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Stakeholder briefing

Covid-19 vaccination programme

This is a stakeholder briefing to update on the Covid-19 vaccination roll out across Kent and Medway. **Please note that some information is highlighted as still in a planning stage and therefore may be subject to change.**

We recognise that many patients and elected representatives are keen to understand when new vaccine sites will open and when we will have full coverage.

This is a rolling programme which we are implementing as quickly as possible. All areas of England are rolling out the vaccine sites in a phased way. Our current plans will see 39 of the 42 Primary Care Network areas with operational primary care led vaccine centres by the end of next week (17 January). These plans will cover the vast majority of our 200 practices. Plans for the remaining three PCN areas (covering 12 practices) are being worked on as a priority.

Latest active vaccination sites

Details of sites that have already started vaccinating are published on our website at www.kentandmedwayccg.nhs.uk/covid19vaccine

From this week five more Primary Care led vaccination services will open. Vaccine is due for delivery on Thursday with vaccination happening from Friday through the weekend.

Primary Care Network	Vaccine site	GP surgeries covered
Gravesend Central	Building A, Fleet Health Campus	Chalk Surgery, Old Road West Surgery, Gravesend Medical Centre, Parrock Street Surgery, Pelham Medical Centre, Rochester Road Surgery
Ashford Medical Partnership	St Stephens Medical Centre	St Stephens Medical Centre
Canterbury North	Northgate Medical Practice	Canterbury Health Centre
Medway South (working with Rochester PCN which will have a site starting the week of 11-17 January, patients will be able to attend either vaccination site)	Lordswood Healthy Living Centre	Matrix Medical Practice (Luton MC) King George Road Surgery Stonecross and West Drive Surgeries Maidstone Rd Chatham Surgery Reach Walderslade Village Surgery Churchill Medical Group Princes Park Medical Centre City Way Medical Practice Thorndike Health Care Centre Castle Medical Practice Borstal Village Surgery

Sevenoaks	Sevenoaks Medical Centre	Amherst Medical Practice Edenbridge Medical Practice Westerham Practice Town Medical Centre Borough Green Medical Practice Otford Medical Practice St Johns Medical Practice South Park Medical Centre
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Plans for further locations

Recognising the desire for more information on other locations the following summary of future plans is provided as a **work in progress and is subject to change as part of the national process for confirming sites and vaccine deliveries**. We will add confirmed new sites to the information on our main webpage when they have definitely begun vaccinating.

A further 9 primary care sites are planned to start vaccinating next week (**11-17 Jan**) covering 11 Primary Care Network areas. Vaccine delivery date for these services is still to be confirmed but expected towards the end of the week:

Primary Care Network	Vaccine site	GP surgeries covered
Dartford Central	Dartford Football Club	Horsmans Place Surgery, Redwood Practice, Temple Hill Group
Swanley & Rural	Swanley Town Council, Alexandra Suite	Devon Road Surgery, Farningham (Braeside Surgery), The Cedars Surgery, The Oaks Surgery
Total Health Excellence East (Dover), Dover Town, Deal and Sandwich	Dover Health Centre	Lydden Surgery, Aylesham Medical Practice, White Cliffs Medical Centre St James' Surgery Pencester Surgery High Street Surgery Peter Street Surgery Buckland Medical Practice Balmoral Surgery St Richard's Road Surgery Sandwich Medical Practice The Cedars Surgery Manor Road Surgery
Total Health Excellence West - Folkestone	Folkestone Civic Centre	The New Surgery, Guildhall Street Surgery, Sandgate Road Surgery, Manor Clinic
Medway Central	St Marys medical centre	St Marys medical centre, The Medical Centre Bryant Street, Brompton Medical Centre, Balmoral Gardens Clinic Red Zone

Rochester (working with Medway South PCN, patients will be able to attend either vaccination site)	Rochester Healthy Living Centre	King George Road Surgery Stonecross and West Drive Surgeries Maidstone Rd Chatham Surgery Reach Walderslade Village Surgery Churchill Clinic Princes Park Medical Centre Wayfield Road Surgery City Way Medical Practice Thorndike Health Care Centre Castle Medical Practice Borstal Village Surgery
Sittingbourne	Age Concern, Heather House Day Centre	The Chestnuts Surgery London Road Medical Centre The Surgery Tenyham Memorial Medical Centre Grovehurst Surgery Iwade Health Centre The Meads Medical Practice Milton Regis Surgery Lakeside Medical Centre
The Weald	Headcorn Surgery (provided by The Ridge PCN) starting week of 11-17 January. Ticehurst Village Hall (provided by community pharmacy) starting week of 18-22 January.	Howell Surgery Northridge Medical Practice Yalding Surgery Lamberhurst Surgery Marden Medical Centre Old Parsonage Surgery Old School Surgery Crane Practice Malling Four Health (Staplehurst) Wish Valley Surgery Orchard End Surgery
Tonbridge	Tonbridge Baptist Church	Hildenborough Medical Group Tonbridge Medical Group (Dunorlan) Warders Medical Centre Woodlands Health Centre Hadlow Medical Centre

This will leave 3 PCN areas where we still have to confirm plans. Options for these areas are being worked on as a priority and will be confirmed as soon as possible.

- Medway Peninsular (3 practices)
- Strood (5 practices)
- The Marsh (4 practices)

Timing to vaccinate high priority groups

As confirmed by the Prime Minister on 4 January, the Covid-19 vaccination programme will be aiming to provide the first does of a vaccine to all people within the top four priority groups by mid-February. This is an ambitious objective which the NHS in Kent and Medway will be working hard to achieve. To confirm, the top four priority groups are:

1. Residents in care homes for older adults and their carers
2. 80-year-olds and over and frontline health and social care workers
3. 75-year-olds and over
4. 70-year-olds and over and clinically extremely vulnerable individuals

AstraZeneca/Oxford vaccine

The approval of the AstraZeneca/Oxford vaccine on 30 December 2020 was very welcome news. This vaccine is easier to store and transport as it does not have to be kept in a frozen state and has a longer shelf-life at standard fridge temperatures.

We are awaiting confirmation from the national vaccine co-ordination service on when supplies of the AstraZeneca/Oxford vaccine will be delivered to Kent and Medway locations.

Updated guidance on prioritising first doses

On 30 December 2020, we were also given new guidance to prioritise giving a first dose to more people in priority groups; rather than delivering the second dose for those already vaccinated.

This applies to both vaccines. Prioritising the first doses of vaccine for as many people as possible on the priority list will protect the greatest number of at risk people overall in the shortest possible time and will have the greatest impact on reducing mortality, severe disease and hospitalisations and in protecting the NHS and equivalent health services.

Everyone will still be invited for their second dose. The second dose completes the course and is important for longer term protection.

To minimise disruption to our older patients who have already had an appointment booked for their second dose we are supporting local practices to continue with those booked appointments; where the vaccine deliveries are confirmed as arriving within the timescale for delivering the second dose. Where vaccine deliveries do not align to delivering the second does patients will need to be contacted to reschedule their second dose for around 10-12 weeks after the first dose.

Other updated guidance

There has also been further clinical guidance that more people with allergies and women who are pregnant, breast feeding or considering getting pregnant can be vaccinated. Detailed discussions will be had between clinicians and individuals based on personal circumstances and risk factors to decide if the vaccine should be given.

Updates for the different vaccine delivery settings

Hospital based services

All four of our hospital trusts have now started vaccinating. Hospital services have been inviting care home staff for vaccination as well as vaccinating high risk staff and patients in the over 80 age group who are attending hospital for other reasons.

GP led local vaccination services

GP surgeries are working together in groups (primary care networks) to provide the Covid -19 vaccine. There is one vaccine site for each network. By the end of this week (4-10 Jan) we will have 28 GP-led sites operational. A full list of sites that have started vaccinating is provided on the CCG website as a list and in a map version at www.kentandmedwayccg.nhs.uk/covid19vaccine

By the end of next week (11-17 Jan) we expect to have 37 sites operational; with just 3 PCN areas to confirm the local plans for. On the whole there will be one vaccination site per primary care network.

Mobile/outreach services for care homes and housebound

GP teams are working on how they will vaccinate residents in care homes and their housebound patients. Many of the operational Primary Care vaccine services have already started to vaccinate in care homes.

Delivery of vaccinations for care homes and housebound will be a mixed model of GPs working with community healthcare providers like Kent Community Healthcare NHS Trust.

Vaccination centres (also referred to as mass vaccination sites / large vaccination centres)

These services are run by Kent Community Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (KCHFT).

The first site opened at Aylsham Health Centre on 28 December 2020. The site is focusing on vaccinating high priority frontline healthcare staff from NHS community and mental health trusts and other local providers.

Further sites are being planned:

- Sheppey hospital week commencing 11th January
- Darent House in Sevenoaks week commencing 18th January

Three further “very large” sites with capacity to vaccinate 3,000 people a day; with start dates in January to be confirmed:

- Old Debenhams in Folkestone
- Woodville Halls in Gravesend
- Sports Direct in West Cross near Margate

We are expecting more information shortly on development of an online booking service for the public to use these large vaccination centres.

Public messages about the vaccine roll out

The NHS is working hard to deliver what is the largest vaccination programme in its history and to do so as fast as possible. We understand there is a high expectation for vaccination services to be available in all areas and this will soon be the case.

If you are receiving questions from constituents please help us by reminding people that:

- People will be contacted when the vaccine is available for them.
- Please be patient and wait to be contacted. Please do not phone GP surgeries, the CCG, or other NHS services with general queries about when you will be able to get the vaccine.

The latest position for sites that have started vaccinating and a range of frequently asked questions about the programme are being maintained at www.kentandmedwayccg.nhs.uk/covid19vaccine

Frequently asked questions about the vaccine programme

We have added a Questions and Answers section to the vaccine information on the KMCCG website. We will update the page to address new themes of questions on an ongoing basis.

<https://www.kentandmedwayccg.nhs.uk/your-health/coronavirus/covid19vaccine/covid-19-vaccination-programme-frequently-asked-questions>

It will not be possible to answer individual questions about when people can expect to be contacted about being invited for the vaccine. We are asking everyone to be patient and help the NHS to focus resources on delivering the vaccines.

We will confirm when we believe we are approaching completing vaccination of a particular priority group, at which point anyone who has not yet been invited should contact their GP directly.