

## NHS BOLTON CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP – VIRTUAL MEETING

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<b>TITLE OF REPORT:</b>	COVID-19 Update to the Board	
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<b>PURPOSE OF PAPER: (Linking to Strategic Objectives)</b>	To provide the CCG Board with an update on actions taken in the management of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. This month's report highlights the work progressed so far both nationally and locally on the implementation of the Covid 19 vaccination programme.	
<b>LINKS TO CORPORATE OBJECTIVES (tick relevant boxes):</b>	Deliver the outcomes in the Bolton Joint Health and Care Plan.	
	Ensure compliance with the NHS statutory duties and NHS Constitution.	√
	Deliver financial balance.	
	Regulatory Requirement.	
	Standing Item.	
<b>RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD: (Please be clear if decision required, or for noting)</b>	The Board is asked to note and discuss the attached report.	
<b>COMMITTEES/GROUPS PREVIOUSLY CONSULTED:</b>	Bolton COVID-19 Governance CCG Executive	
<b>REVIEW OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:</b>	N/A	
<b>VIEW OF THE PATIENTS, CARERS OR THE PUBLIC, AND THE EXTENT OF THEIR INVOLVEMENT:</b>	N/A	
<b>EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) COMPLETED &amp; OUTCOME OF ASSESSMENT:</b>	An Equality Impact section is included in the report.	

# Covid-19 Update to Bolton CCG Board

9 February 2021

## 1. Introduction

This paper provides a short update on the current position on COVID-19 rates in Bolton, service resilience, and the vaccination programme for CCG Board members.

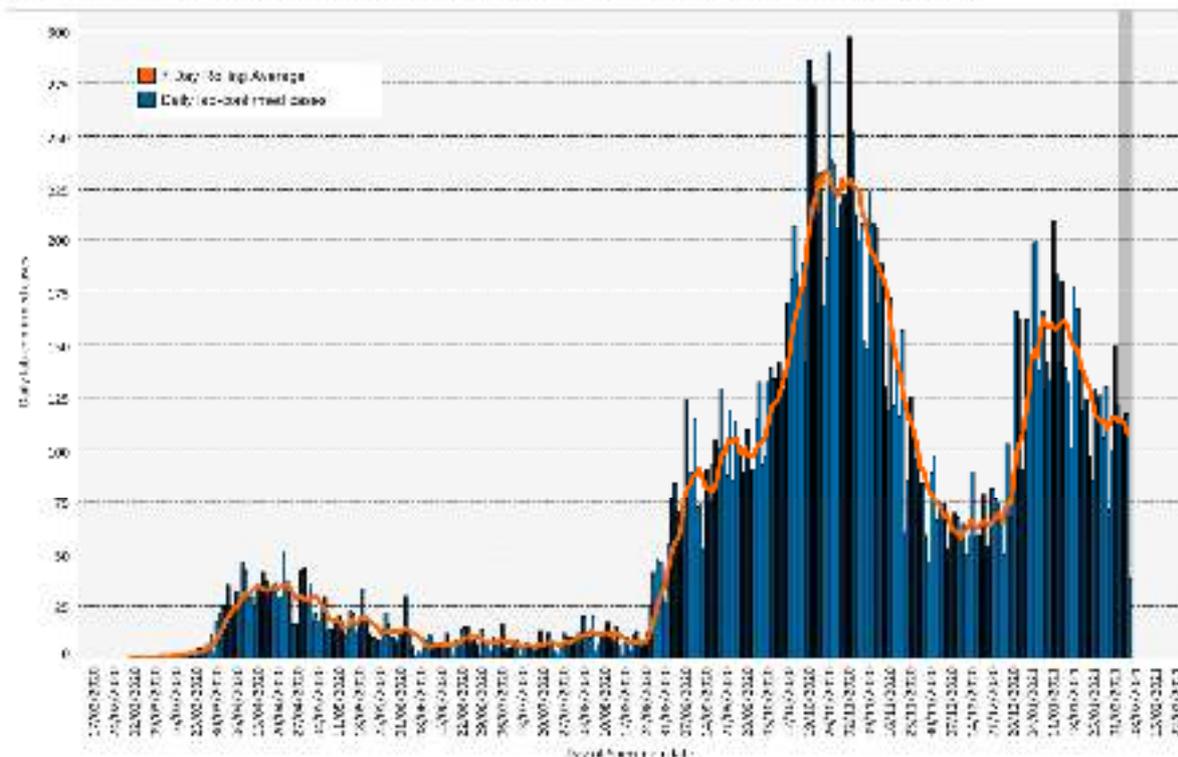
As this is a developing situation, with advice being updated all the time, it should be noted that any information in this report was correct on the date of completion.

## 2. COVID-19 rates in Bolton

On 7 February, the published COVID-19 case rate in the community in Bolton was 280 per 100,000 population (7 day average).

The Bolton public health team publish a weekly set of data on the Bolton JSNA website at [www.boltonjsna.org.uk/coronavirus](http://www.boltonjsna.org.uk/coronavirus) - this contains more detailed information in graphical form on case rates and deaths. The graph below is an example from this website, which highlights that the third wave of COVID-19 is showing a decline in confirmed cases of COVID-19, but that this decline has levelled over the last week.

Daily confirmed cases of COVID-19 for Bolton, with Pillar 1 and Pillar 2 cases inclusive



## 3. Service Pressures related to COVID-19

Bolton NHS Foundation Trust have seen a reduction in the number of patients in hospital being treated with COVID-19 with 117 positive patients on wards and 9 in critical care. The new oxygen tank has increased oxygen capacity, relieving the challenges previously felt with levels of oxygen utilisation.

All trusts across Greater Manchester are working together to prioritise patients on waiting lists for elective care in a consistent way and to support treatment of those most serious or time-sensitive cases.

The new clinical assessment area has opened at Bolton NHS FT, which will improve congestion in the A&E department and improve facilities for same day urgent care. All health and care partners across Bolton continue to focus on patient flow and supporting discharge.

Bolton GP Practices are sustaining their services despite the pressures of COVID-19, winter demand and supporting the vaccination campaign.

#### **4. COVID-19 vaccine – national position**

The COVID-19 vaccination programme is the responsibility of NHS England. The Senior Responsible Officer for the programme delivery in Bolton is Dr Helen Wall, Clinical Director of Commissioning, and she is responsible for responding to national direction from NHS England and following national protocols.

There are two vaccines which have been licenced by the MHRA (the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency)

- The Pfizer/BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine - licenced on 2 December 2020
- The 'Oxford' AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine - licenced on 30 December 2020

The Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) state “both give very high protection against severe disease...and both vaccines have good safety profiles”.

Both vaccines have a two dose schedule. The second dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine may be given between 3 to 12 weeks following the first dose. The second dose of the AstraZeneca vaccine may be given between 4 to 12 weeks following the first dose.

The Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) priority order for the covid vaccination has been defined as follows:

1. residents in a care home for older adults and their carers
2. all those 80 years of age and over and frontline health and social care workers
3. all those 75 years of age and over
4. all those 70 years of age and over and clinically extremely vulnerable individuals (except pregnant women and children)
5. all those 65 years of age and over

6. all individuals aged 16 years to 64 years with underlying health conditions which put them at higher risk of serious disease and mortality
7. all those 60 years of age and over
8. all those 55 years of age and over
9. all those 50 years of age and over

The overall priority of the COVID-19 vaccination programme is :

***“To protect those who are most at risk of serious illness or death should they develop COVID-19 and reduce transmission of the infection”.***

Vaccine supply is controlled nationally. With limited supply nationally, the national focus is now on equity – providing supply to each local site to match the number of people who still need a vaccination in priority cohorts 1-4.

## **5. COVID-19 vaccine – Bolton position**

### **5.1 Hospital hub delivery**

Bolton NHS FT commenced delivery of the vaccine to priority patients and staff on 29 December 2020. This expanded to health and social workers across Bolton and the number of doses given at the hospital site exceeded 10,000 in early February.

### **5.2 Community based delivery**

Delivery in the community to patients on the registered lists of Bolton General Practices is managed under NHS England contracts and led predominantly by Primary Care Networks (PCNs), each using a site which must be approved by NHS England.

The local PCN vaccination sites in Bolton are:

- Tonge Moor Health Centre – serving Turton PCN
- Lever Chambers Health Centre – serving Rumworth PCN, Central PCN, and Farnworth and Kearsley PCN
- Brightmet Health Centre – serving Brightmet & Little Lever PCN
- Peter House Surgery, Westhoughton – serving people from Westhoughton PCN, which includes Blackrod residents registered with the Unsworth Practice
- Waters Meeting Health Centre – serving people from Halliwell PCN, plus those registered at Bolton Community Practice in Horwich
- Avondale Health Centre – serving people from Chorley Roads PCN
- Horwich RMI Club – serving people from Pike View Practice and Kildonan House Medical Practice

People registered with every practice in Bolton now have a local vaccination site that serves them.

### **5.3 Other sites offering a covid vaccination service for Bolton people**

Mass vaccination centres, for example Etihad Tennis Centre, Manchester, and Pharmacy led sites, for example Hootons the Chemist at Bolton Wanderers Stadium.

These add additional capacity to the local GP led centres and the chance of access to an appointment for those in the priority groups who receive an invitation letter and who can get to the sites.

### 5.3 Vaccination in care homes

The first care home in which vaccines were given to both residents and staff was The Old Vicarage, on 30 December 2020. Bolton met the target of offering the first dose of the vaccine to all care homes residents and staff by 24 January 2021, except for covid-positive cases. Residents who were covid positive at the time are now being offered a further visit to receive the vaccine.

### 5.4 Vaccination of housebound patients

Housebound patients are the responsibility of the GP led vaccination services in Bolton. Home visits are ongoing to vaccinate people within the priority groups who cannot travel to a local vaccination site.

### 5.5 Summary of Bolton CCG vaccination levels

Total vaccinations on Bolton CCG registered patients from NIMs system on 8 February 2021 was 55,828 first doses and 2,189 second doses (undertaken prior to the extension to 12 weeks for second dose).

It is important to note that this does not reflect all the vaccinations carried out by Bolton sites as health and care workers who are not registered with a Bolton GP have been vaccinated but are not visible to Bolton CCG in this dataset.

The total first doses and estimated percentage coverage for the priority groups in Bolton are shown in the table below. The age groups and the other groups duplicate each other, eg a NHS and social care worker may be counted in the age 50-54 or a clinically extremely vulnerable person may also be counted as aged 70-74.

The percentage coverage of the priority cohorts (people aged over 70 or clinically extremely vulnerable) is expected to increase in the week remaining to the target set by the Department of Health for this cohort. This is being supported by national vaccine supply being targeted this week at the sites with the most individuals in these cohort groups still to vaccinate. In Bolton, this is the wave 1 (Tonge Moor) site and the wave 2 (Lever Chambers) site.

### Bolton CCG First Doses by Priority Group

Individuals may appear in multiple groups therefore the groups should not be summed.

Priority Groups	First Dose	Individuals	% First Dose/ Individuals
Age 80+	11,415	12,944	88.2%
Age 75-79	9,167	10,265	89.3%
Age 70-74	10,675	14,507	73.6%
Age 65-69	5,300	11,262	47.1%
Age 60-64	2,754	17,018	16.2%
Age 55-59	2,381	20,355	11.7%
Age 50-54	1,136	21,793	5.2%
NHS and social care workers	5,845	7,267	80.4%
Clinically Extremely Vulnerable	11,551	15,375	75.2%

## 6. Summary of Actions taken on COVID-19 vaccination in Bolton

Due to the complex and nationally directed nature of the COVID-19 vaccination programme, the Bolton CCG approach has been to take the steps as follows:

6.1 Ensure people registered at every Practice in Bolton have a NHS England approved local site for vaccination.

- Sites commenced through December and January
- For any Practices not signed up to the NHS England scheme for vaccinations, they are expected to work with their local practice grouping signed up to the scheme in order to ensure their patients are offered the vaccine at the local site.

6.2 Ensure vaccine supply is scaled to meet the population in the priority cohort 1-4 in order to meet the target for vaccination of this group

- Under-supply to wave 1 and 2 sites of Tonge Moor and Lever Chambers escalated nationally. Large increase in supply received in most recent 2 weeks to rectify this.

6.3 Ensure vaccine supply can be delivered from current sites by 15 February

- Sites visited by Helen Wall and feedback shared
- Concerns about site constraints at Lever Chambers discussed. Additional space identified by Bolton GP Federation.

6.4 Ensure Practices are supported to increase uptake in cohort groups

- Data by Practice on patients 'still to do' in the cohorts made available on 5 February 2021 and used by CCG team to work with Practices and site leads on increasing uptake.

#### 6.5 Focus on prioritising vulnerable populations with highest health inequalities

- Each PCN lead has been advised to focus on those people with highest risk factors as we start to consider each age cohort
- Continue work on community engagement (to be presented to CCG Board)
- Support from community groups and champions to be identified to assist with encouraging take up of vaccination and booking appointments
- Additional part-time sites to be negotiated with NHS England and set up with CCG support in communities requiring a more local offer in South East Bolton.

### **7. Equality Impact**

The priority order for COVID-19 vaccination is set by the JCVI, based on the scientific evidence available.

The CCG Board has regularly discussed the disproportionate impact COVID-19 has had to our Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic community and other vulnerable groups. The best protection for all vulnerable people, including, is good uptake and coverage of the vaccine. The CCG priority to date has been to encourage all local people to take up the offer of the vaccine as the age-prioritised programme rolls out. Engagement with faith leaders, local community groups and with care home staff has been ongoing to support this and a separate presentation is being provided to CCG Board members on this work.

Practice level vaccination data can now be viewed and used by Helen Wall and her team to challenge and encourage Practices to improve their uptake in the priority cohort groups. Analysis of uptake in cohorts 1-4 by ethnic groups is also planned in order to identify and support further actions, as identified in 6.5.

### **8. Recommendation**

The Board of Bolton CCG is recommended to note and discuss this update report.

The most important public message remains to:

- please take up the offer of a COVID-19 vaccine
- please continue following government advice on social distancing and all COVID-19 restrictions while the vaccine is rolled out over coming months as population level protection will not be achievable for some time.

Su Long, Accountable Officer  
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