

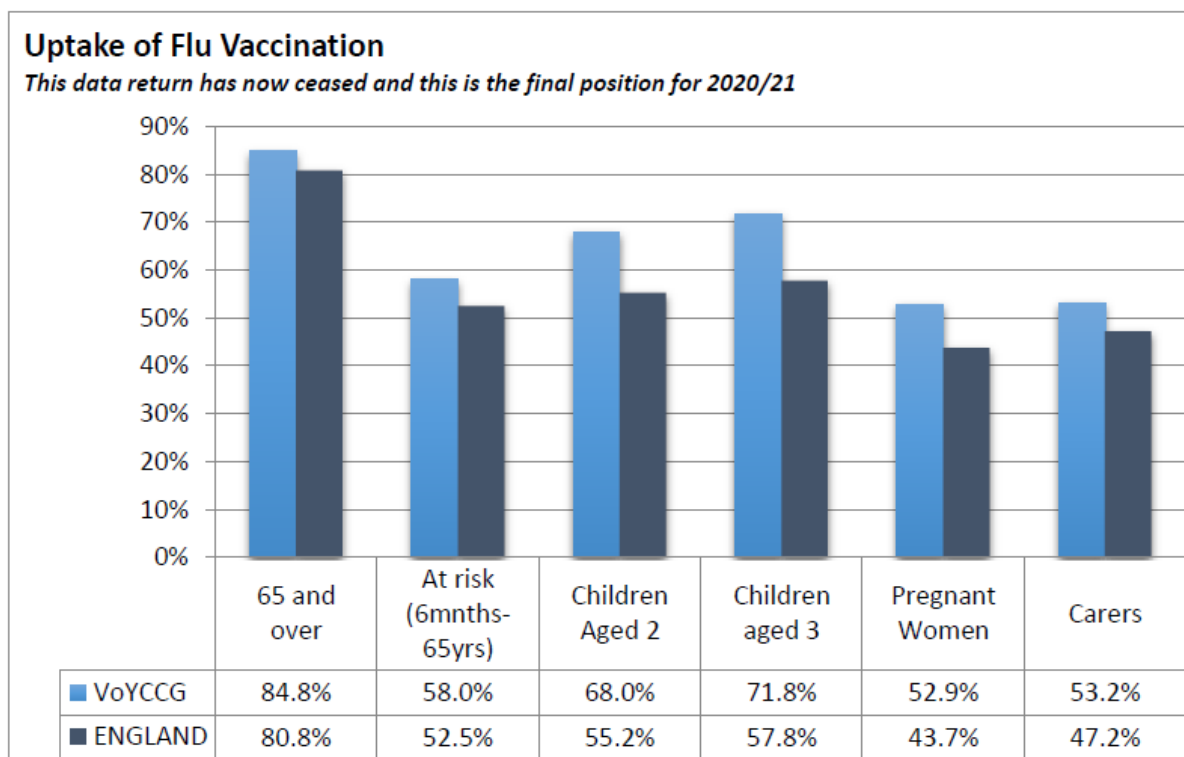
Report for Outbreak Management Advisory Board 24th August 2021

NHS Vale of York CCG Covid-19 Booster and Seasonal Flu Vaccination Programmes

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1. Background and Current Position

During the 2020/21 financial year, NHS Vale of York CCG ran a successful flu vaccination campaign, with an uptake of 84.8% for residents aged 65 and over – this was 4% higher than the England average. NHS Vale of York CCG uptake of the flu vaccine was consistently higher than the England average across all eligible groups.



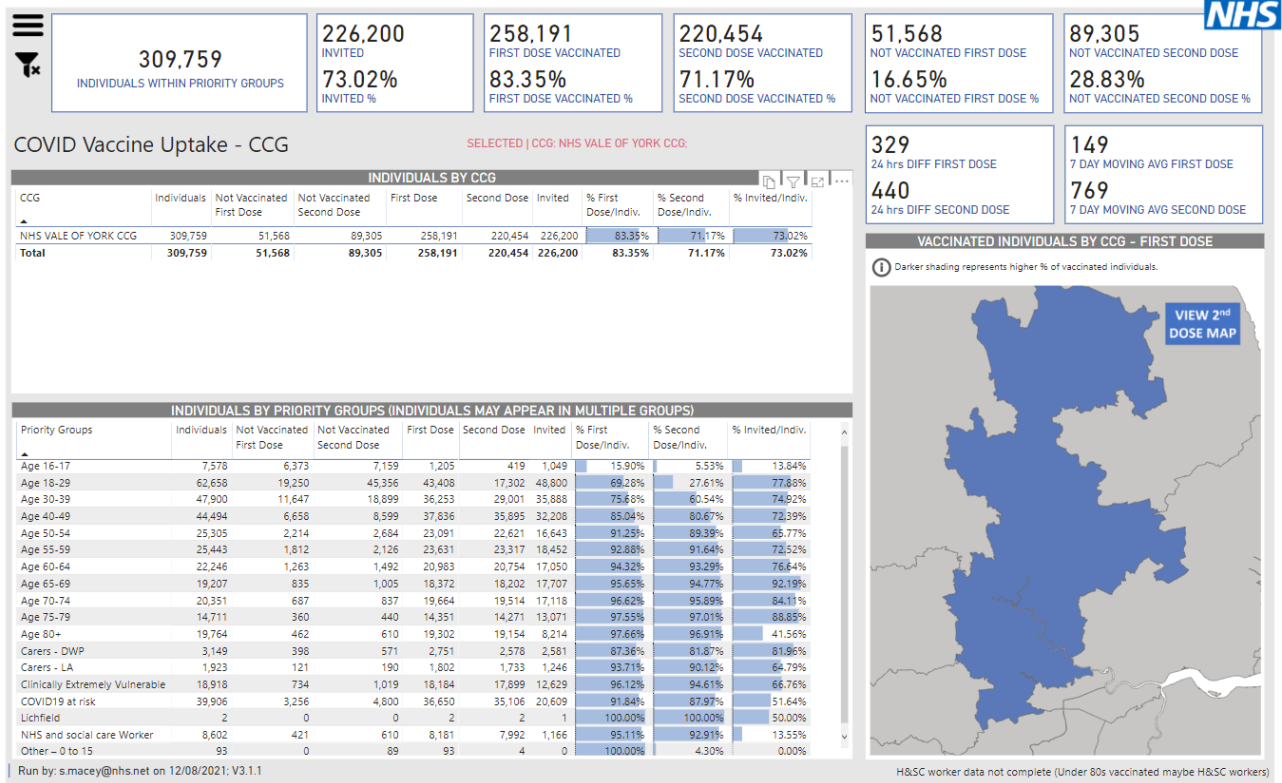
The national Covid-19 vaccination campaign began in December 2020 and uptake across the eligible cohorts at 12 August 2021 for NHS Vale of York CCG is shown in the reports below.

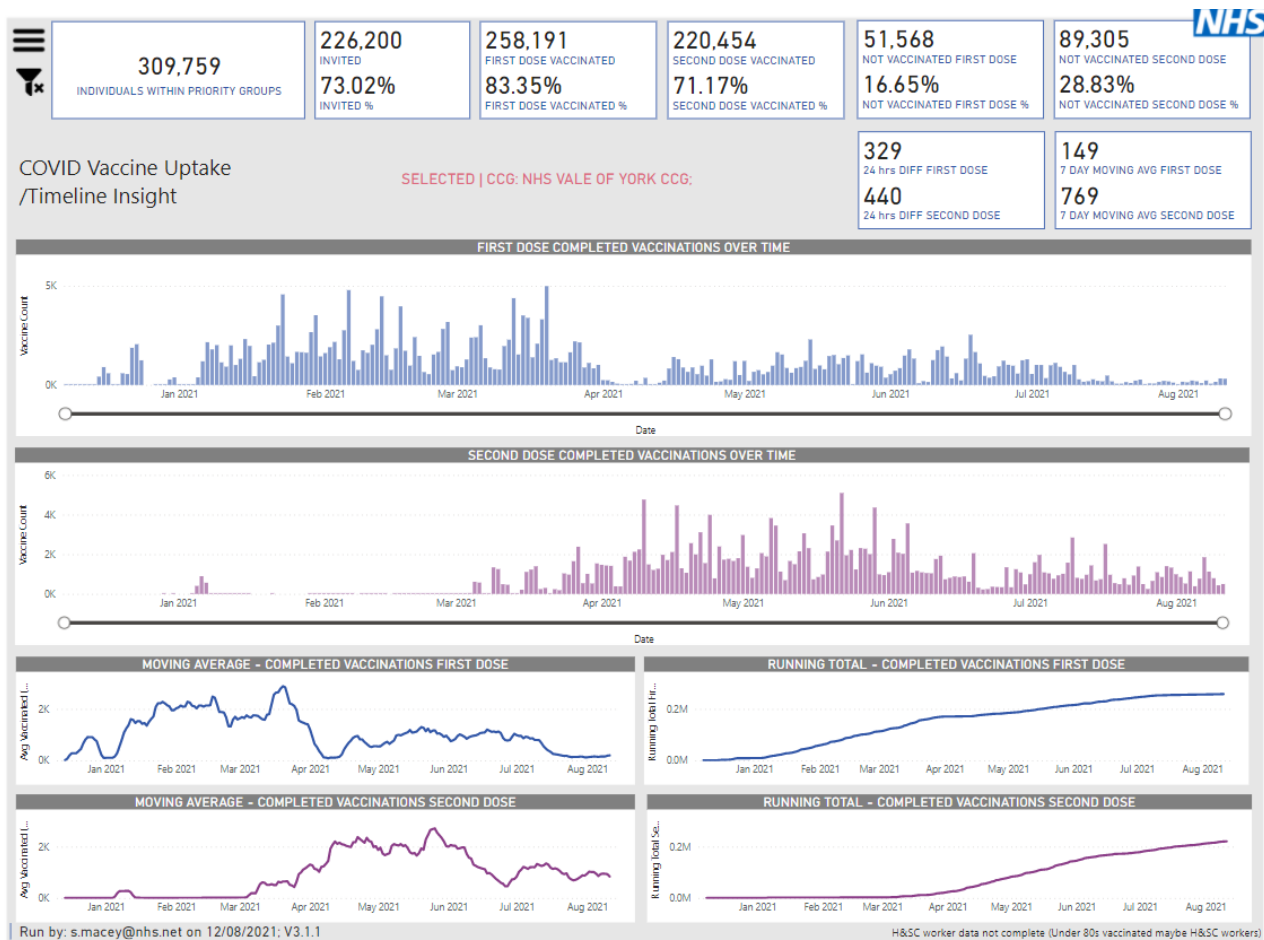
This programme has been delivered in 2 main phases to date. Phase 1 included Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) cohorts 1 to 9:

1. Residents in a care home for older adults and staff working in care homes for older adults
2. All those 80 years of age and over and frontline health and social care workers
3. All those 75 years of age and over
4. All those 70 years of age and over and clinically extremely vulnerable individuals
5. All those 65 years of age and over
6. Adults aged 16 to 65 years in an at-risk group
7. All those 60 years of age and over
8. All those 55 years of age and over
9. All those 50 years of age and over

Phase 2 included JCVI cohorts 10 to 12:

- 10. All those 40 to 49 years of age
- 11. All those 30 to 39 years of age
- 12. All those 18 years and over





2. Phase 3 Covid-19 Boosters and Seasonal Flu Vaccinations

General Practice (working through Primary Care Network PCN groupings) and selected Community Pharmacies have played a critical role in the success of Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the Covid-19 vaccination programme. Utilising their strong relationships in local places and neighbourhoods, PCN's and Pharmacies have helped to tackle vaccine inequalities and improve vaccination take-up.

Pending JCVI advice, the next and third phase of the Covid-19 vaccination programme will offer revaccination (with additional vaccine) for those at the highest risk, to maintain protection against the risk of severe illness, will and continue to offer vaccinations to those patients who did not take up or were previously not eligible to receive vaccination in Phases 1 and 2 (an 'evergreen' offer of vaccination).

The Covid-19 vaccination programme Phase 3 will be delivered alongside the seasonal flu vaccination programme, which runs each autumn. Together, the vaccinations will offer those at highest risk safe and effective protection against the risk of Covid-19 and seasonal flu.

Note that the Phase 3 Enhanced Service contract for Covid -19 vaccinations has also been amended to include:

'All those 16 years of age and over' in Cohort 12

'All those who are aged 12 to 15 years and at increased risk of serious Covid-19 disease who are the household contacts of individuals (either adults or children) who are immunosuppressed' in a new Cohort 13

Further detail re. eligible cohorts can be found in the Green Book Chapter 14a, and is regularly updated:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-the-green-book-chapter-14a>

At 12 August 2021, as per the NHS England/Improvement requirement, NHS Vale of York CCG has submitted expressions of interest from 6 Local Vaccination Services (LVS) for the delivery of vaccinations through Phase 3 of the Programme.

These sites will be complemented by the NHS England/Improvement commissioned Askham Bar Vaccination Centre, plus a small number of Community Pharmacy run sites (to be confirmed) that are intended to provide better access in areas of low uptake.

Site name	Postcode	PCN's included in opt-in	Site ID	Site ODS	Vaccs per week
The Galtres Centre LVS	YO61 3AD	South Hambleton & Ryedale	9823250	R0M6P	1,500
Haxby Health Centre LVS	YO32 2LL	PMG, YMG, WONE, York CC, York East	8207249	F2Q0L	3,000
Nimbuscare Askham Bar LVS	YO24 1LW	PMG, YMG, WONE, York CC, York East	6777057	J5E4F	21,000
Pickering LVS	YO18 8BL	South Hambleton & Ryedale	4281497	N7K2J	2,000
Selby Leisure Centre LVS	YO8 4BL	Selby Town*	1437691	L5P4T	7,000
Tadcaster Health Centre LVS	LS24 8HD	Tadcaster & Rural Selby	8328709	I1ROL	1,500
				Total	36,000
Nimbuscare Vaccination Centre**	YO24 1LW				
Community Pharmacy Sites tbc***					
* All Practices except Esckrick who will signpost to VC, Pharmacy, LVS's					
** NHSEI commissioned					
*** Targeting areas of low vaccination uptake					

All 6 LVS sites are already in operation and fully designated, having delivered Covid-19 vaccinations through Phases 1 and 2 of the programme.

All 6 LVS sites have stated that they will co-administer / co-locate Covid-19 boosters and flu vaccinations on behalf of their PCN's in accordance with clinical guidance and vaccine supplies.

Phase 3 of the programme will likely be delivered in 2 stages:

Stage 1 - the following persons should be offered a third dose Covid-19 booster vaccine and the annual flu vaccine, as soon as possible from September 2021:

- Adults aged 16 years and over who are immunosuppressed
- Those living in residential care homes for older adults
- All adults aged 70 years or over
- Adults aged 16 years and over who are considered clinically extremely vulnerable
- Frontline health and social care workers

Stage 2 - the following persons should be offered a third dose Covid-19 booster vaccine as soon as practicable after Stage 1, with equal emphasis on deployment of the flu vaccine where eligible:

- All adults aged 50 years and over
- Adults aged 16–49 years who are in an influenza or Covid-19 at-risk group
- Adult household contacts of immunosuppressed individuals

3. Addressing Inequalities and Access to Vaccination Services

Throughout the pandemic, the CCG has worked closely with system partners to ensure that all citizens have had equitable access to vaccination services, and that hard to reach or hesitant groups have been proactively contacted/engaged to offer vaccination.

Initiatives to improve access and encourage uptake will continue for both Covid-19 first/second doses, Covid-19 boosters, and flu vaccinations for eligible groups.

Examples of initiatives that have been tried and tested include:

- Provision of regular pop-up clinics in and around York City Centre through LVS and Community Pharmacy providers
- A focus on vaccine uptake at ward level in order to be able to focus resource where it is needed
- Focused work to address low uptake across the Chinese student community, working with the University of York and York St John University
- Planning with Universities re. student intake for the new academic year, and working to understand the vaccination status of overseas students
- Workplace vaccination initiatives with a number of employers in the Selby area
- Vaccination clinics for homeless people in the City of York
- Virtual Q&A sessions with GP's for care home staff ahead of the mandatory vaccination date
- CCG working with communities, (social) influencers, and diverse groups across its geography to encourage vaccine uptake and deliver lateral flow tests
- QR code posters for ease of scanning with mobile phones advertising vaccination clinics – placed in job centre, shops, University Practices, Pharmacies.
- Partnership working with Local Authority colleagues to analyse demographic information, contacting targeted cohorts with vaccination information, and community based promotion/engagement

4. Risks and Issues

Availability of Covid-19 booster and flu vaccine supplies will determine whether both vaccines can be co-administered (subject to JCVI approval) in a single contact with an individual

Type of vaccine supplied will influence flow and pace (if 15 minute waits are required), as will the ability to co-administer

Autumn/winter service pressures on key health and care services, and self-isolation requirements, may affect the availability of staff to run vaccination clinics – although the volunteer workforce is being used wherever possible to minimise any impact on core services

The approach to housebound patients is being reviewed, due to the challenges of capacity within the community nursing workforce.

Although first/second dose vaccination of cohorts 1 to 9 has been extremely successful (>90%), public engagement with the Covid-19 booster programme is an unknown

Any further social restrictions over autumn/winter may affect uptake of Covid-19 boosters and flu vaccinations