates their population by approximately 10%. There are a further group of residents who live in the borough but have a GP elsewhere, they too do not appear in the boroughs vaccinated figures. We have highlighted this issue with the national team; however the metric is unlikely to be changed.

That said, the changes to data do not account for all the variations in individual borough figures and it is important that we continue to work collectively to increase vaccination rates in our most hesitant communities. We see difference in uptake rates by ethnicity, with the lowest rates in our Black community. We also see varying uptake rates according to deprivation indices.

## **3. Vaccine availability**

Across the country vaccine is limited in the first two weeks of March. Although our vaccination services are therefore receiving less vaccine in these weeks, the vaccine we have available is distributed equitably. Vaccine supplies are expected to significantly increase from 15 March and we are increasing capacity from that time.

## **4. Current activity**

Our current focus is on:

- Agreeing the detailed week by week vaccination plan for each borough through to 15 April 2021, to ensure all residents over 50, those with underlying health conditions, those with a learning disability and carers will have been offered vaccination
- Continuing to vaccinate those over 60, carers and those with underlying health conditions
- To focus on identifying all residents with a learning disability and ensure they are invited for vaccination
- Continuing to vaccinate rough sleepers
- Continued focus to vaccinate health and social care staff
- Working across local authorities and primary care networks to plan community clinics within our more hesitant communities
- Giving 2<sup>nd</sup> doses to those who had their first vaccination 11 weeks previously
- Opening the mass vaccination centre in Marble Arch in week commencing 1 March and preparing to open all mass vaccination centres by the end of March, with Heathrow and Kensington opening week commencing 8 March.