

## Vaccination of frontline Health and Social Care Workforce at Mass Vaccination Centres

### On behalf of Jane Pilkington, Director of Population Health, GMHSCP

As we move into the New Year we are embarking on the roll-out of the COVID-19 vaccines on an unprecedented scale and pace. The Joint Committee of Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) advises that the first priorities for the COVID-19 vaccination programme should be the prevention of mortality and the maintenance of health and social care systems.

Thank you to those of you who have already made significant progress to commence the covid vaccination programme and vaccinate residents and patients. It is now time for us to vaccinate health and care workers, in line with the Joint Committee of Vaccination and Immunisation's (JCVI) prioritisation.

This is critical to ensure we protect health and care workers, residents, people accessing social care services, patients and the public at a time when COVID-19 pressures across health and care are intensifying.

You will be aware of the considerable work ongoing to vaccinate residents in care homes and their carers' and all those 80 years of age. We have also commenced the vaccination of frontline health and social care workers to protect this workforce

To accelerate this process from mid-January NHS Trusts (including acute, mental health, community and ambulance trusts) will be established as "hospital hubs" with a responsibility for COVID-19 vaccine delivery to all individuals within JCVI cohort 2b as set out in the updated Public Health England Green Book 2 (see below).

These hospital hubs will be the default provider for vaccination of all health and social care workers however local additional and complementary arrangements can be made through Mass Vaccination Centres and GP/PCN and Community Pharmacy Local vaccination centres.

### Mass Vaccination Centre – Location and Times

To support the above arrangements the Mass Vaccination Centre will ring-fence slots at the Etihad Tennis Centre site which will allow localities to manage the attendance of their workers on specific dates. To help manage the process, we have allocated each locality a specific day to attend, this will help to ensure equal access for all localities to maximise the uptake of the vaccinations available through the MVC. The table below shows the allocation of dates and times available:

Date	AM Slots	PM Slots	Volume	Locality
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> January	08.10 to 09.00	17.00 to 20.00	352	Manchester and Trafford
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> January	08.10 to 09.00	17.00 to 20.00	352	Tameside
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	08.10 to 09.00	17.00 to 20.00	352	Oldham
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> January	08.10 to 09.00	17.00 to 20.00	352	Rochdale
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	08.10 to 09.00	17.00 to 20.00	352	Salford
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	08.10 to 09.00	17.00 to 20.00	352	Stockport
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	08.10 to 09.00	17.00 to 20.00	352	Bolton
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> January	None available	17.00 to 20.00	528	Bury
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	None available	17.00 to 20.00	528	Wigan
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	None available	17.00 to 20.00	528	Manchester and Trafford

The total number of slots available each day is shown in the above table, with the majority of slots available in the PM slot between 17:00 and 20:00. There is an increase from week commencing 25<sup>th</sup> January to reflect the additional PODs that will be opened.

### Local Prioritisation

The JCVI recommend that within this group, you should give priority to frontline staff "at high risk of acquiring infection, at high individual risk of developing serious disease, or at risk of transmitting infection to multiple vulnerable persons or other staff in a healthcare environment".

For the <b>healthcare</b> workforce this includes but is not limited to:	For the <b>social care</b> workforce this includes but is not limited to:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• staff working on the vaccination programme</li> <li>• staff who have frequent face-to-face contact with patients and who are directly involved in patient care in either secondary or primary care, mental health, urgent and emergency care and community settings</li> <li>• those working in independent, voluntary and non-standard healthcare settings such as hospices, and community-based mental health or addiction services</li> <li>• laboratory, pathology and mortuary staff</li> <li>• those working for a sub-contracted provider of facilities services such as portering or cleaning</li> <li>• temporary, locum or 'bank' staff, including those working in the COVID-19 vaccination programme, students, trainees and volunteers who are working with patients</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• frontline social care workers directly working with vulnerable people who need care and support irrespective of where they work (for example in hospital, people's own homes, residential and nursing homes, day centres, or supported housing); or who they are employed by (for example local government, NHS, independent sector or third sector)</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>More detailed suggestions for prioritisation of the social care workforce are included in Appendix 1</b></p>
	<p>For the <b>voluntary sector</b> workforce:</p> <p>In addition to the JCVI strongly support the prioritisation of frontline staff working in the Voluntary Sector to ensure we protect this vital staff group. For details of how to contact appropriate VCSE bodies please refer to your respective VCSE infrastructure body</p> <p><a href="http://www.10gm.org.uk/covid19support.html">http://www.10gm.org.uk/covid19support.html</a></p>

### **What do we need you to do?**

Each locality lead will need to work collaboratively across your area with social care, health and voluntary sector colleagues, to ensure each part of the system has an allocated number of slots for their date, and that they therefore target services appropriately and according to need and numbers.

### **Invitations and Booking**

Staff can book in using the following link (For Etihad support staff please select either health or care staff on the home page)

[GM Mass Vaccination Centre | Scheduling and Booking Website \(nhsbookings.com\)](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/what-happens-at-your-appointment/)

There are more than enough slots for everyone, so everyone who is eligible for a vaccination should be able to have one. There are some exclusion criteria please see below

Staff will be asked to book into a slot (only choosing the day/s allocated to your locality), if they have their NHS number to hand or can access this for their appointment this will save time at the desk. Please see the following information detailing what will happen during your appointment.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/what-happens-at-your-appointment/>

The slots will be available for booking via the Simplybook system – localities are asked to distribute the link above to the staff groups they have determined are eligible, this link will allow staff to book directly onto the system. The 2nd appointment is then booked when they attend for the first appointment.

### **What do Staff need to bring?**

When attending the appointment please can all staff be asked ID badge or a copy of their pay slip for ID purposes.

## **Appendix One**

### **Social care workforce for inclusion (this includes local authority, independent sector and VCSE provision, and unpaid carers):**

Principles for prioritisation of staff groups:

- JCVI prioritisation list
- Vulnerability (to COVID) of service user group that staff will be supporting
- Level of contact – i.e. close personal care or able to socially distance
- Number of individual service users the staff member would be coming into contact with
- The setting the service users are supported in and the staff member is working in, and the likelihood of transmission should an outbreak occur

Using these as guiding principles we suggest the following order of prioritisation:

- Care homes (and hospices) – priority being over 65s, followed by under 65s (learning disability, mental health, physical disabilities)
- Extra care / independent living
- Home care (older people, learning disabilities, physical disability and mental health)
- Supported living (learning disabilities, physical disability and mental health)
- Day centres (priority as per care homes)
- PAs and shared lives carers
- Other housing related areas such as homelessness workers, frontline housing staff (where supporting those in COVID-vulnerable groups), others providing emergency / urgent support services to COVID-vulnerable people in their own homes
- Social workers – older people, learning disabilities, physical disability and mental health, Occupational Therapists, and any relevant non-registered social work support roles
- Unpaid carers (confirmed by JCVI as priority group 6)

## **Distribution**

Identified Vaccination SROs for each locality

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<sup>i</sup> Individuals who:

- are less than 18 years of age
- have had a previous systemic allergic reaction (including immediate onset anaphylaxis) to a previous dose of COVID 19 Vaccine AstraZeneca or to any component of the vaccine or residues from the manufacturing process
- are pregnant (speak to your GP if you wish to have your vaccine)
- are suffering from acute severe febrile illness (the presence of a minor infection is not a contraindication for vaccination)
- are participating in a clinical trial of COVID-19 vaccines
- have received a dose of COVID-19 vaccine in the preceding 28 days
- have completed a course of COVID-19 vaccination

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus/wp-content/uploads/sites/52/2021/01/C1012-patient-group-direction-for-covid-19-vaccine-astra-zeneca-ChAdOx1-S-6-jan-2021.pdf>