

Covid Vaccination Programme Update Oct 2021

Progress to date

As at Saturday 16th October the Board passed the milestone of having provided over one million doses.

Uptake in Lanarkshire of Covid Vaccination

- For all those aged over 18, 93% of Lanarkshire residents have received a first dose and 83% a second dose
- For those over 40, 98% have receive a first dose and 94% a second dose
- For those aged over 50, uptake in all age bands is >98% for first dose and >95% for second dose

This means that as at 21 October 2021, 526,000 individuals have had at least one dose, with 405,000 having completed the course, over 71,000 residents have had the booster.

Over 82,000 have also had their flu vaccination.

Current activity

1. NHS Lanarkshire is offering at least 720 Drop In appointments each week for patients still to receive either 1st or 2nd dose. These appointments are also being offered to 12-15 who are at particular risk
2. NHS Lanarkshire is working with Scottish Ambulance Service to provide a Mobile Vaccination Unit for more remote communities. The service initially operated successfully for two weeks in October with further sessions planned in November and December. The Mobile unit offers Drop in Appointments.
3. The Housebound Vaccination programme is active with circa 9,000 patients listed. Additional resources have been identified to support the existing Housebound Vaccination Team, including use of any MACA resources deployed.
4. At present the centres are completing the Booster and Flu Vaccinations for the over 70's cohort and those with compromised immunity. The programme is expected to complete end of October.
5. The service is awaiting guidance from JCVI on 2nd Vaccines for 16 / 17 year olds. This is expected imminently.

Autumn plans

From 25th October NHS Lanarkshire will begin vaccinating the 60-69-year-old cohort. From 1st November we will be scheduling 16-69 year olds identified as "at risk". Both cohorts should be completed by w/c 22nd November.

Housebound Vaccinations will remain the biggest challenge given the volume of patients listed. All efforts will be made to safely manage the patient cohort, with alternative pathways being put in place.

NHS Lanarkshire is awaiting confirmation of MACA deployment. Updates are expected w/c 24th October.