

Covid-19 and Flu Vaccination update – May 2022

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1.0 Programme outline and national targets

Since December 2020, Primary Care has played an integral role in the delivery of the Covid vaccination programme. Barnet has offered vaccine to its population via Primary Care Network (PCN) led hubs, pharmacies, a vaccine bus and a mass vaccination site at StoneX (which ran from April to September 2021). A full list of current sites offering vaccine can be found in Appendix 1.

Like the wider NCL provision, Barnet is offering an evergreen first and second dose offer as well as a booster programme. NIHR and JCVI guidance is frequently updated and reflects that the booster can now be administered from 3 months after the 2nd dose of the vaccine, previously 6 months. The vaccine is open to anyone aged 5+.

2.0 Covid vaccination uptake in Barnet

To date, Barnet has delivered a first dose of the vaccination to 71.4% of the local population (data as of 1st March 2022, source: North London’s Population Health Management platform, HealthIntent). From September 2021, the booster has been offered in PCN Hubs and pharmacies as well as priority programmes offered in Care Homes and for those who are housebound, as well as outreach work. To date, Barnet has achieved a 78.6% uptake in booster doses.

Barnet Flu uptake 21/22

Barnet continues to provide the seasonal flu vaccine annual programme, with the addition that where possible it is being co-administered with the Covid Vaccine.

Cohort	Eligible Population	Population Vaccinated	Uptake (%)
Aged 2 & 3 years	9,717	4,193	43.20%
Aged 4 to 10 years	35,734	11,855	33.20%
Aged 11 to 15 years	25,733	6,584	25.60%
Aged 6 months to 65 years (at risk)	49,902	21,842	43.80%
Pregnant	4,539	1,297	28.60%
Aged over 65	61,492	44,795	72.80%

3.0 Vaccinating Key JCVI Cohorts

Care Home Residents and Staff

The national deadline for offering care homes and their staff the booster vaccine was November 1st. Barnet successfully met this target and have offered all 78 care homes a first visit. Practices continue to operate a mop up activity for homes where residents had previously been unable to be vaccinated. Data from EMIS searches (1st March 2022) confirms that 96.4% of care home residents have had their booster jab, 90.4% and 88.7% have had their 1st and 2nd doses, respectively.

Housebound patients

A collaborative model of delivery had been developed between Central London Community Health (CLCH Community providers) and PCNs for a roving team to undertake the booster programme for those patients who are bedbound and/or housebound, to be delivered by 31st December. By the point of that deadline Barnet had a 92% uptake. An ongoing mop up of remaining patients continues. PCN5, 4 and 1D have undertaken their own housebound patients. Data from EMIS searches on 1st March suggest 94.3% of Barnet housebound patients have had their booster vaccine.

COVID vaccination Clinic for patients with Learning Disabilities

To support the Barnet COVID Vaccination Programme, a dedicated clinic was put on for patients with learning disabilities. It was facilitated by the Local Vaccination Service Team from the Barnet North LVS grouping at Vale Drive Primary Care Centre on Friday 4th February. Barnet Federated GPs supported the booking of this clinic. The Booster vaccine was offered and a Learning Disability Specialist Nurse from the Barnet Learning Disabilities Service (BLDS) was present on the day, to support the patient and support any necessary reasonable adjustments. The Barnet North LVS team were successful in being adaptable to the patient needs including support to patients with needle phobia. Data from EMIS searches from 22nd February 2022 suggest that 87% have had their 1st dose, 85% have had their second dose, 71% have had their booster dose and 4% have declined.

Vaccinating children (5-15)

Shortly after phase 3 started the programme offered vaccination to clinically extremely vulnerable (CEV) children aged 12-15. Clinics specifically for this group were offered pan-Barnet by Lane End Medical Group in (PCN4). Children in this group are eligible for 2 doses of Pfizer vaccine 8 weeks apart. Lane End Medical Group has been supporting this CEV group in clinics from 24th November 2021 and have now completed vaccination for this cohort.

By October vaccination was extended to all healthy children age 12-15. This has been largely delivered in schools by the University College London Hospital (UCLH) outreach team. Home-educated children were also included in the offer and were invited by the local authority to the children's clinics running at Lane End Medical throughout October.

On 28th January 2022 the UCLH team started going into schools to vaccinate healthy 12-15 year olds with a 2nd dose, this time the offer is both an in school and out of school model. The 2nd dose programme will run to 31st March 2022. 4 PCN sites have been assured to vaccinate children as well as Cullimore and Mango Pharmacies.

The latest data shows that 47.4% (10,567) of 12-15 year olds (22,308 in total) have received a first dose, with 31.7% (7,090) having received a second dose.

During April, the COVID vaccination was made available to 5-11 year olds. This was largely delivered through an 'out of school' offer to minimise the impact on schools and to expedite the process of delivering vaccinations. In order to support those with Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) we have enabled an in school offer delivered through our school ages immunisation service provider, as previously mentioned.

At the point of announcement, central government and mass media communication described the roll out as 'non-urgent'. As a result of this, we have found that public demand for this vaccine has been low. We continued to engage with parents in Barnet to encourage vaccine uptake, especially when the child is regarded as clinically extremely vulnerable or at-risk.

The latest data shows that 5.7% (2,186) of 5-11 year olds (38,279 in total) have received a first dose vaccination.

Other 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NCL Homeless work continues. Clinics led by PCN 6 and PCN2/3 specifically for this cohort have had very low uptake. The Task & Finish group are now looking at ways in which we can engage better with this group to encourage uptake and advise on the vaccine. LBB colleagues are leading on a funded programme to support health educators and health champions to increase community engagement on hesitancy. Homeless engagement will be an active workstream of this. 	<p>Difficult to ascertain exact figures due to transient nature of homeless population. Learning from this work is informing the ongoing services to support healthcare delivery to the Barnet homeless population.</p>
Asylum Seekers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> COVID vaccinations for this groups have been done via a hybrid approach, offered via PCN Local Vaccine Site (LVS) as well as roving teams. The roving Find and Treat team are scheduling visits to the Asylum Seeker hotels over January. 	<p>COVID vaccination monitoring for this cohort is incredibly complex due to the high turnover of residents (4-6 weeks generally speaking) in each of the hotels, therefore there is no fixed denominator.</p>

Barnet COVID-19 vaccination sites

