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# COVID-19 Vaccination Programme Update

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Health & Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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# The story so far...

**8 Dec** - first UK patient vaccinated;

**15 Dec** - first Northumberland patient vaccinated;

**3** types of vaccine currently being used;

**399,180** doses given to Northumberland residents;

Over **2,000** staff & volunteers involved in our county;

**7,534** - most doses given in N'land in 1 day (20 Mar);

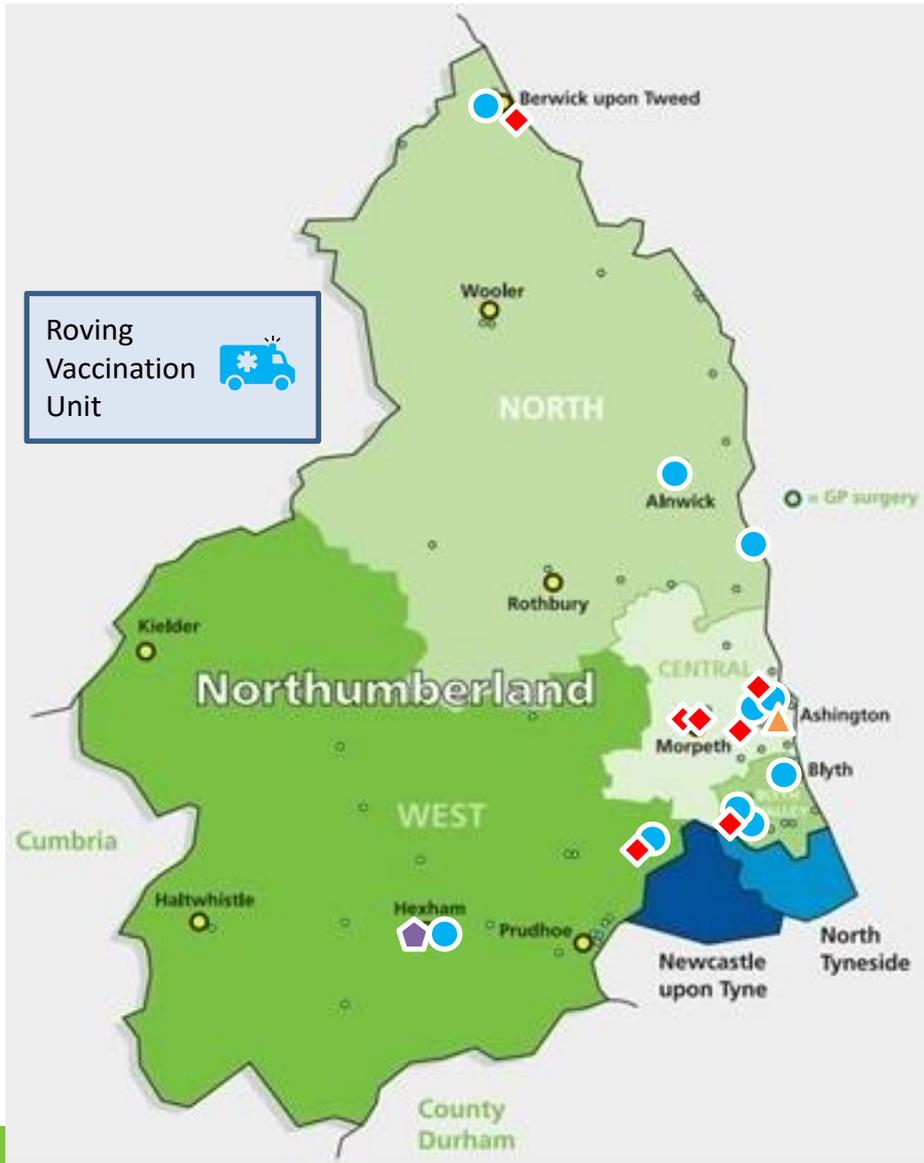
**83.4%** of our population have had a first dose;

**19** vaccination sites across Northumberland, and...

**1** Roving Vaccination Unit ensuring no-one is left behind



# Vaccination Sites in Northumberland



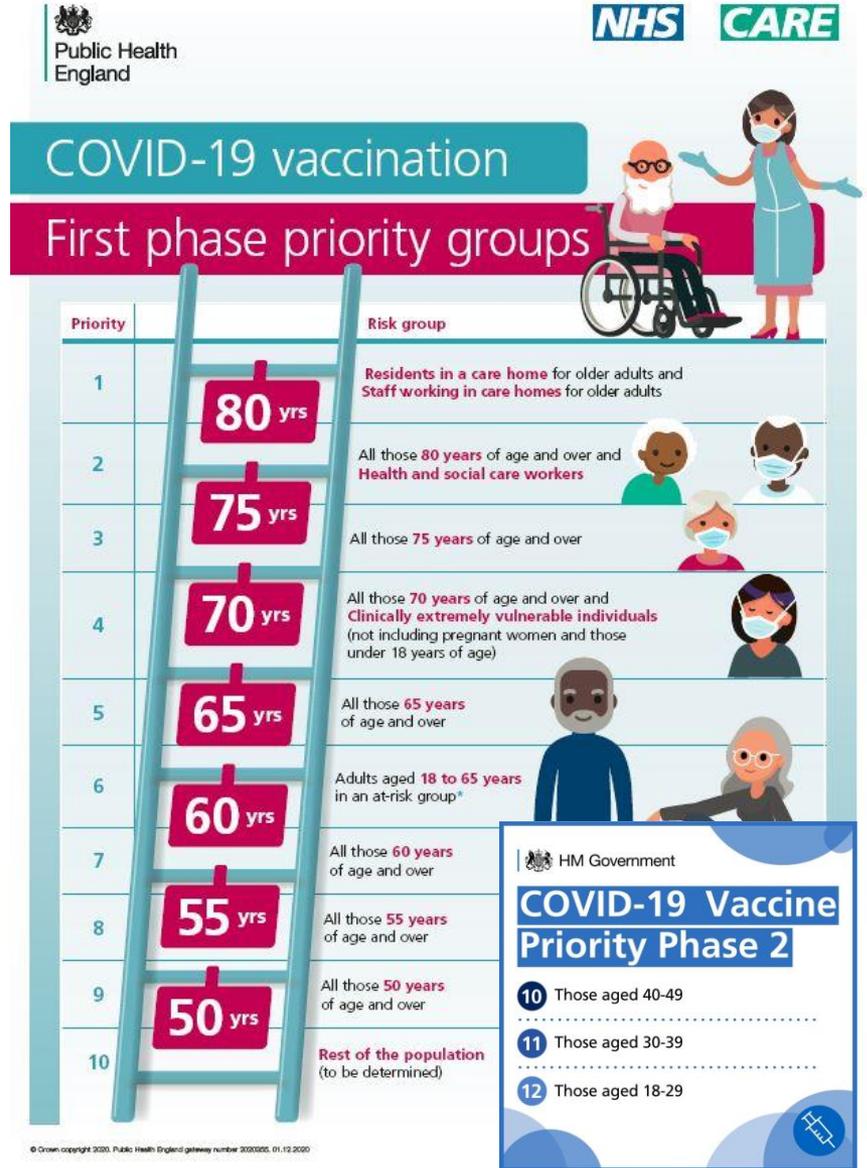
- **10** Primary Care Network Local Vaccination Services (PCN LVS)
  - **7** Community Pharmacies
  - **1** Hospital Hub (Wansbeck)
  - **1** Vaccination Centre (Hexham)
  - **1** Roving Vaccination Unit
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- PCN and Hospital Hub sites operate **local call & recall**
  - Community Pharmacy and Vaccination Centres are available via the **National Booking Service (NBS)**

- PCN Local Vaccination Service
- Community Pharmacy
- Hospital Hub
- Vaccination Centre

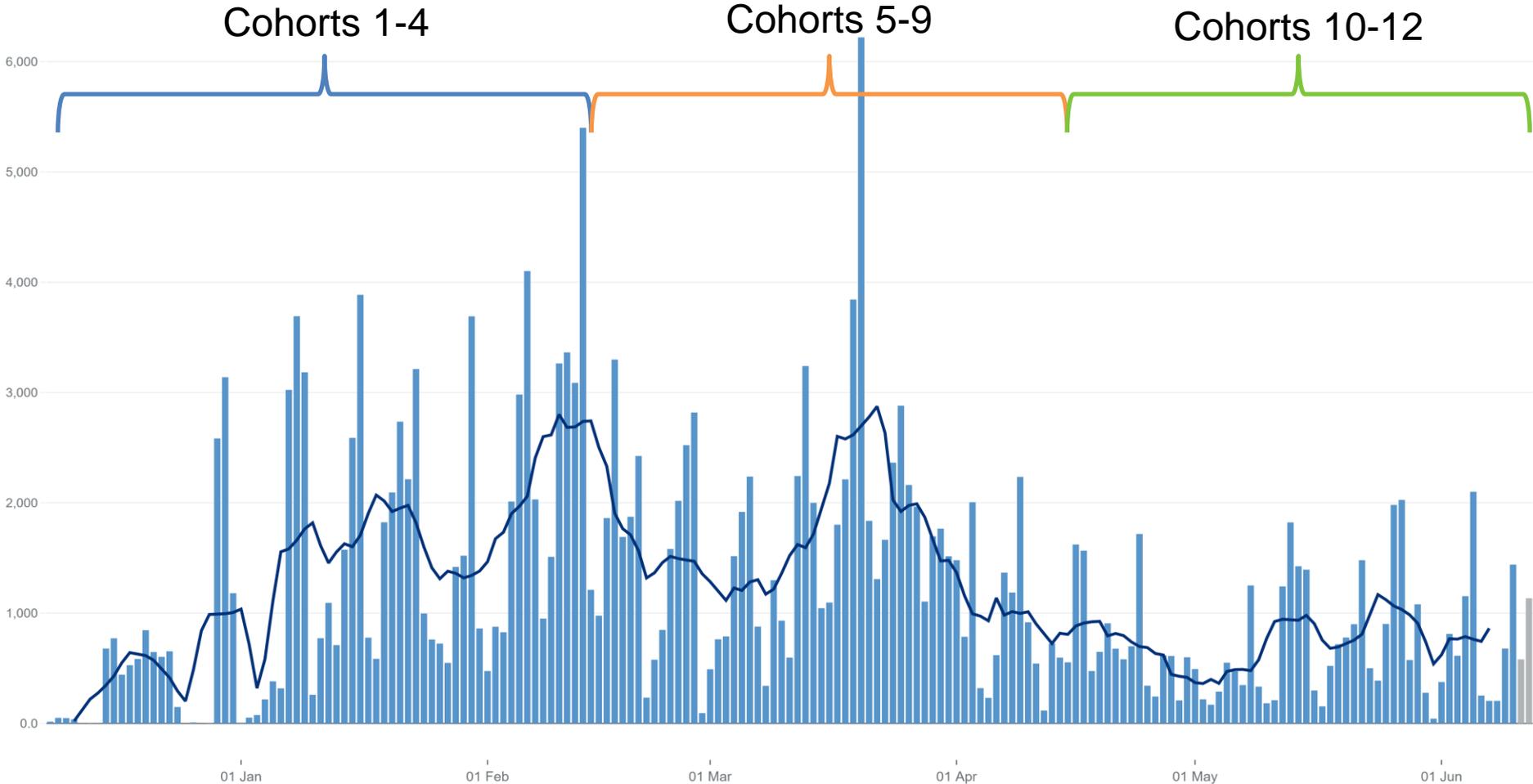
# Priority Groups

**Phase 1:** all over 50 and those considered Clinically Extremely Vulnerable (cohort 4) or in an at risk group (cohort 6). All were **offered** a first dose by 15 April; an **evergreen offer** remains...

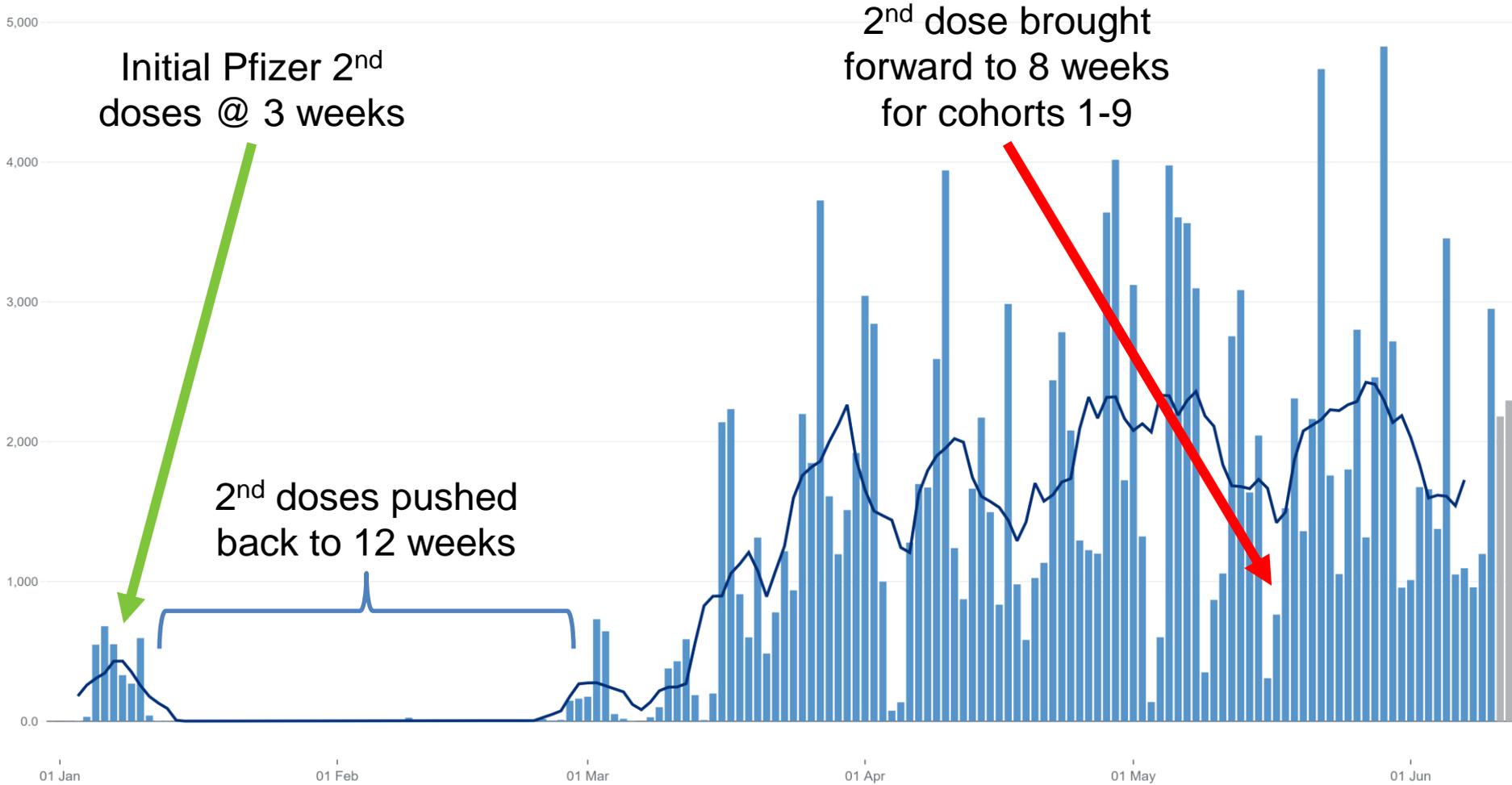
**Phase 2:** in progress, offer of vaccination has currently been extended to all those **aged 25 and over**. Target to have offered everybody over the age of 18 a first dose by **18 July**



# First doses: Northumberland residents

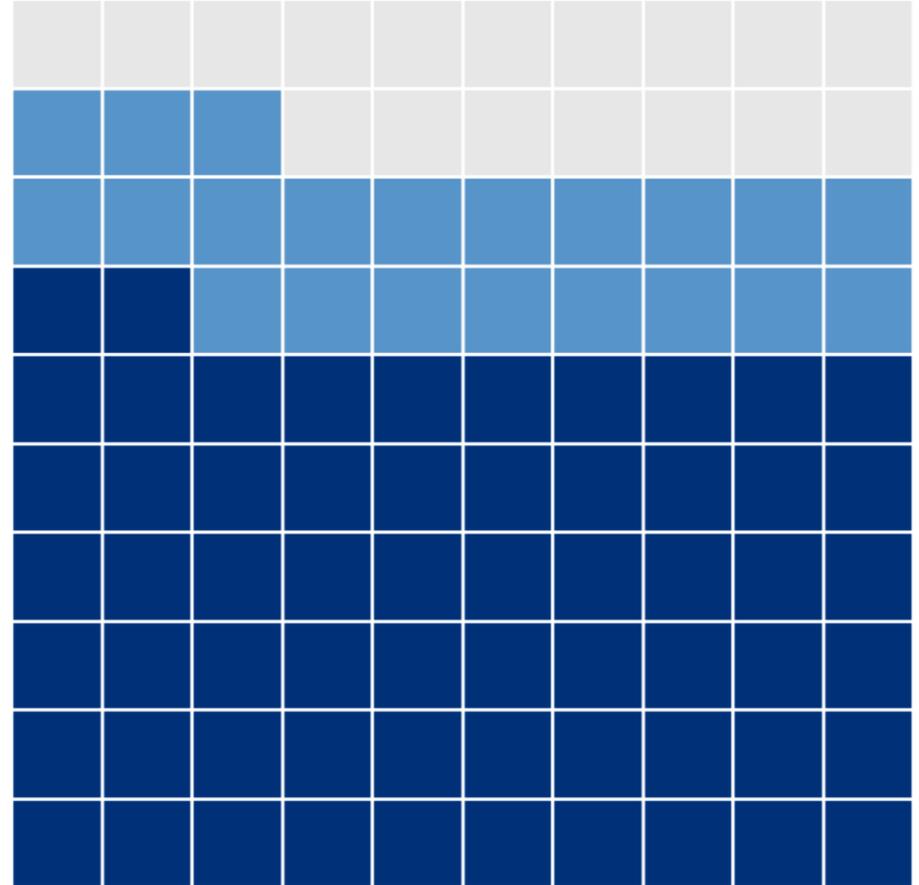


# Second doses: Northumberland residents



# Vaccine Uptake in Northumberland

Northumberland has the **highest % uptake of first doses (83.4%)** of any Upper Tier Local Authority (UTLA) area in **England** (out of 150)



1<sup>st</sup> Dose: 83.4%, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dose: 62.7%



# Latest position (as at 14 June 2021)

- **399,180** doses given to Northumberland residents
  - **227,884** first doses (**83.4%** of eligible population)
  - **171,296** second doses (**62.7%** of eligible population)
- **Care Homes (as at 6 June 2021)**

Setting	Group	% not having had COVID-19 in last 28 days reported to be vaccinated <b>with at least one dose</b>	% not having had COVID-19 in last 28 days reported to be vaccinated <b>with a second dose</b>
Older Adult Care Homes	Residents	<b>96.0%</b> (2,306)	<b>94.0%</b> (2,258)
	Staff	<b>88.3%</b> (2,952)	<b>78.8%</b> (2,632)
Younger Adult Care Homes	Residents	<b>90.2%</b> (175)	<b>75.8%</b> (147)
	Staff	Reported separately – see next slide	

# Social Care Staff (as at 7 June 2021)

Setting	% total staff reported to be vaccinated with <b>at least one dose</b>	% total staff reported to be vaccinated <b>with a second dose</b>
Independent CQC-Registered <b>Younger Adult Care Homes</b>	<b>90.6%</b> (414 staff)	<b>72.9%</b> (333 staff)
Independent CQC-Registered <b>Domiciliary Care Providers</b>	<b>91.6%</b> (2,300 staff)	<b>75.2%</b> (1,889 staff)
<b>Other Settings</b> (including Non-Registered Providers and Local Authority Employed)	<b>89.7%</b> (2,512 staff)	<b>No Data</b>

There is currently work ongoing nationally with LAs to improve accuracy of data in the Capacity Tracker. This will mean there are potentially some fluctuation in both the number of staff and total numbers of vaccines.



# Hospital Hub (Northumbria FT)

- **Northumbria Healthcare FT** delivered vaccinations for frontline health and social care staff from two Hospital Hubs at Wansbeck General Hospital and North Tyneside General Hospital
- Fantastic **multi-agency collaboration** between CCG, LA, SVOC, NECS and the FT to identify and book staff into slots
- **33,492** doses delivered from Northumbria sites
  - **17,258** first doses
  - **16,234** second doses
  - Mop-up clinics planned for remaining second doses

# Vaccines being used in the UK

- Cohorts 1-9 have been vaccinated in line with JCVI guidance with a mix of **Pfizer/BioNTech** & **Oxford/AstraZeneca** vaccines
- JCVI advise use of **alternative** vaccine to Oxford/AstraZeneca for **cohorts 10-12** (all those under 40) due to potential risk of blood clotting
  - NB: this risk remains incredibly small (approx. 0.0006%) and much less than the risk of clotting from other causes, including COVID-19 (16.5%)
- **Pfizer/BioNTech** and **Oxford/AstraZeneca** vaccines have been used in PCN, Community Pharmacy and Hospital Hub sites
- **Moderna** vaccine has been used in small quantities in Vaccination Centres and a small number of Community Pharmacies
- **Janssen** vaccine approved by MHRA (due for use later in 2021)
- **Valneva** & **Novavax** products currently being assessed by MHRA



# Northumberland Vaccine Equity Board

- Joint group established between **CCG** and **LA Public Health** colleagues with multi-agency representation
- **Identifying** and **addressing** potential areas of inequity within the vaccination roll out
- Priorities are **BAME** groups – especially black communities, **GRT** communities, **LD/SMI** registered patients, **socio-economic deprivation**
- **Rurality** and **travel time** also key considerations
- Regional comms group established to tackle vaccine **hesitancy** and increase vaccine **confidence**
- Intention is for PCN-led **Roving Vaccination Unit (RVU)** to target harder to reach groups



# Northumberland's Roving Vaccination Unit

- **PCN-led** model of mobile vaccine delivery to take vaccines to our most **remote** and **isolated** communities
- Commissioned to target **harder to reach** groups and also to ensure **local provision** in West Northumberland following PCN decision to 'opt-out' of delivery of phase 2 of the programme
- RVU launched in **Bellingham** in early-April
- Partnership with **Northumberland Fire & Rescue Service** to deliver pop-up clinics at Fire Station sites across the county
- RVU has also vaccinated at **homeless shelters** and independent **residential settings**
- Piloted **workplace vaccinations** with great success (e.g. Egger – Hexham and RPC Ltd – Haltwhistle)
- Assisted North Tyneside CCG with '**surge**' **vaccinations** in response to rising case of the Delta variant



# Northumberland's Roving Vaccination Unit

The RVU received both **local** and **national** media coverage and interest from other CCGs and national NHS colleagues:

## **i** News **'Roving' Covid vaccine van reaches hard-to-reach people in remote Northumberland areas**

Health workers operating out of the van have vaccinated more than 100 people in its first two days

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### Northumberland roving vaccination service 'so no-one left behind'

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**EGGER Group**  
11 May

Yesterday we hosted The Roving COVID Vaccination van at our site in Hexham. The team were able to vaccinate 79 people from our plant and local businesses. Set up by the NHS Northumberland Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and Cramlington Seaton Valley Primary Care Network, the pop-up van has been specially modified to safely transport jabs to the most rural parts of the county. #thankyouNHS

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# Why have we been so successful?

- Incredible **engagement** from highly motivated and dedicated teams across health and social care in Northumberland
- Central **co-ordination** by CCG with joint CCG/LA leadership
- PCNs have **collaborated** across GP practice and locality boundaries to deliver a fantastic service
- Strong **system leadership** by SVOC and a great relationship between our CCG and SVOC has enabled pragmatic solutions
- Effective **communication** with stakeholders and patients
- Fantastic **integration and co-operation** between CCG, PCNs, Public Health, Local Authority, Northumbria FT, Community Services, Voluntary Sector, Healthwatch, and many others has enabled a comprehensive offer to residents
- Public **support** for, **confidence** in, and **engagement** with the vaccination programme has been excellent



# What have been the biggest challenges?

- National **command & control** has left local teams with the burden of responsibility to deliver but very limited control
- Several **course corrections** and changes in guidance, often at very short notice and usually in the media first
- Unpredictable **supply chain** and **push** model of deliveries has made planning (of both workforce and delivery) incredibly difficult
- Nationally mandated decisions have not always reflected the need for local interpretation and flexibility
- **Multiple routes** to access vaccinations (i.e. National Booking Service vs local 'call & recall') has caused confusion and inconvenience for patients and frustration for providers
- The sheer **size & scale** of the programme; the biggest vaccination programme in NHS history, already 6 times bigger (71.6m) than the annual flu vaccine programme (c.12m) in just 7 months



# Next steps...

- Working to the new target of having offered everybody **over the age of 18** a first dose by **18 July**
- Continuing to **bring forward** second doses for **all those over 40**
- **Promote** importance of second dose uptake to provide **greater protection** to patients and **reduce** opportunities for transmission
- **Maximise uptake** and cohort penetration across all JCVI priority groups, including revisiting those who have previously refused
- **Collaborate** and **co-operate** across delivery models (PCN, Community Pharmacy, Vaccination Centre) to ensure that as many people are vaccinated as quickly as possible
- **Phase 3** – continue to prepare and plan for a **potential** Autumn COVID-19 booster programme alongside flu vaccinations for the over 50s and possible vaccination of 12-17 year olds against COVID-19 – **details expected to be confirmed nationally soon**



# Key Messages

- Younger people should **come forward** for their vaccine as soon as they are contacted – either by PCN or NBS – to **take up the offer** of a vaccine
- A **second dose** of the vaccine is **incredibly important** to provide maximum protection and reduce transmission
- PCN sites will continue to prioritise patients accordingly and **we need public confidence and understanding** as they deliver vaccines alongside routine general practice
- The vaccines are **SAFE** and **EFFECTIVE** and people should discuss any concerns with a clinician
- The key message as we continue is still for people to **'wait your turn, please be patient, you will NOT be missed.**



# Any questions?



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We'll let you know when your Covid-19 vaccine is ready for you.

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