

Local Members Interest

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Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee Monday 31st January 2022

Phase 3 Covid vaccination update

1. Recommendation/s

- 1.1 To consider the information provided and comment on the ongoing work taking place across Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent's COVID-19 Vaccination Programme for phase 3 and to update on progress since September 2021.

Report of NHS Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs)

Summary

2. What is the Select Committee being asked to do and why?

- 2.1 To consider the information provided and to provide feedback on the COVID-19 Vaccination Programme
- 2.2 To consider the information provided and comment on the next steps in delivery.

Report

3. Background

- 3.1 This is the biggest vaccination programme the NHS has ever undertaken. We want to start, again, by thanking our partners for the continued support they have provided to enable the huge success the local system has seen. Throughout the winter our system partners including Primary Care Networks (PCNs) and Community Pharmacies were asked to step up capacity above and beyond that already provided to provide boosters to all eligible patients in December 2021 – due to the widespread of the Omicron Variant in December. Our sites set up additional capacity throughout Christmas and New Year.
- 3.2 To date 647,262 patients across Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent have received their booster, of an eligible population of 781,994. Current uptake is at 82.9% across Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent. Regionally, we are joint 3rd across the Midlands for uptake, against a regional average of 79%.
- 3.3 Since the September 2021 Report, the 12-15 year old programme has been stepped up across Secondary Schools across Staffordshire, current uptake for 1st doses of this cohort is 54.1% across Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent. The school aged

immunisation service at Midlands Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (MPFT) School Age Immunisation Service (SAIS) have supported the roll out at schools. Alongside the SAIS offer, some PCNs and Community Pharmacies across Staffordshire have also been assured to vaccinate 12-15's and have been supporting with mop-up clinics. Daniel Platt Site, Tunstall is also offering walk in clinics to 12-15's. The Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) announced that 12-15's will receive a second dose and the SAIS have stepped up their in school plan to deliver this on the 11th January 2021.

- 3.4 For Care Homes, the current uptake across Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent for Booster Vaccinations is 84%. The CCG are working with Local Authority Colleagues to look at any outlier Care Homes and to look at any potential barriers or issues. By the end of January 2022, we would like to see as a system this increasing to 90% as per 2nd dose figures.
- 3.5 The JCVI have recommended that 5-11 year old Clinically Extremely Vulnerable (CEV) patients are to receive one dose of COVID-19 Vaccine. We are still awaiting further guidance, Patient group directions (PGD's) and National Protocols to be issued. It is anticipated that this will be an out of school offer, delivered by PCNs. PCNs were asked to opt out by 14th January.
- 3.6 Inequalities remains to be a priority of the Vaccination Programme as we continue to move through the Phases. The Equalities group which is made up of representatives from Public Health, MPFT, Fire Service, Local Authorities and CCG, is currently reviewing their priorities and approach as we approach 12 months of the programme. Looking at what has worked well and how to refresh the approach moving forwards.
- 3.7 Staffordshire & Stoke-on-Trent Integrated Care System (ICS) and the Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service have been shortlisted for the Health Service Journal (HSJ) Partnership awards, for most impactful project addressing health inequalities. This is for the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Vaccination programme and the partnership working that has taken place to allow local communities ease of access to Vaccines and helping to break down vaccine hesitancy.

4. Understanding service change and service changes that have happened:

4.1 The upcoming service changes and focus of the COVID-19 vaccination programme is as follows:

- **Cohorts 10, 11 & 12** – Booster uptake remains low for this cohort. We are working with our Communications Team and sites to put on later walk in clinics for ease of access. Targeted Vaccination Team have pulled together their schedule for January 2022 looking at Middle Super Output Area (MSOA) data provided by Public Health Colleagues;
- **12-15 2nd Doses** – The in-school offer provided by SAIS commenced on 11th January, with all Secondary Schools across the area scheduled. 1st Doses will also be available for those not yet vaccinated;
- **5-11 CEV year old 1st doses** – National Guidance and PGD is awaited to allow for the vaccination of these patients. It is anticipated this will be an out of school offer provided

by PCNs. 8 sites across Staffordshire have opted out of providing this to date and we will look in to alternative provision to ensure equity across Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent;

- **Immunosuppressed 4th Doses** – Work is taking place in PCNs to identify eligible patients for 4th doses alongside existing hospital hubs also vaccinating those identified by consultants;
- **PCNs serving Notice** – 3 PCNs have served notice on delivering the COVID-19 Vaccination Programme; Samuel Johnson Hospital – Lichfield PCN, Codsall Satellite Clinic – Seisdon PCN and Kingston Centre – Stafford and Surrounds PCNs. Samuel Johnson site will be replaced by clinics delivered by the neighbouring Burntwood PCN and through 2 new pharmacy providers in Lichfield. The Kingston Centre is now being operated by Cornwells Chemist so service provision remains for Stafford area. 2 new pharmacy sites & a PCN clinic at Brewood Medical Practice will mitigate any gaps in the Seisdon Peninsula.

5. Material service change

5.1 Phase 3 continues to be delivered in a similar way as phases 1 and 2, with PCN sites, Community Pharmacy sites, Targeted Vaccination Team and the inclusions of the SAIS to deliver the 12-15 year old programme.

5.2 Work is taking place to understand future planning assumptions and to look at potential JCVI recommendations. A system wide workshop is being organised in February 2022 to look back at the programme over the past 12 months, reflect on the current model and to explore what a sustainable future programme could look like. Planning assumptions being looked at include; 4th Dose for most vulnerable, 2nd Boosters for the whole population, and Flu and Covid Planning from September 2022.

5.3 The current operating model for the COVID-19 Vaccination Programme is set out below:

- 20 PCN Sites;
- 13 Community Pharmacy sites;
- 1 Vaccination Centre – This will remain as Tunstall in Stoke on Trent;
- 1 Mobile Vaccination Team;
- Hospital Hubs – University Hospital North Midlands (UHNM) & Combined Healthcare will work from Royal Stoke to vaccinate their workforce. MPFT will operate from St Georges Hospital site. There will also be a site ran by University Hospitals Derbyshire & Burton (UHDB) from the Queens Hospital site in Burton and the 2 community hospitals in Tamworth & Lichfield;
- School Age Immunisation Service

6. Understanding experiences during COVID-19

6.1 Throughout the programme we have continued to engage with all our partners and hold a fortnightly Programme Board, chaired by the Senior Responsible Officer Neil Carr. This reviews the progress of the programme, any feedback from patients, providers, stakeholders and has a dedicated section on the agenda for lessons learnt. The programme is underpinned by an extensive communications programme which fully

engages with the public to ensure all the correct messages, feedback and experiences are being captured and responded to where required.

7. Transformation programme

7.1 Although this is in response to a public health emergency, the system response and collaboration shown from all partners, has demonstrated how successful integration can be and will support future transformation programmes within the system.

8. Summary

8.1 The latest position on the Covid-19 Vaccination Programme will be presented at the committee.

9. Link to Trust's or Shared Strategic Objectives –

9.1 The NHS is in a level 4 Major Incident.

10. Link to Other Overview and Scrutiny Activity

10.1 The committee has been receiving regular updates relating the vaccination programme during the pandemic.

11. Community Impact

11.1 This is in response to a public health emergency.

12. Contact Officer

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13. Appendices/Background papers

Presentation will be provided on the day.