

Milton Keynes Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee

Date: 17 June 2021
Subject: Covid-19 Vaccination Programme

Purpose

The purpose of this document is to provide an update to the Health and Adult Social Scrutiny Committee (HASC) on progress made with the Covid-19 vaccination rollout in Milton Keynes, and follows on from the update that was provided in March 2021.

Latest position:

- The ambition to vaccinate all adults against Covid-19 by the middle of July continues apace and could not have been achieved without the monumental efforts of everyone across primary care.
- Across Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes we have made good progress with the delivery of the largest vaccination programme in the history of the NHS. We recently surpassed the milestone of 500,000 first vaccinations and we are close to one million first and second overall.
- We have today issued a release celebrating 250k vaccines being administered in MK.
- Starting from the end of this week, all adults aged 18 and above will be able to book their vaccination through the national booking service (online at nhs.uk or by calling 119).
- We are undertaking walk-in vaccinations at sites across BLMK, alongside the booking system to try and make it more convenient for everyone to get vaccinated.
- We have multiple vaccination offerings including phone and online bookings, pharmacy sites and walk-in options, both Pfizer and AstraZeneca for booked and walk-ins in MK.

Current Update:

Community Pharmacy Vaccinations

As part of our continuing drive to make the Coronavirus vaccine convenient for everyone, we are expanding the locations offering the jab to community pharmacists.

A total of 29 community pharmacies in BLMK are now offering vaccinations protecting against COVID-19. For Milton Keynes these pharmacies are:

Jardines Pharmacy	Brooklands Medical Centre, Milton Keynes MK10 7LN
McLaren Pharmacy	32 St. James Street, Milton Keynes MK13 0BH
Jardines	Unit 1, Texel Close, Milton Keynes MK14 6GL
Jardines Pharmacy	3 Tower Cr, Milton Keynes MK14 6JY
Willen Pharmacy (Jardines)	Beaufort Drive, Willen, Milton Keynes, MK15 9ET
Woburn Sands Pharmacy (Avicenna group)	47 High Street, Woburn Sands, Beds MK17 8QY

In order to book a jab at these new vaccination sites residents can access the National Booking System via nhs.uk/covid-vaccination. Residents can book both jabs at the same time, and for those who cannot go online can call the service for free on 119 for extra support in doing so. The phone line is available from 7am until 11pm each day.

What have we been doing in response to the new variant in the area?

- We've increased the number of appointments available, including running some extra clinics, and have opened some centres for walk-ins. We've also been running pop-up clinics across the patch to help to take the vaccine to people in the community, so that it's easy to access.
- The best way of protecting ourselves is by getting vaccinated. We have appointments available, so we continue to encourage the population of BLMK to take up the offer of a vaccine if you are eligible.
- The Government has also announced surge testing in the area which can be helpful in controlling the spread of any particular variants of concern.

Surge vaccinations stock update

Across Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton we have negotiated with region to increase the supplies to BLMK from the regional surge stock. We will be receiving an additional supply of 16,380 doses (14 trays) of Pfizer vaccines to support our work in achieving further coverage for both surge activity and to improve uptake in the Health Inequalities in our region.

This additional supply is over and above our planned allocation and is a good outcome for our ICS and will be a welcome boost to the local vaccination programme. To ensure that this additional allocation is given to those groups that we have identified have been lower in uptake than we would like, we will work with the Directors of Public Health to target key population groups to ensure that this is an evidence-based approach related to local case rates and with the support of Public Health we know that this can be achieved.

Our current split for the use of this new allocation will be 50% delivered via our booking service and 50% through outreach and walk-in sessions. We will now start to review our current delivery models of vaccination centres and outreach session and see how to best to reach those target groups.

Progress made to date

Since the start of our vaccination programme, we have made significant progress in vaccinating our residents. In Milton Keynes as at the 15th June, we have vaccinated:

First doses:

- 96% of Milton Keynes residents who are over 80
- 96% of Milton Keynes residents who are 75-79
- 95% of Milton Keynes residents who are 70-74
- 92% of Milton Keynes residents who are 65-69
- 94% of patients aged between 16-64 with underlying health conditions which put them at higher risk of serious disease and mortality
- 90% of Milton Keynes residents who are 60-64
- 87% of Milton Keynes residents who are 55-59
- 84% of Milton Keynes residents who are 50-54
- 75% of Milton Keynes residents who are 40-49
- 59% of Milton Keynes residents who are 30-39

- 28% of Milton Keynes residents who are 18-29
- 95% of Milton Keynes residents who live in Care Homes for people with Learning Disabilities
- 88% of staff who work in Milton Keynes Care Homes for people with Learning Difficulties
- 96% of Milton Keynes residents who live in Care Homes for the elderly
- 76% of staff who work in Milton Keynes Care Homes for the elderly.

Second Doses:

- 94% of Milton Keynes residents who are over 80
- 95% of Milton Keynes residents who are 75-79
- 94% of Milton Keynes residents who are 70-74
- 89% of Milton Keynes residents who are 65-69
- 82% of patients aged between 16-64 with underlying health conditions which put them at higher risk of serious disease and mortality
- 84% of Milton Keynes residents who are 60-64
- 75% of Milton Keynes residents who are 55-59
- 69% of Milton Keynes residents who are 50-54
- 28% of Milton Keynes residents who are 40-49
- 17% of Milton Keynes residents who are 30-39
- 12% of Milton Keynes residents who are 18-29.
- 92% of Milton Keynes residents who live in Care Homes for people with Learning Disabilities
- 60% of staff who work in Central Bedfordshire Care Homes for people with Learning Difficulties
- 92% of Milton Keynes residents who live in Care Homes for the elderly
- 60% of staff who work in Central Bedfordshire Care Homes for the elderly.

We will continue to provide regular updates to the members of the HASC, and elected members and our residents.

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