

 	Health and Wellbeing Board 6 April 2021
	Report of the Director of Public Health
Vaccination programme update	

Wards Affected:	All
Key or Non-Key Decision:	Non-key
Open or Part/Fully Exempt: <small>(If exempt, please highlight relevant paragraph of Part 1, Schedule 12A of 1972 Local Government Act)</small>	Open
No. of Appendices:	2 Appendix 1 – Brent Vaccination Plan (this will follow as a supplementary) Appendix 2 – Brent Vaccination Engagement
Background Papers:	Nil
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1.0 Purpose of the Report

1.1 This report presents the updated Brent COVID 19 vaccination programme to the Brent Health and Wellbeing Board (BHWB).

2.0 Recommendation(s)

2.1 The BHWB is asked to review and note the vaccination programme update (please see Appendix 1 and 2).

3.0 Detail

3.1 A huge amount has been achieved in the first 100 days of the vaccination programme, in particular:

- As at 27 March 2021, **117,984** Brent residents have received their first dose, with **8,533** patients receiving second doses – 33.71% of the total population.
- Brent GPs have worked closely with faith leaders to convert facilities at Temples, Mosques and Churches into **Covid vaccination centres**. Volunteers from both faith groups and local mutual aid groups have supported the vaccination programme, with volunteers assuming responsibilities for marshalling at centre, supporting back office functions

and as community liaison support. GP practices, volunteers and their support organisations have worked tirelessly over weekends and bank holidays to immunise the Brent population

- A **mass vaccination centre** has been established at Wembley
- **Brent Health Matters** – a comprehensive programme to promote vaccine take up as well as wider health messages and reducing health inequalities in the community through hyper local action plans, community leadership and outreach days
- **A joint NHS and council communications and engagement strategy** - A detailed plan which focuses in on those groups who are less confident or may be vaccine hesitant. There has been a proactive and targeted engagement with residents by council library staff who may be vaccine hesitant to better understand concerns and offer practical support

3.2 It is important to note, we are learning as we go and we will need to ensure this plan is regularly monitored to ensure we continue to deliver the core priorities for Brent. In particular the partners will ensure:

- **Reduction in variation of uptake** between different communities, providing support so as not to reinforce health inequalities
- **Responding to national vaccine supply variation issues**, particularly to ensure that second doses and eligible cohorts 1-9 are prioritised
- Returning to delivery of **core services** by all providers, with mass vaccination sites and community pharmacists to vaccinate Cohort 10 to 12 (patients aged 18 to 49). PCNs and primary care will continue to hold the more challenging role of encouraging uptake in those people who are less likely to come forward.
- Delivery of **second doses**, generally delivered by the same GP led PCN Vaccination Team and ideally at the same premises (where the site is still available)

Please see Appendix 1 and 2 for full detail of the vaccination programme update

4.0 Financial Implications

4.1 Not applicable

5.0 Legal Implications

5.1 Not applicable

6.0 Equality Implications

6.1 The regular review of the vaccination programme as outlined above and in the appendix will ensure the partners respond effectively to any equalities implications.

Report sign off:

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