

Community and Voluntary Sector Covid-19 Vaccine Roll Out

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In line with JCVI and Department of Health guidance, Belfast Trust has been working through an operational plan to roll out the vaccine safely and effectively.

This includes offering the vaccination to service providers from the Community and Voluntary sector who work in partnership with us to deliver services and care directly and on our behalf to some of the most vulnerable and isolated people in our community.

The regional booking system is being continually updated as the vaccination programme evolves and now includes a category for voluntary groups. We can confirm that to date 266 people from voluntary groups have booked into the Belfast Trust vaccination centre. The booking system automatically schedules people in for their 1st and 2nd dose. Anyone who received their first dose will receive their 2nd dose within 10 weeks in line with the usual guidelines.

In parallel, Belfast Trust is continuing to vaccinate people regarded as clinically extremely vulnerable (CEV). Consultants within the Trust have identified patients within this group and we have developed a tailored vaccine roll out for this group. Individuals are invited to come forward for vaccination and protocols are in place to support people attending the vaccination center. Given the needs of some of these individuals, this is a complex process, and we are working through this roll out methodically.

So far we have contacted 4850 people who are considered CEV to offer them a vaccination. To date 2689 people considered CEV have been vaccinated or booked an appointment to receive their 1st vaccine at the Belfast Trust vaccination centre. Some have opted to receive their vaccination via their GP or district nursing team.

In total 42,428 vaccinations have been administered by the Belfast Trust.

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