

Local Members' Interest
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Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee - Monday 20th September 2021

Phase 3 Covid vaccination update

1. Recommendation

- 1.1 To consider the information provided and comment on the planned COVID-19 Vaccination Programme for phase 3.

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

Summary

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

- 2.1 To consider the information provided and comment on the phase 3 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. To date, Staffordshire & Stoke on Trent have vaccinated 86% of all adults over the age of 18 with 1 dose of the vaccination, and 81% have now received both doses.
- 3.2 Phase 1 of the programme saw the roll out of vaccination for anyone who was over the age of 50 or had an underlying health condition – these were the JCVI cohorts 1-9.
- 3.3 Phase 2 of the programme then covered JCVI cohorts 10-12 which included individuals aged between 18-49 years old. Over the recent weeks, phase 2 has then been extended further and included the roll out of vaccinations for children aged 16 & 17, as well as those who aged 12-15 who are clinically extremely vulnerable.

4. Understanding service change

4.1 Phase 3 of the programme is now planning and mobilising the following:

- The annual flu campaign, to anyone over the age of 50, those 18years+ with a long term condition and the following children:
 - Children aged 2 or 3 years on 31 August 2021 – born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2019
 - all primary school children (reception to year 6)
 - all year 7 to year 11 children in secondary school
 - children aged 2 to 17 years with long-term health conditions
- A 3rd dose ‘booster’ programme for all those in cohorts 1-9, so anyone 50 years+ and those who are 16+ with a long term condition.
- A children’s Covid vaccination programme for any child aged 12-15 years old.

5. What are the service changes that have happened?

5.1 At the point of writing the following has now moved into mobilisation phase:

- The flu programme is underway with some practices and pharmacies now receiving their deliveries the week commencing 6th September. We have been notified of a potential delay to some vaccine deliveries which will impact providers and they will need to reschedule clinics, these sites are being supported with communications to patients.
- The children’s flu programme is scheduled to commence the week commencing 13th September.
- Guidance has been released outlining a small group of immunosuppressed patients who now required a 3rd dose of the vaccine to increase their protection. This guidance is being turned into an operating plan and is likely to be delivered by the PCN and hospital sites.

6. Material service change

6.1 Phase 3 will continue to be delivered using a very similar operating model to what it did in phase 1 & 2 for Staffordshire & Stoke on Trent, with the addition of the School Age Immunisation Service (SAIS). The main change for phase 3 relates to our Vaccination Centres.

6.2 In phase 1 & 2 we have operated with 3 Vaccination Centres, one in Tunstall, one in Stafford and the 3rd in Alrewas. Tunstall will remain in place for phase 3 and Kingston will also still be available but will be managed as a PCN site ran by the local GPs.

6.3 The site in Alrewas closed on the 31st August due to landlord requiring access to the site, but also due to the low footfall experienced at the site. There will still be a presence in this area of East Staffordshire through the mobile vaccination team, through the PCN site and the community pharmacy sites. An Equality Impact Assessment has been undertaken.

6.4 The operating model for phase 3 model is set out below:

- 23 PCN Sites – All North Staffs & Stoke on Trent PCNs have signed up for phase 3.
- 24 Community Pharmacies were put forward but we are still awaiting final sign off from the region on a number of these.
- 1 Vaccination Centre – This will remain as Tunstall in Stoke on Trent
- 1 Mobile Vaccination Team
- 3 Hospital Hubs – University Hospital North Midlands (UHNM) & Combined Healthcare will work from Royal Stoke to vaccinate their workforce. Midlands Partnership Foundation Trust will operate from St Georges Hospital site. There will also be a site ran by University Hospitals Derbyshire & Burton from the Queens Hospital site in Burton and the 2 community hospitals in Tamworth & Lichfield.
- School Age Immunisation Service

7. Understanding experiences during COVID-19

7.1 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.

8. Transformation programme

8.1 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.

9. Summary

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

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

10.1 The NHS is in a level 3 Major Incident.

11. Link to Other Overview and Scrutiny Activity

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

12. Community Impact

12.1 This is in response to a public health emergency.

13. Contact Officer

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14. Appendices/Background papers

Presentation at the meeting.