



EAST LOTHIAN COVID-19 VACCINATION PROGRAMME BRIEFING 25-02-21

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<p>Situation</p>	<p>Following approval of COVID-19 vaccinations by the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) and in line with advice on vaccination prioritisation from the Joint Committee of Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) the Scottish Government's vaccination plan of 14th January 2021¹ stated:</p> <p><i>"...we will have the workforce and the infrastructure to vaccinate 400,000 people each week by the end of February. Vaccination will take place in care homes, where needed into people's own homes, through GP surgeries, local vaccination clinics, community pharmacies, mobile vaccination units and mass vaccination centres.</i></p>
<p>Background</p>	<p>Planning for East Lothian's COVID Vaccination Programme is overseen by East Lothian Primary Care Vaccination Team. This links with the NHS Lothian Vaccination Programme Board.</p> <p>HSCP management secured dedicated clinical and administrative staffing from within the HSCP, through internal secondment and redeployment, to develop, manage and deliver the East Lothian programme. With this support, vaccinations are being delivered in line with the JCVI 9 category age and clinical risk related prioritisation programme.</p> <p>Vaccination data that follows in this report may be incomplete. Plans are nearing completion for a data dashboard, which will be easily accessible and based on daily refreshed data.</p>
<p>Assessment</p>	<p>Staff Vaccinations - East Lothian's staff clinic commenced on 8th December 2020 and concluded on 28th January 2021. This clinic ensured 3,183 priority 1 and 2 staff from across health and social care received a vaccination. The actual number of East Lothian staff vaccinated by this date is likely to be higher, as some received their vaccination at non-East Lothian sites.</p> <p>Second dose clinics for staff are operating over the weekends of 20th/21st and 27th/28th February and 27th/28th March, in line with national direction around second dose timings. This offers 2,300 further appointments locally.</p> <p>To maximise appointment uptake and to respond to challenges in staff accessing appointments, the vaccination management team introduced a local booking process. This also targeted specific groups including: independent contractors, HSCP staff, care homes and social care teams.</p> <p>Care Homes Vaccinations - As of 25th February 2021, 548 of the 594 residents and 455 of the staff in all 19 of the East Lothian care homes have received their first dose of vaccination. Care home staff could also access staff clinics, so the actual number of these staff vaccinated may be higher.</p> <p>The temporary suspension of vaccinations in Eskgreen Care Home following COVID-19 outbreak, delayed conclusion of the care home programme, but this recommenced when the outbreak ended.</p> <p>Vaccine uptake by residents in care home was very high, sometimes reaching 100%, with one at 86%. Every other home is at over 90%, with an average of 95%.</p> <p>Residents who did not receive the first vaccination dose (due to illness) are included in ongoing vaccination plans. These will make vaccination available to new care home admissions in this period and all future admissions, in the event they did not receive vaccination through another route.</p> <p>Similarly, arrangements are in development to ensure future unvaccinated staff joining care homes can access the vaccine. Despite these arrangements and ongoing education and awareness sessions for care</p>

¹ Coronavirus (COVID-19): vaccine deployment plan 2021 - www.tinyurl.com/39e4kw26



home staff to dispel myths around the vaccine and to increase confidence, it may remain the case that small numbers of these staff decline the vaccine.

Vaccine Uptake in Care Homes in HSCPs Across Lothian (at 25th February 2021)

	Number of Residents	Number of vaccinations	Number of declines	Number to 'mop up'*	% of eligible residents vaccinated
Midlothian	477	425	2 (0.46%)	50	89.10%
East Lothian	594	548	9 (1.5%)	39	92.30%
West Lothian	679	631	10 (1.4%)	36	92.90%
Edinburgh	2430	2184	46 (1.89%)	200	89.90%
TOTAL	4,180	3,788	67 (1.6%)	325 (7.8%)	90.60%

*The 'mop up' of care home vaccinations in East Lothian commenced on week beginning 22nd February 2021.

Colleagues running the staff clinics within East Lothian Community Hospital (ELCH) administered the hospital-based complex clinical care doses 1 and 2.

Over 80s Vaccinations - GP colleagues across the 15 East Lothian practices led the vaccination effort for the over 80s. Many practices have also undertaken vaccination of their housebound patients. Uptake across the practices was restricted at times due to vaccines supply limitations, but practices worked hard to ensure this group received a vaccination as supplies became available. Completion of the over 80s vaccination programme was achieved by mid-February.

75-79 and Clinically Extremely Vulnerable Vaccinations - General Practices undertook vaccination of this cohort from 1st February as part of a Directed Enhanced Service contact agreement.

Housebound Programme Vaccination - Over 80s - Vaccination of this cohort was achieved through joint work between GPs, East Lothian District Nursing Team, CTACS and the East Lothian Vaccination Service.

Housebound Programme Vaccination - Under 80s - this commenced in early February and is being delivered by the District Nursing and CTACS teams.

East Lothian Council transport department is supporting the CTACS housebound programme by providing a driver to support the nurses with visits. This has increased the team's daily visit capacity; ensuring vaccination of patients at the earliest opportunity.

Public Clinic Vaccinations - ELHSCP COVID vaccination clinics opened on 1st Feb 2020, operating out of purpose-built vaccination stations in East Lothian Community Hospital, between the hours of 8am - 5pm, Monday to Friday and starting with the 70-75 age cohort. Its initial capacity of 1,025 appointments per week increased to 1,950 from the 15th February.

The clinic has the potential to increase capacity further to operate over weekends if sufficient vaccine supply can be secured and if demand and staffing allows.

The clinic receives support from a team of vaccinators, including ELHSCP employees seconded into the service, bank staff, volunteers and staff registered to support the programme and NHS volunteers and logistics staff to provide a safe patient journey.

Extra and greatly appreciated administration support has also come from East Lothian Council.

Queen Margaret University 'drive through' mass vaccination clinic opened on the 15th of February. It is delivering variable numbers of vaccinations to reflect demand and vaccine supply.



East Lothian HSCP COVID Vaccination Data

Source: National Clinical Datastore/GPIT - extracted: 25th February 2021

Cohort	Total No. of Vaccinations ^{1,2}	No. in Cohort ³	% Uptake Rate
Age 80 and over	4,777	5,119	93.3
Age 75 - 79	4,156	4,377	95.0
Clinically Extremely Vulnerable	2,088	2,698	77.4
Age 70 - 74	5,180	5,637	91.9
Age 65 - 69	5,081	5,743	88.5
At Risk and Carers ⁵	1,523	X ⁵	X ⁵

Notes / Definitions

1. Total no. of vaccinations = the number of completed vaccinations for East Lothian residents.
2. For each patient, the highest priority cohort they appear in is selected (i.e. a patient is only counted once).
3. No. in cohort is provisional and may change.
4. Includes data not included in the NCDS from GPIT.
5. The number of people who are in the 'At Risk / Carers' and their % uptake rate, is still not yet available as only part of this cohort has been identified so far.

Recommendations

East Lothian Integration Joint Board is asked to:

- Note the progress made in establishing and making good progress in delivering the COVID-19 Vaccination Programme in East Lothian, in line with Scottish Government policy.
- Acknowledge the important support to the vaccination programme provided by HSCP staff, East Lothian Council staff, volunteers and partners and their role in maintaining safe and effective vaccine service provision.