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Title	COVID-19 and Flu Vaccination Update
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Summary	
This report provides an update on the COVID-19 and flu programme for Barnet.	

Recommendations
That the Health and Wellbeing Board note the update report.

1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

- 1.1 Barnet has been delivering an extensive Covid vaccination programme since December 2020, via Primary Care Network (PCN) hubs, pharmacies and a mass site at StoneX. In addition to on site activity, sites have also delivered 'pop-up' clinics and outreach activity.
- 1.2 To date, Barnet has delivered a first dose of the vaccination to a total of 245,717 patients (data as of 31 August, source: North London's Population Health Management platform, HealthIntent). Over 220,771 patients have now had their second dose.

1.3 The table below shows the percentage of eligible patient cohorts who have had their vaccination, by dose.

Cohort	Description	1st Dose uptake	2nd Dose uptake	No. unvaccinated
1-9	Patients aged 50+ CEVs, Care Home residents and Carers 16-64 with underlying health conditions	83%	81%	26,761
10	Age 40-49	68%	64%	17,941
11	Age 30-39	57%	48%	28,823
12	Age 18-29	54%	37%	28,483
12	<18	29%	n/a	6815

1.4 Vaccinating 12-15 year olds

Under Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) and NHS England guidance, the vaccinating of cohort 12 have been carefully phased. Since the guidance of the 5th August, 16 to 17 year olds can all now be vaccinated with Pfizer.

12-15 year old patients who are clinically extremely vulnerable (CEV) may also be vaccinated with Pfizer as may those who are 12-15 years who live in the same household as a patient who is immunosuppressed.

Practices across Barnet have used EMIS (Egton Medical Information Systems) searches to identify eligible patients, totalling 202 within the borough. The (Primary Care Network) PCN4 vaccination Hub at Lane End have offered their services Pan Barnet to vaccinate this cohort. To date running 4 clinics for this cohort.

JCVI guidance was then updated further for the CEV 12 to 15 year olds expanding the eligibility criteria to include conditions:

- haematological malignancy
- sickle cell disease
- type 1 diabetes
- congenital heart disease
- chronic respiratory disease

- chronic heart conditions
- chronic conditions of the kidney, liver or digestive system
- chronic neurological disease
- endocrine disorders
- immunosuppression
- asplenia or dysfunction of the spleen
- serious genetic abnormalities that affect a number of systems

The number of eligible children within this cohort is now 701. Practices are identifying patients and referring them to clinics as appropriate for vaccination.

JCVI announced on 14th September that all children age 12 to 15 will be eligible for 1 dose of Pfizer vaccine. At the time of writing this report there are no set plans for Barnet as discussions on the mobilisation, consenting and timescales for delivery of the programme are still in discussion. It is however anticipated that this will be delivered in schools with the support of primary care if required.

1.5 Mass site vaccination

Barnet launched its mass vaccination site at the StoneX ground on 28th April. Patients are booking directly into the site via the National Booking system. At present, it is offering Pfizer only. To date the site has delivered 82,870 vaccinations, Source: Foundry 2nd September 2021). Of these, 52,753 have been 1st doses and 30,117 have been 2nd doses.

The StoneX site is due to close on 30th September 2021. At the time of writing this report there are no immediate plans for another mass site in Barnet.

1.6 Key patient groups

The table below outlines the core vaccination models for key patient groups and current performance on uptake.

Patient group	Model of delivery	Performance
Homeless	NCL Homeless Task & Finish meet bi-monthly Vaccination offered via Find and Treat and Gateway Chemist (pharmacy closest to HAB)	Difficult to ascertain exact figures due to transient nature of homeless population
Asylum Seekers	COVID vaccinations offered via PCN Local Vaccine Site (LVS). However, this will change	COVID vaccination monitoring for this cohort is incredibly complex due to the high turnover of

	<p>to be delivered by Find & Treat as PCNs LVS pause.</p> <p>Local Commissioned Service (LCS) continues to be commissioned from GP practices – service extension now until 30th September 2021 – resulting in more individuals accessing needed NHS pathways;</p>	<p>residents (4-6 weeks generally speaking) in each of the hotels, therefore there is no fixed denominator.</p>
New Care Home Residents	<p>Care Home/GPs use Housebound referral process to Federation who work with Central London Community Healthcare Trust (CLCH) to vaccinate</p>	<p>These are ad hoc referrals of small numbers.</p>
Remaining Housebound patients	<p>GPs referral to Fed who work with (CLCH) to vaccinate in appropriate clusters</p> <p>AstraZeneca only</p> <p>1st and 2nd Doses</p>	<p>93% of patients identified as housebound/bedbound have been vaccinated. (Source, HealthIntent 16th August 2021)</p> <p>147 Housebound patients remain to be vaccinated across Barnet (EMIS: 1st September)</p>
Patients with Learning disabilities	<p>Mixed model of operation. Learning Disabilities task and Finish meet fortnightly to direct efforts appropriately</p>	<p>84% have had 1st vaccine, 78% have had 2nd vaccine, 4% have declined vaccine</p> <p>(Source: EMIS Searches 1st Sept)</p>
Care Home Staff	<p>Encouraged to access mass sites across NCL and/or pharmacy sites</p> <p>Ran 1-2-1 engagement sessions with clinicians to discuss vaccination hesitancy factors</p> <p>Ran fertility discussion drop in sessions</p>	<p>Uptake May to date has increased from 72.5% to 85.7% (Source London Borough of Barnet (LBB) Care Home Capacity Tracker 16th August)</p>

1.7 Outreach and Pop-up activities

Mobile vaccination service

Barnet has been offering a mobile vaccination service through a vaccine bus, developed and delivered in collaboration between StoneX, Royal Free, Barnet Primary Care Team and Barnet Borough. The bus carries a supply of Pfizer vaccine along with staff to administer the vaccine. From 19th July it has been offering a regular schedule of stops at Brent Cross Shopping Centre, St Agnes Church in Cricklewood and The Unitas Youth centre, ClitterHouse project, new Southgate recreation ground, Grahame Park and a view to schedule activity McDonalds Colindale in future weeks. Since the 12th July, the team have vaccinated approximately 1590 patients; up until 29th August 2020.

The existing bus programme will run up until 17th September.

From October onwards we are looking to run a new enclosed model bus which will take us into Autumn/Winter. We envisage running a schedule to support the 'evergreen' offer of 1st and 2nd vaccines but also the phase 3 booster programme. Further details and schedule is being worked up and will be shared when finalised.

1.8 Phase 3 Booster Programme

The Phase 3 Coronavirus Vaccination Enhanced Service Specification was published on 14th July. Full specification documents can be found here

[Coronavirus » Enhanced Service Specification – phase 3 coronavirus vaccination \(england.nhs.uk\)](https://www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus/publication/enhanced-service-specification-phase-3-coronavirus-vaccination/)¹

The specification seeks to run from 6th September to 31st January 2022, covering a booster vaccination programme and an 'evergreen' offer of vaccination to those yet unvaccinated. The model of delivery is set as a PCN grouping offering. We are pleased that 50 out of 51 practices signed up to deliver the Enhanced Service.

Four new sites have been approved by NHSE in Barnet, these are Practice@188 (PCN6), Longrove, Oakleigh Road and Torrington (PCN2&3). These together with the existing sites from phase one total 9 sites across the borough. Preparations are now underway for sites to begin operating phase 3 towards the end of September or early October, subject to JCVI announcements in the forthcoming weeks regarding eligible first cohort.

It is anticipated that the covid vaccine will be co-administered with the Flu vaccine to eligible patients as appropriate.

¹ <https://www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus/publication/enhanced-service-specification-phase-3-coronavirus-vaccination/>

1.9 Flu

Since 2013, influenza vaccination has been offered to children in a phased roll-out to provide both individual protection to the children themselves and reduce transmission across all age groups to protect vulnerable members of the population.

The expanded influenza vaccination programme that we had last year will continue in 2021 to 2022 as part of our wider winter planning when we are likely to see both influenza and COVID-19 in circulation. This means that as a temporary measure the offer for 50 to 64 year olds will continue this year to protect this age group, as hospitalisation from COVID-19 also increases from the age of 50 years onwards.

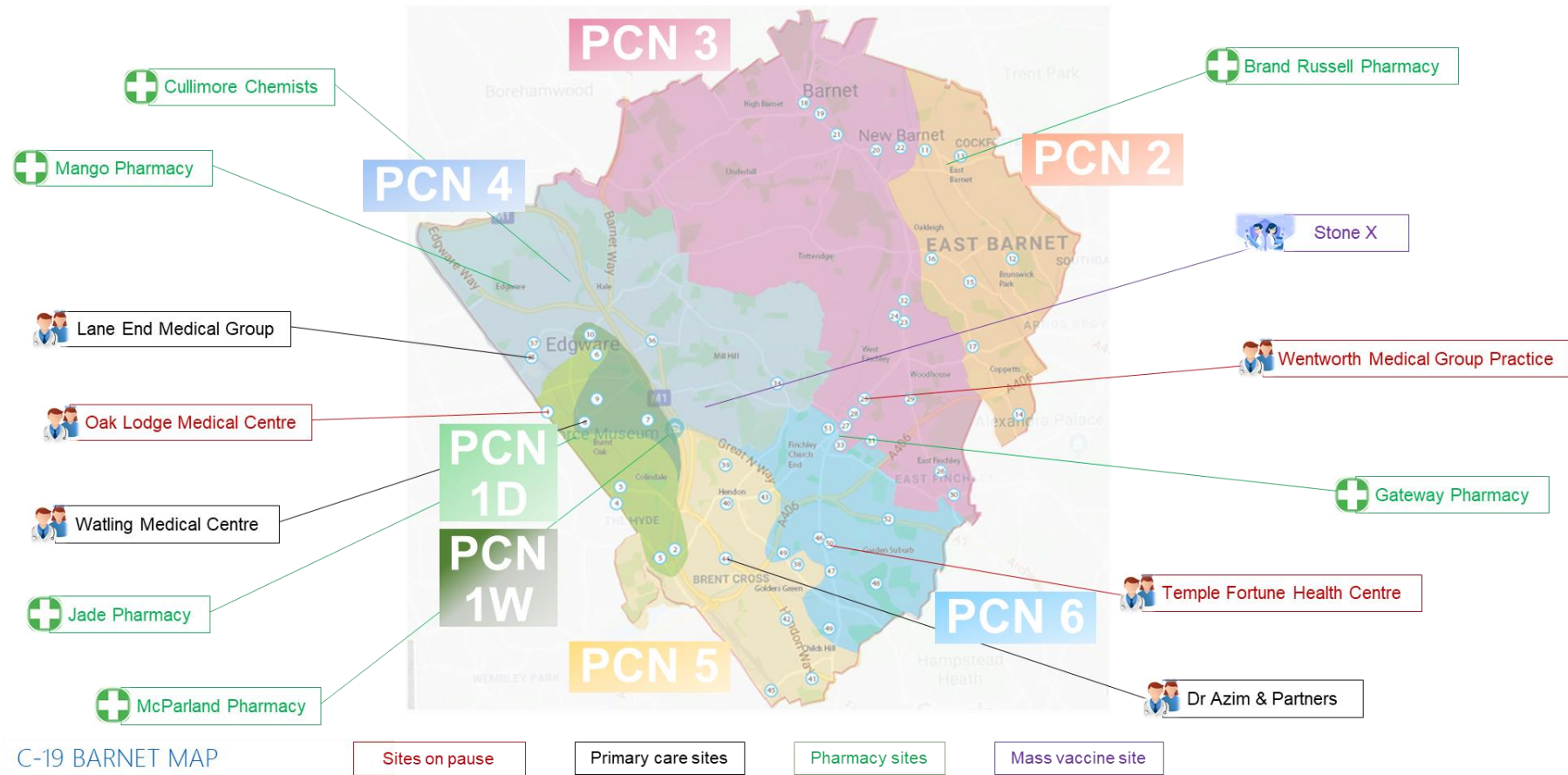
As a temporary measure, the programme will also be extended this year to 4 additional cohorts in secondary school so that all those from years 7 to year 11 will be offered vaccination. Vaccinating children reduces transmission of influenza and JCVI have recommended that expanding into secondary schools would be cost-effective, particularly if COVID-19 is still circulating.

1.10 Therefore, those eligible for NHS influenza vaccination in 2021 to 2022 are:

- all children aged 2 to 15 (but not 16 years or older) on 31 August 2021
- those aged 6 months to under 50 years in clinical risk groups
- pregnant women
- those aged 50 years and over
- those in long-stay residential care homes
- carers
- close contacts of immunocompromised individuals
- frontline health and social care staff employed by:
 - a registered residential care or nursing home
 - registered domiciliary care provider
 - a voluntary managed hospice provider
 - Direct Payment (personal budgets) and/or Personal Health Budgets, such as Personal Assistants.

All frontline health and social care workers are expected to have influenza vaccination to protect those they care for.

Barnet COVID-19 vaccination sites



1.11 BARNET POP UPS AND OUTREACH

FOCUS	DETAILS
Faith based groups	<p>14th Feb - Hendon Mosque pop up — approx. 15pts vaccinated</p> <p>28th Feb - Jesus House – Pilot multi faith event – 33 patients vaccinated</p> <p>7th March - Jesus House Pop multi faith event - 140 patients vaccinated</p> <p>9th March - Jesus House pop up multi faith event - 161 patients vaccinated</p> <p>29th April – PCN 5 Dr Azim Pop Up at the Muslim Centre, Hippodrome, Golders Green over 45 patients from PCN 5 rather and some from Multi-faith engagement work vaccinated</p>
Homeless and Asylum-seeking communities	<p>Homeless vaccination via roving teams across March - 36 people vaccinated at Ramada Inn, Finchley</p> <p>26th March - A COVID vaccination pop-up clinic at the Homeless Action in Barnet site for individuals experiencing homelessness took place delivered by PCN2 & PCN3, vaccinating 19 people.</p> <p>23rd April, PCN2/3 hub at Wentworth ran a pop-up clinic at Homeless Action in Barnet. The event delivered vaccine to 24 individuals.</p> <p>28th April - PCN 6 with direct support from The Practice@188, supported the delivery of a pop up at the Holiday Inn in Brent Cross. The targeted audience for the clinic were homeless and the asylum-seeking population. At least 102 COVID-19 vaccinations were administered, as well as 25 MMR vaccines, 10 MenACWY vaccines and 2 pneumonia vaccines.</p> <p>20TH May Holiday Inn Express – 63 vaccinations to homeless and asylum seeker communities</p> <p>26th May Holiday Inn Brent cross 121 vaccinations aimed at asylum seeker communities</p>

<p>Accessing ethnic communities</p>	<p>Farsi and Pashto webcast delivered on 26th March</p> <p>Romanian Event was held on 21st May and was a Facebook live event and a number of Romanian clinicians have come forward to support it. The Watling hub then hosted a dedicated vaccination clinic at their premises for those who attended the live event</p>
<p>Local populations</p>	<p>Watling Medical Centre hosted a successful pop-up vaccine clinic on Sunday 11th April. 46 people from the local area were vaccinated during the session and had a chance to find out more about the vaccine from GPs and other health professionals.</p> <p>9th May – PCN5 Dr Azim hosted a 2nd dose pop-up event for the local community at Jesus House, vaccinating over 100 people</p> <p>26th and 27th June – Stonex walk in weekend vaccinated 1500 patients</p> <p>12th, 14th and 16th July Brent Cross Pop up week with Vaccine Bus – 238 patients vaccinated</p> <p>17th July – Pop up at Watling Market by PCN5 and Vaccine Bus team – 71 patients vaccinated</p> <p>19th July onwards – Barnet Vaccine Bus schedule – 1590 vaccinated so far</p>

2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 To provide an update to the Health and Wellbeing Board.

3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

3.1 Not applicable.

4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

4.1 Any post decision action will be taken forward through the relevant organisations.

5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

5.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance

5.1.1 The areas identified in the report are aligned with the Council's Corporate

Plan, Barnet 2021-2025, Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

5.2 **Resources (Finance & Value for Money, Procurement, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)**

5.2.1 None in the context of this report.

5.3 **Social Value**

The Public Services (Social Value) Act 2013 requires people who commission public services to think about how they can also secure wider social, economic and environmental benefits. Before commencing a procurement process, commissioners should think about whether the services they are going to buy, or the way they are going to buy them, could secure these benefits for their area or stakeholders.

5.4 **Legal and Constitutional References**

5.4.1 Under the Council's Constitution, Article 7 the terms of reference of the Health and Wellbeing Board include the following responsibilities:

- To jointly assess the health and social care needs of the population with NHS commissioners, and apply the findings of a Barnet joint strategic needs assessment (JSNA) to all relevant strategies and policies.
- To promote partnership and, as appropriate, integration, across all necessary areas, including the use of joined-up commissioning plans across the NHS, social care and public health. To explore partnership work across North Central London where appropriate
- To work together to ensure the best fit between available resources to meet the health and social care needs of the population of Barnet (including children), by both improving services for health and social care and helping people to move as close as possible to a state of complete physical, mental and social wellbeing.
- Specific responsibilities for overseeing public health and developing further health and social care integration

5.5 **Risk Management**

5.5.1 Risks will be managed in relation to Barnet's corporate approach to risk management.

5.6 **Equalities and Diversity**

The 2010 Equality Act outlines the provisions of the Public Sector Equalities Duty which requires Public Bodies to **have due regard** to the need to:

- eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Equality Act 2010
- advance equality of opportunity between people from different groups
- foster good relations between people from different groups

The broad purpose of this duty is to integrate considerations of equality into day business and keep them under review in decision making, the design of policies and the delivery of services

5.7 **Corporate Parenting**

5.7.1 Not applicable in the context of this report

5.8 **Consultation and Engagement**

5.8.1 Consultation and engagement within in the vaccines programme is achieved in various formal forums with stakeholders across health and social care.

5.9 **Insight**

5.9.1 Data and reporting sources used include healthanalytics and the National Immunisation Management Service

6. **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

6.1 None.