

<b>REPORT TITLE:</b>	Autumn COVID Booster Vaccination Plan		
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<b>MEETING:</b>	Public Trust Board	<b>DATE:</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> October 2022

**1. Suggested discussion points** *[two or three issues you consider the Trust Board should focus on in discussion]*

As a Trust we have been involved in the Covid Vaccination since December 2020, starting with the hospital Hub at Sandwell, extending to our City site as well as leading Tipton Vaccination hub from February 2022. We then progressed to providing pop up clinics, vaccinating in local schools and supporting primary colleagues vaccinating both the housebound patients, residents in care homes and immunocompromised patients.

As with the 2021 Autumn COVID-19 booster programme, the primary objective of the 2022 Autumn booster programme as set by the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation'. will be to augment population immunity and protection against severe COVID-19 disease, specifically hospitalisation and death, over Winter 2022 to 2023.

This report outlines our delivery of the Autumn 2022 booster programme for both staff and patients, noting the challenges and risks to meeting the demands and agreed activity of the programme.

**2. Alignment to our Vision** *[indicate with an 'X' which Strategic Objective[s] this paper supports]*

OUR PATIENTS	OUR PEOPLE	OUR POPULATION
To be good or outstanding in everything that we do	To cultivate and sustain happy, productive and engaged staff	To work seamlessly with our partners to improve lives
	X	X

**3. Previous consideration** *[at which meeting[s] has this paper/matter been previously discussed?]*

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**4. Recommendation(s)**

The Public Trust Board is asked to:

- a. **DISCUSS** the contents of the report
- b. **DISCUSS** the risks and challenges

**5. Impact** *[indicate with an 'X' which governance initiatives this matter relates to and, where shown, elaborate in the paper]*

Board Assurance Framework Risk 01	X	Deliver safe, high-quality care.
Board Assurance Framework Risk 02		Make best strategic use of its resources
Board Assurance Framework Risk 03		Deliver the MMUH benefits case
Board Assurance Framework Risk 04	X	Recruit, retain, train, and develop an engaged and effective workforce

Board Assurance Framework Risk 05	x	<i>Deliver on its ambitions as an integrated care organisation</i>					
Corporate Risk Register [Safeguard Risk Nos]							
Equality Impact Assessment	Is this required?	Y		N		If 'Y' date completed	
Quality Impact Assessment	Is this required?	Y		N		If 'Y' date completed	

# SANDWELL AND WEST BIRMINGHAM NHS TRUST

## Report to the Public Trust Board on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2022

### Autumn COVID Booster Vaccination Plan

#### 1. Introduction

1.1 Across the Black Country circa 2,542,634 vaccinations have been administered across all delivery models such as vaccine centres, primary care networks, roving models, hospital hubs etc

The number of 1st Doses administered – 924,674 and 2nd Doses administered – 870,778  
3rd Primary doses administered to eligible immunosuppressed – 12,175

1.2 The number of people who have received a 1st booster vaccination is 647,269 and the number of people who have received their 2nd booster vaccination – 87,738

1.3 The 2022 Autumn booster programme went live nationally on the 5<sup>th</sup> of September 2022.

#### 2. Eligibility for Booster Vaccination

2.1 Following publishing of The Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) recommendations for this autumn's programme, the following groups are eligible for the booster

- All adults aged 50 years and over
- Those aged 5 to 49 years in a clinical risk group, including pregnant women
- Those aged 5 to 49 years who are household contacts of people with immunosuppression
- Those aged 16 to 49 years who are carers
- Residents in a care home for older adults and staff working in care homes for older adults
- Frontline health and social care workers of the following groups:

2.2 Cohort release is expected to be reactive to maintain momentum through phase 5 to utilise activated capacity i.e., when the Integrated Care System that has reached a certain % of each live cohort then the next cohort will be released as per below:

- w/c 5th September 2022 - Care homes
- w/c 12th September 2022 – >75-year-olds and HSCW

and so on as the majority of the eligible people are vaccinated the next cohort will be released.

#### 3. Tipton Vaccination Centre

3.1 Tipton will continue as a vaccination centre but in a much smaller capacity. Throughout the next 4 months Tipton can vaccinate 350 patients per day. This will not only include the

autumn 2022 booster to all cohorts as they are released but continue to vaccinate children and continue to offer first and second vaccines

- 3.2 There are several risks to the programme and that is very much based on finances and activity and demand. The income for the programme is based on the number of people who have their vaccination. The financial risk sits with the system rather with individual providers. However, the vaccination centres of which there are two within the system, are considered to be an expensive model and should the activity not be met they can be stopped sooner than the 12-week booster programme and the vaccine then offered through a range of alternative models.
- 3.3 Tipton will continue to work with partner colleagues to offer pop up clinics across Sandwell to ensure our hard-to-reach population are offered the vaccine as easily and accessible as possible
- 3.4 We are also finalising our offer to support any of the primary care networks in west Birmingham support with their programmes as we have done in the past

#### **4. Hospital Hub**

- 4.1 The staff vaccination programme is being undertaken by the occupational health department this time supported by the senior staff at Tipton Vaccine Hub.
- 4.2 The staff programme goes live on September 27<sup>th</sup> and will be offered cross all sites via drop-in clinics, peer vaccination sessions and across the community at various time of the day to capture as many staff as possible.
- 4.3 There is a target, but this was based on what we have achieved in the past within the covid vaccine staff programme. It is 12-week programme, but we are aiming to vaccinate as many staff as possible.
- 4.4 The occupational health department will also be offering the Flu vaccination which can be undertaken at the same time or if a staff member prefers at separate appointments
- 4.5 A communications programme for our staff vaccination programme is underway. We will be reporting through to our fortnightly strategic meeting activity such as the numbers vaccinated against our WTE to ensure we vaccinate as many staff as possible and concentrate on hot spot areas
- 4.6 There are fortnightly review meetings in place so that we can change the model as needed to ensure we offer staff easy access to be vaccinated
- 5 The Public Trust Board is asked to:
  - a. **NOTE** the position of our offer for the Autumn Booster Programme
  - b. **DISCUSS** the challenges and risks

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