

COVID-19 Response Stakeholder briefing

19 January 2021

Response to COVID-19 – West Sussex

This briefing aims to update you on the response across our local NHS system in West Sussex to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, in particular the vaccination programme.

Latest position in West Sussex

The number of confirmed cases is rapidly increasing across West Sussex, in line with national trends. There were 5,755 new confirmed cases of COVID-19 in West Sussex in the seven days to 6 January 2021. This is a continued increase from the previous week.

COVID-19 Vaccination programme



When will I get my jab?

Vaccines are being rolled out in GP-led vaccination services, hospital hubs and care homes.

Visit our website for the full list.

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The Sussex vaccination programme has launched a new campaign to provide clear public information to members of the public, patients and our partners.

We recognise the high interest from across our communities in the vaccination programme and we hope that this campaign can help to support our communities as we continue the roll out of this vital protection.

The campaign will include promotion on social media, newspapers, community groups, and with partners.

Update on the vaccination programme in West Sussex

There are a number of ways in which the vaccination is being rolled out to our communities:

- **A GP-led vaccination service** is where those who are in the first priority groups living in our local community will initially receive their vaccination. This involves groups of local GP practices working together to provide the vaccination to their collective patients at one location. This means that you may not receive the vaccination at your local GP; you may be required to travel to a different location nearby.
- **Hospital hubs** – local hospitals across the country have begun giving the vaccine to people over 80 who are attending for a planned appointment and frontline health and care staff. You will only receive your vaccination in this way if you have an appointment at your hospital.
- **Roving service** – the vaccine will be taken into care homes and into people's own homes if they cannot attend a vaccination site. This is being stepped up over the coming weeks as more supplies of the vaccines become available.
- **Large vaccination centres** – each county will have one large vaccination centre which will be able to give the vaccine to large numbers of people. The large vaccination centres that will service your area will be at the Brighton Centre and this is likely to be up and running at the end of the month.

Over 70s to begin receiving vaccination invitations

This week the government has announced that once vaccination services have vaccinated the majority of people in the first two priority cohorts recommended by the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) - residents and staff in care homes for older people, those aged 80 and over and frontline health and care staff, they now have the flexibility to offer vaccinations to the next two cohorts – those aged 70 and over and clinically extremely vulnerable people.

This will keep up the pace of the vaccine roll-out, ensure that no vaccination appointments are unused and prevent wastage.

In Sussex, people aged over 80, care home residents and staff, and health and care workers remain the priority and good progress continues to be made.

Some people have begun receiving a letter from the national booking service inviting them to book appointments at the large-scale vaccination centres. The large-scale vaccination centre for Sussex is readying to open next week, pending delivery of supplies. The over 70s and clinically vulnerable people will be invited to book appointments through the national booking service.

Letters are being sent to people who live within 60 miles of a centre, so some residents in the north of Sussex will have received invitations based on their proximity to the Epsom Racecourse vaccination centre that went live last week. As more large-scale centres and pharmacy-led vaccination services come on-line these will be made available through the national booking service.

Anyone who receives an invitation from the national booking service has the choice of booking an appointment at one of the larger centres or community pharmacy-led sites offered or, if more convenient, waiting to be called by their GP.

Latest position on GP led vaccination services for West Sussex residents

Every GP practice in West Sussex now has arrangements in place for the vaccination of their registered patients, and by the end of the week patients from all of the GP practices will have started to be invited for their vaccine appointment.

The GP led vaccination services for West Sussex are currently:

Adur and Worthing

Lancing Parish Hall, for patients at:

- Ball Tree Surgery
- New Pond Row Surgery
- Orchard Surgery

Northbourne Medical Centre, for patients at:

- Harbour View Healthcare
- Northbourne Medical Centre
- The Manor Practice

Strand Medical Group, for patients at:

- Cornerway's Surgery
- Selden Medical Group
- Worthing Medical Group

Durrington Health Centre, for patients at:

- Barn Surgery
- Lime Tree Surgery (Phoenix)

St Lawrence Surgery, for patients at:

- Broadwater Medical Centre
- St Lawrence Surgery
- Victoria Road Surgery

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Angmering Community Centre, for patients at:

- Coppice Surgery
- Fitzalan Medical Group

Bognor Medical Centre, for patients at:

- Arundel Surgery
- Avisford Medical Group
- Bersted Green Surgery
- Flansham Park Health Centre
- Grove House Surgery
- Maywood Health Care Centre
- The Croft Surgery
- West Meads Surgery

Westcourt Medical Centre, for patients at:

- Park Surgery
- Willow Green Surgery
- Westcourt Medical Centre

Chichester district

The Selsey Centre and Tangmere Village Centre, for patients at:

- Cathedral Medical Group
- Langley House Surgery
- Lavant Road Surgery
- Parklands Surgery
- Selsey Medical Practice
- Southbourne Surgery
- Tangmere Medical Centre
- Witterings Medical Centre

Petworth Surgery, for patients at:

- Petworth Surgery

Pulborough Medical Group, for patients at:

- Pulborough Medical Group
- Loxwood

Riverbank Medical Centre, for patients at:

- Petworth Surgery
- Riverbank Medical Centre

The service at Riverbank Medical Centre in Midhurst goes live tomorrow and Petworth Surgery is expected to go live by the end of the month but in the meantime, Petworth Surgery patients will start to be offered vaccine appointments at Riverbank Medical Centre.

We recognise that there have been enquiries this week about how people in Chichester District will access their appointments.

We recognise that some people will have to travel further than others to get their vaccination depending on where they live in the local area. If anyone is concerned about how they will travel to get a vaccine during lockdown, it should be noted that, under the national guidance, it is permissible to receive a lift from someone or there are community transport providers offering this support in terms of transport for medical appointments. You can find information about community and non-emergency transport on the West Sussex County Council website, or call the community hub on 033 022 27980.

Crawley district

Leacroft Surgery, for patients at:

- Bridge Medical Centre
- Ifield Medical Practice
- Langley Corner Surgery
- Leacroft Medical Practice
- Southgate Medical Group

Saxonbrook Medical Centre, for patients at:

- Bewbush Medical Centre
- Coachmans Medical Practice
- Furnace Green Surgery
- Gossops Green Medical Centre
- Saxonbrook Medical Centre

Poundhill Medical Practice, for patients at:

- Poundhill Medical Practice
- Woodlands & Clerklands Partnership

Horsham district

Christ's Hospital Blue Coats, for patients at:

- Cowfold Surgery
- Rudgwick Medical Centre
- The Courtyard Surgery
- Village Surgery

Park Surgery, for patients at:

- Holbrook Surgery
- Orchard Surgery
- Park Surgery
- Riverside Surgery

The Glebe Surgery, for patients at:

- Billingshurst Surgery
- Henfield Medical Practice
- Steyning Health Centre
- The Glebe Surgery

Mid Sussex district

Clair Hall, Haywards Heath, for patients in Haywards Health at:

- Dophins Practice
- Newtons Practice
- Northlands Wood Surgery
- Cuckfield Medical Centre
- Lindfield Medical Centre
- Ouse Valley Practice

Clair Hall, Haywards Heath, for patients in Burgess Hill at::

- Brow Medical Centre
- Meadows Surgery
- Mid Sussex Health Care
- Park View Health Partnership
- Silverdale Practice

Meridian Hall, East Grinstead, for patients at:

- Crawley Down Health Centre
- Judges Close Surgery
- Moatfield Surgery
- Ship Street Surgery

How the GP led vaccination services are working

Each GP led vaccination service is receiving deliveries of vaccine from the national supply to provide the first vaccination to their patients.

Appointments are being offered to patients as soon as vaccine deliveries are confirmed.

The Government guidance on the timing of the second dose has been updated and is now over a 12 week period. All of our vaccination services are following this guidance and inviting their patients back for their second dose in the 12 week period.

We are working to vaccinate as many people as possible as quickly as possible, but deploying a vaccine at this scale is unprecedented. Timing will be dependent to a large extent on manufacturing timescales and supply.

We would please ask all partners to encourage the public not to call their GP practice to find out more about the vaccination programme and to make an appointment. GP practices are incredibly busy at the moment providing their day to day care for patients and they have seen an increase in calls to their teams to ask about the vaccination programme and when it will be available.

We are working with all GP practices to have clear information on their websites and working with community partners to ensure we can share the latest updates in our communities.

Hospital hubs

Hospital hub vaccination services in Sussex were launched at the Royal Sussex County Hospital in Brighton on 08 December 2020. There are now eight hospital hub vaccination services across Sussex, focused on the vaccination of health and care staff, including care home staff:

- Conquest Hospital, Hastings
- Eastbourne District General Hospital
- Mill View Hospital, Hove
- Princess Royal Hospital, Haywards Heath
- Queen Victoria Hospital, East Grinstead
- Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton
- St Richards Hospital, Chichester
- Worthing Hospital

Vaccinations in care homes

Older people in care homes have been identified as the top priority group for the vaccine by the Joint Committee on Vaccinations and Immunisations due to their high risk from COVID-19. Care staff are also in the top priority.

More than 240 care settings in Sussex have now been vaccinated (as of 18 January 2021). Many more homes across our patch will be vaccinated this week, and we will update you on numbers again in the next briefing.

Subject to vaccine supply, we intend to vaccinate all care homes with residents over the age of 65 years old, by the 25 January, and all care homes in Sussex by mid-February 2021. We will confirm details to each home individually. This will include the appropriate information sharing and consent forms required, including any additional considerations such as mental capacity and safeguarding.

Vaccines are being delivered through the Sussex GP-led vaccination service, managed by the local Primary Care Networks (PCN). We expect this to cover the majority of the care homes in Sussex, with the remainder being served by Sussex Community NHS Foundation Trust (SCFT) vaccination teams.

Healthwatch webinar

Our three Healthwatch organisations in Sussex are working together with Sussex CCGs to support families of residents in care settings during this time.

Sussex Healthwatch is hosting a COVID-19 vaccination roll-out in care homes online webinar for Brighton and Hove and East Sussex on Monday 25 January from 3 – 4 pm.

These events are the first in a series which come as one of the recommendations from a report published last month.

More information

We continue to publish all of the latest information on the vaccine of the [Sussex Health and Care Partnership website](#) including a public FAQ, which you may find useful.

We are responding to an unprecedented number of enquiries regarding the roll out of the COVID-19 vaccine across Sussex. We will respond to everyone, but if you need more information, please do have a look at our frequently asked questions documents in the first instance, which may cover the queries you have.

These may also help you to manage and support queries from families, and proactively talk to them about the vaccine.

- [General vaccine FAQs](#)
- [Care homes FAQs](#)

If you have a question about the Sussex COVID-19 vaccination programme, which is not answered in our FAQ document, please do let us know using the dedicated mailbox Sxccg.vaccineenquiries@nhs.net