

# Sussex Covid-19 and Influenza Vaccination Programme

## Stakeholder update

31 December 2021

This briefing aims to provide an update on the COVID-19 vaccination programme in Sussex and the next steps to accelerate booster vaccinations for our population.

### 1. Overview

- We are on track to offer all over 18s a booster by the end of the year – thank you to all the NHS staff, volunteers and others who have made this possible
- Across Sussex **3,607,405** vaccinations have been delivered. This includes **1,373,458** first doses, **1,282,090** second doses and **951,857** booster doses;
- **84.1%** of the eligible population in Sussex have had their first dose, **78.3%** have had their second dose and **77.1%** of the eligible population in cohorts 1-10 have had their booster (based on registered GP population and uptake at 28<sup>th</sup> December);
- All care homes have now received a visit for their booster vaccination;
- All housebound vaccinations, for people who have accepted the vaccine, have been delivered or arranged

The key figures for each area are:

|                   | First dose | Second dose | Booster dose |
|-------------------|------------|-------------|--------------|
| Brighton and Hove | 75.8%      | 69.8%       | 67.7%        |
| East Sussex       | 85.3%      | 79.5%       | 77.8%        |
| West Sussex       | 86.4%      | 80.6%       | 79.5%        |
| Sussex            | 84.1%      | 78.3%       | 77.1%        |

### 2. Key programme updates:

- The NHS in Sussex is on target to offer everyone over 18 the opportunity to get boosted before the end of the year
- Nearly 1 million people (951,857) have taken up the chance to protect themselves from COVID-19 and, in particular, the Omicron variant, by having all three doses of the vaccine against the virus
- Capacity is in place to vaccinate people as soon as they are ready to come forward and we would urge people not to delay given the rising Covid-19 infection rates.
- Record numbers of vaccinations have been delivered locally over recent weeks, with more than 120,000 vaccines given last week, and over 60,000 vaccines delivered over the past four days
- Thank you to everyone who has come forward for a booster or has helped spread the word
- Anyone aged 18 and over can book and receive their booster

- People must be three months from the date of their second vaccination to receive a booster, but they can book it from two months after the date of their second vaccine when they are able to use the National Booking System
- We continue to offer vaccinations throughout New Year's Eve, New Year's Day and beyond #jabbynewyear

### **3. Current services and capacity**

- Across Sussex vaccinations continue to take place in vaccination centres, local vaccination services led by General Practice, pharmacy led vaccination services and mobile vaccination services
- There are currently more than 30 sites offering COVID-19 vaccinations across our communities
- A full list of the sites is available on the Sussex Health and Care Partnership website: [Where can I get my Covid-19 vaccination? - Sussex Health & Care Partnership \(sussexhealthandcare.uk\)](https://www.sussexhealthandcare.uk/where-can-i-get-my-covid-19-vaccination/)

### **4. Communications and engagement**

We continue to run a targeted communications campaign to make sure residents have the latest information about how to get their booster and other vaccines.

This has included working with our local media, social media, targeted leaflet door drops, engagement with community and faith groups, outdoor advertising and much more.

We have developed bespoke information for each district and borough detailing exactly where to get a vaccine, as well as translated information and other detailed information which can be found here [Downloadable materials and information - Sussex Health & Care Partnership \(sussexhealthandcare.uk\)](https://www.sussexhealthandcare.uk/downloadable-materials-and-information/)

If you are able to share the latest messaging about the programme as well, it would be hugely appreciated.

#### **Key public messages**

The key messages we need your help in sharing are:

- Getting vaccinated is our best defence against COVID-19 and in particular the Omicron variant
- Step into the New Year knowing you're protected, get your booster and encourage others to do the same
- There are vaccination sites near you – check <https://www.sussexhealthandcare.uk/keepsussexsafe/covid-19-vaccinations/where-can-i-get-my-covid-19-vaccination/> for how and where to get a vaccine
- If you can't attend your appointment – please let the NHS know. In Sussex 35,000 booked appointments went to waste when people didn't turn up

We recognise that the latest updates to the programme have led to an increase in the number of enquiries from patients and the public. We are experiencing high levels of enquiries but we will work to respond to you and your teams as quickly as possible.

If you can keep sharing the enquiries with the appropriate email it will help us to manage them effectively:

- [sxccg.mpvaccineenquiries@nhs.net](mailto:sxccg.mpvaccineenquiries@nhs.net) for all vaccination enquiries
- [sxccg.mpenquiries@nhs.net](mailto:sxccg.mpenquiries@nhs.net) for all other enquiries