

Briefing for Elected Representatives

A newsletter from Belfast Health & Social Care Trust

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Covid-19 Vaccine Now Available To Those Aged 45 And Over

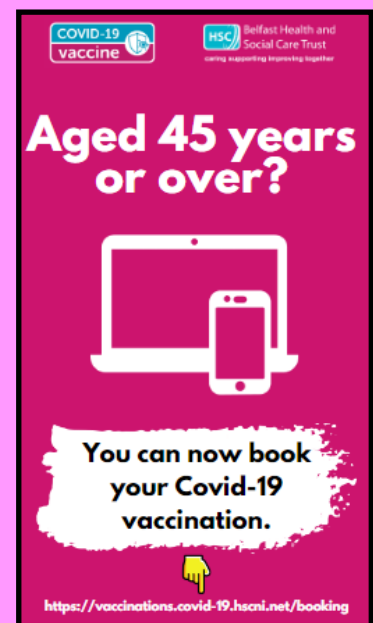
Your constituents aged 45 years and older can now book their free Covid-19 vaccination at a participating community pharmacy or at a mass vaccination centre.

To obtain the vaccine in Northern Ireland, people must:

- Have a Northern Ireland HSC number
- Be registered with a Northern Ireland GP
- Produce photographic ID

Click [here](#) to book.

****Please do not book if not eligible. ID checks will be carried out****



Vaccinating the Homeless

We began to roll-out Covid-19 vaccinations to homeless people on 16 March 2021 and it is estimated we will vaccinate around 650-700 people.

Vaccines will be administered by a “door step” delivery approach and within the Inclusion Health premises including:-

- Hostel facilities
- Day shelter facilities
- Crash facilities
- Non-standard accommodation facilities
- Those sleeping rough



So far, Belfast Trust has administered more than 92,000 Covid-19 vaccines. This includes nursing and care home residents, wards and day care facilities, staff as well as those attending the Vaccination Centre at Royal Victoria Hospital.

Regional Fertility Centre Services Resume



The Regional Fertility Centre has resumed NHS Frozen Embryo Transfer (FET) services. As patients reach the top of the waiting list they will be contacted by the centre to arrange treatment.

NHS IVF/ICSI treatment services are resuming and patients who had treatment paused in January 2021 will be contacted directly by the centre from Monday 29 March to begin planning their treatment.

For more about this, semen analysis and outpatient appointments, click [here](#).

It's World Autism Awareness Week

If you have constituents who are affected by autism, have them check out our Facebook page where we have been posting helpful info and strategies all this week. This has included raising awareness and understanding of Autism. Click [here](#) for more info.



Free Staff Car Parking EXTENDED



Minister Swann has extended free car parking for staff for another four months. As we rebuild services, it is anticipated that many more spaces will be required for patients and visitors. So it won't be possible to provide free onsite car parking for staff to the same levels as in the first two periods. However, work is underway on a range of potential offsite solutions. We will keep Trust staff informed at a local level.

Useful Info & Contacts



If you have constituents who are struggling, or those who just want some help and advice during this pandemic, then this [info and contacts](#) sheet may be helpful to them.

First Look: Social Media

For many of your constituents, social media is the go to place for updates on what's happening within our Trust. Just click on the icons at the top of this page to see for yourself.



If you would like to speak to a member of the Public Liaison Team please:-

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Wash your hands regularly



Keep your distance



Wear a face covering



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