

City and Hackney Covid Vaccinations Programme: Latest Progress and Planning for Phase 3	
HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD - 2nd September 2021	CLASSIFICATION: Open
WARD(S) AFFECTED All wards affected across City and Hackney	
Group Director	

1. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE

This report provides the Health and Wellbeing Board with an update on the following:

1. Current progress for vaccination cohorts 1-12
2. Outreach programme aimed at reducing vaccination inequalities
3. Lower Super Output Area work
4. Children and Young People
 - a. 12-15 year olds
 - b. 16-17 year olds
 - c. 17 and 9 months
5. Younger people's programme – 18-25
6. Phase 3 Planning and Delivery

1. Current Progress For Vaccinating Cohorts 1-12

The main focus for all the vaccination planning and delivery has been cohorts 1-12 as they have come onstream. The Joint Committee for Vaccination and Immunisation has provided the national steer on when cohort vaccination commences supported by the NHS at both National and NEL level. It is important to note that the vaccination programme has required City and Hackney ICP to act a system, with strong collaboration across its partners.

Table 1 below shows the current uptake rates across the different cohorts (as of 16 August 2021)

Please select date: 16-Aug						1st Vaccinations		2nd Vaccinations	
	Cohort Size	First Vaccination	% Vaccinated	Fully vaccinated	% Second Vaccination	wow change (%)	wow change (#)	wow change (%)	wow change (#)
1. Older adult residents in a care home	316	284	90%	274	87%	-1%	-3	-1%	-3
2. 80 years of age and over	5168	4360	84%	4201	81%	0%	11	0%	17
3. 75 years of age and over	4016	3402	85%	3299	82%	0%	8	1%	17
4. 70 years of age and CEV	20902	16559	79%	15547	74%	0%	33	0%	60
5. 65 years of age and over	7148	5804	81%	5597	78%	0%	12	0%	23
6. 16-64 years of age and at risk of COVID	26906	18700	70%	16871	63%	0%	89	1%	216
7. 60 years of age and over	6659	4952	74%	4690	70%	0%	20	1%	30
8. 55 years of age and over	10300	7371	72%	6885	67%	0%	1	1%	48
9. 50 years of age and over	12737	9036	71%	8322	65%	0%	22	1%	75
10. 40 - 49 years of age	39754	24233	61%	21233	53%	0%	101	3%	528
11. 30 - 39 years of age	73744	41678	57%	31001	42%	1%	258	12%	3,331
12. 18-29 years of age	58800	29606	50%	13003	22%	1%	431	25%	2,630
Totals Cohort 1-4	30,402	24,605	81%	23,321	77%	0%	49	0%	91
Totals Cohort 1-6	64,456	49,109	76%	45,789	71%	0%	150	1%	330
Totals Cohort 1-9	94,152	70,468	75%	65,686	70%	0%	196	1%	486
Totals Cohort 1-12	266450	165985	62%	130923	49%	1%	983	6%	6,972

Table 2 shows comparative performance across local authority populations in North East London:

Borough	Total eligible population	First Dose	%	Second Dose	%
Barking	171159	108028	63.1%	88066	51.5%
City & Hackney	266450	165985	62.3%	130923	49.1%
Havering	220146	171873	78.1%	146686	66.6%
Newham	339112	203480	60.0%	156006	46.0%
Redbridge	264949	185131	69.9%	156494	59.1%
Tower Hamlets	294459	190361	64.6%	138341	47.0%
Waltham Forest	254381	162827	64.0%	133169	52.4%
Grand Total	1810656	1187685	65.6%	949685	52.4%

Table 3 show comparative performance across City and Hackney Primary Care Networks (PCNs):

PCN	Cohort Size	First dose	% 1 st Dose	Received 2 nd dose	% Second dose
Clissold Park (NW2)	29419	19276	66%	15259	52%
Hackney Downs (NE2)	29108	17057	59%	13404	46%
Hackney Marshes (SE1)	34165	20737	61%	16427	48%
London Fields (SW1)	41825	28099	67%	22469	54%
Shoreditch Park & City (SW2)	50154	31672	63%	24966	50%
Springfield Park (NE1)	23717	11424	48%	8681	37%
Well Street Common (SE2)	30660	19416	63%	14973	49%
Woodberry Wetlands (NW1)	27402	18304	67%	14744	54%

Table 1 shows that we have slowed down on our improvement overall. We had seen a 1% week-on-week improvement across cohorts 1-9 and even this increase required a number of key actions to be taken:

- a) 5 week additional surge capacity commissioned via Local Vaccination Site additional hours and pharmacy additional hours across June and July
- b) Commissioning additional clinics from PCNs and GP practices to maximise delivery of 2nd dose AZ
- c) Ensuring key GP practice-based searches undertaken to support targeted call and recall activity
- d) Offer of Pfizer to all cohorts in 1-9 who were unvaccinated – around 1,000 patient requested Pfizer
- e) Managing supply of vaccines (particularly for LVSs) to ensure sufficient supply
- f) Key focus on outreach and community engagement as described in Section 2
- g) Specific work carried out with unvaccinated social care staff to ensure a 1-to-1 conversation to understand individual issues and try and improve vaccine confidence and uptake
- h) Surge vaccination weekend on 10th and 11th July at Hackney Service Centre vaccinating around 1500 people, mostly second doses Pfizer

Further work continues with the aim of reaching a minimum of 80% across all cohorts while still aiming to achieve the NEL target of 90% across all cohorts. Some key actions taking place currently are:

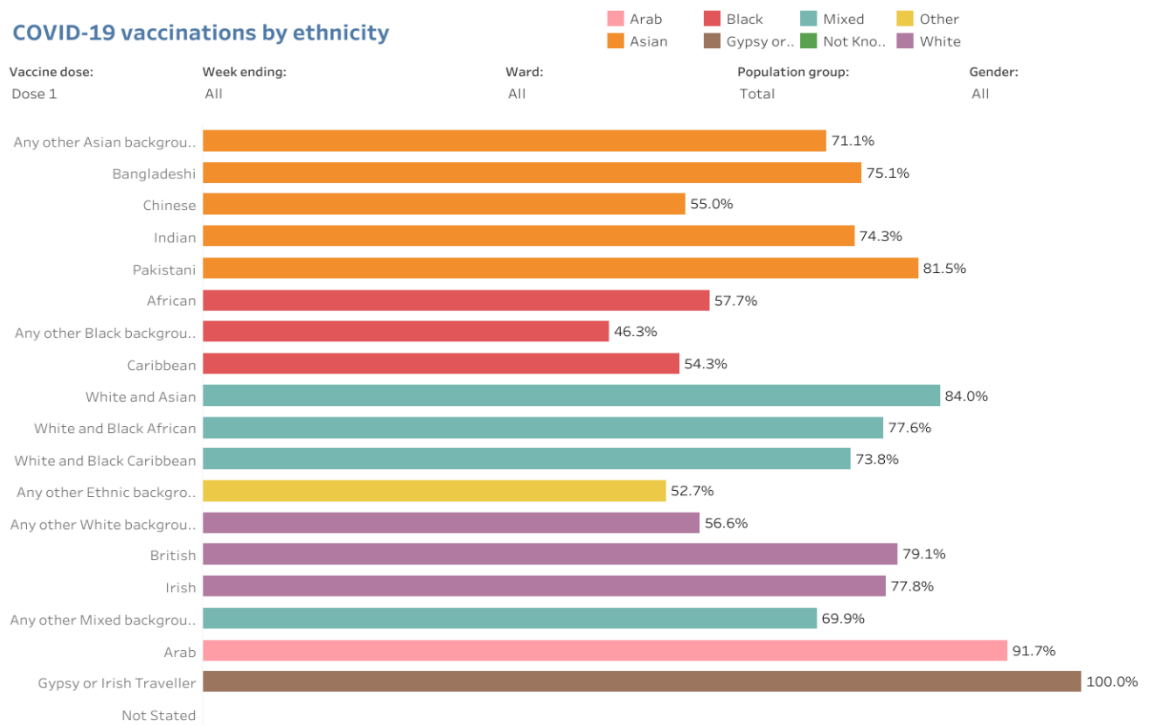
- a) A centralised call and recall team has been established that is systematically contacting unvaccinated patients and having vaccine confidence conversations. This is embryonic and the service is aiming to contact 2,000 patients per week. Early data is indicating that 1 in 10 patients is willing to be vaccinated. Some patients are taking a “wait and see” approach while others are very much decliners, the latter include a significant outstanding number of Clinically Extremely Vulnerable. Those patients may have had a number of clinical conversations already and there is some degree of vaccine fatigue with them.
- b) NEL undertook a centralised process to write to all unvaccinated patients in Cohort 12 (18-29 year olds). The HWB will be aware of the national publicity relating to younger people who have not come forward for any vaccination. There have been national level campaigns, followed up by NEL level communications and within City and Hackney we are looking at a specific programme for this cohort. It is difficult to say at the moment what impact the NEL letter has had so we continue to monitor performance weekly. It should be noted that the uptake within 20-24 year olds varies significantly with ethnicity – **vaccination rates for white population for 20-24 year olds was 59% compared with only 25% of black population as of 26 July**. We are working as a system to develop and implement an engagement and communication plan to improve this position (see Section 5).
- c) A specific piece of work has been done with adult social care and our over 80’s population who remain unvaccinated. Through agreed data sharing Adult Social Care have cross referenced all unvaccinated patients to both ensure that contact details are up-to-date (a recurring theme for some patients across cohorts) and where possible to have a conversation with those receiving any social care service about vaccination. All patient details are now being transferred to central Call/Recall services for further follow up.

Table 2 shows a comparison across NEL local authority areas. As you can see from the data, City and Hackney are no longer the worst performing area but have moved up to 2nd from bottom for 1st vaccinations and 3rd from bottom for 2nd vaccinations.

Table 3 shows that comparison across PCNs. This obviously takes into account particular communities where we know vaccine confidence and uptake is poorer as well as Middle Layer Super Output Areas (MSOA) and Lower Layer Super Output Areas (LSOA). The City and Hackney system is well aware of uptake issues within Springfield Park PCN. It should be noted that this PCN includes many people from our Orthodox Jewish community. We have undertaken specific work with them, with community groups and with Rabbis and continue to plan further community engagement and pop-ups to try and support them to be able to access vaccinations. Further pop-ups are planned inside synagogues at the request of Rabbis.

Table 4 and 5 show overall uptake by ethnicity for all cohorts and uptake across ethnic groups for each cohort:

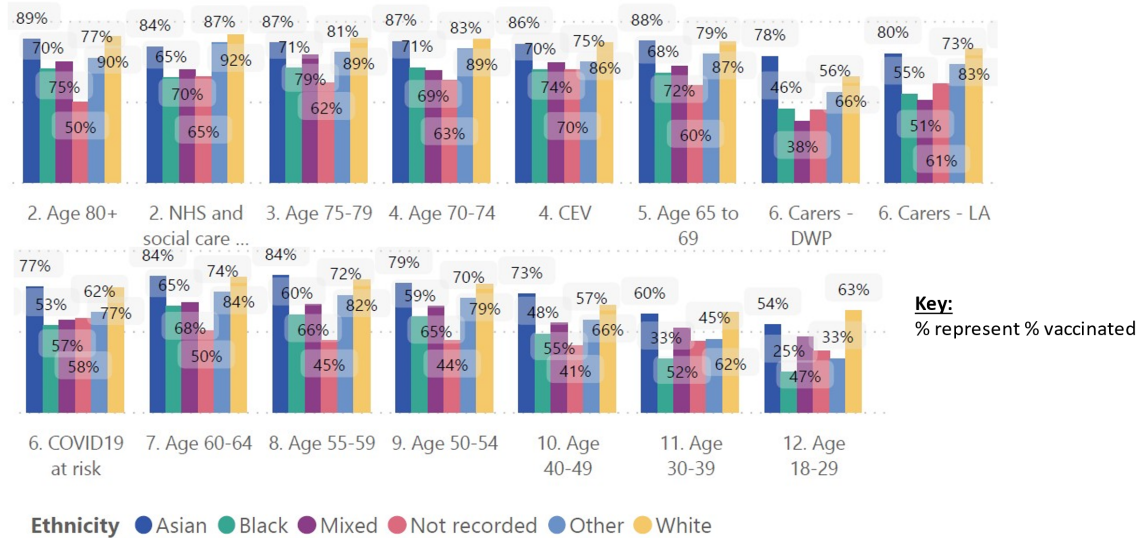
COVID-19 vaccinations by ethnicity



COVID-19 Vaccinations: Cohort by CCG & Ethnicity



City and Hackney: Percent of Eligible Population Vaccinated (current cohorts)



*** Report as of 08 August

We have used all of the above data to inform our engagement work and our communications work e.g Sunday mornings at John Scott Health Centre attracted many Chinese people, many undocumented, as walk-ins and word of mouth meant that this was routinely used for this community, and we have commissioned specific work from community groups such as CAN and SWIM to work with our black British, black African and black Caribbean communities to improve vaccine confidence and vaccine uptake.

2. Outreach Programme aimed at Reducing Health Inequalities

City and Hackney ICP was successful in bidding for national funding made available to local systems to improve vaccine confidence in certain communities where vaccine uptake was low and help reduce vaccine inequalities, as outlined in section 1. City and Hackney used its local uptake data to determine key populations that might benefit from community engagement work aligned to the provision of pop-up vaccination clinics. Partners collaborated to develop and implement a grant-funded system for local community groups to bid for monies to support this engagement.

A range of community groups were funded to work with their communities, enable conversations and information about the vaccine, with the aim of

improving vaccine confidence. This work was then aligned to a specific pop-up vaccination clinic, managed by the Bart's Health outreach team, at a specific venue for that community. Community groups undertook engagement on the day of the pop-up to ensure maximum delivery.

Table 4 shows the range of community engagement and pop-up vaccination clinics held over June and July this year. Community engagement continues until the end of September with further pop-up vaccination clinics. Collaboration across the local CCG, Public Health and Voluntary and Community Services has delivered this community engagement model.

Upcoming Community Led and other targeted clinics

Date	Time	Location
Thursday 24 June	2pm-6pm	Pembury Community Centre, 1 Atkins Square, Dalston Ln, Lower Clapton, London E8 1FA in partnership with CAN
Thursday 24 June	10am-3pm	St Leonards Hospital, Nutall Street, Hoxton, N15LZ
Friday 25 June	10am-2pm	Halkevi Community Centre, 31-33 Dalston Land, London E8 3DF
Friday 25 June	10am-3pm	St Leonards Hospital, Nutall Street, Hoxton, N15LZ
Sunday 27 June	8.30am-3pm	St John Scott Local Vaccination Site in partnership with Hackney Chinese Community Services
Sunday 27 June	12-4pm	Morningside Community Centre, Cresset Rd, London E9 6SJ in partnership with Bangla Housing
Monday 28 June	1pm-3pm	The Ark Suite, Cricketfield Road, Clapton, E5 8NS in partnership with Uprising Community Club
Thursday 1 July	10am-3pm	St Leonards Hospital, Nutall Street, Hoxton, N15LZ
Friday 2 July	10:15am-12:15pm	Recovery Centre - Primrose Square, 23 Primrose Square, E9 7TS - vaccine clinic for people with SMI
Friday 2 July	12:45pm -15:30pm	East Wing Homerton Hospital, E9 6SR - Vaccine clinic for people with SMI
Saturday 3 July	12-4pm	Pembury Community Centre, 1 Atkins Square, Dalston Ln, Lower Clapton, London E8 1FA in partnership with Kanlungan
Sunday 4 July	12-4pm	Pembury Community Centre, 1 Atkins Square, Dalston Ln, Lower Clapton, London E8 1FA in partnership with Kanlungan
Monday 5 July	TBC	Greenhouse GP Practice - Vaccine clinic for homeless and asylum seekers
Wednesday 7 July	10.30am-2.30pm	Halkevi Community Centre, 31-33 Dalston Land, London E8 3DF
Saturday 10 July	12-4pm	Hindle House Community Centre, Hindle House estate, Arcola Street, E8 2DZ in partnership with Coffee Afrik
Sunday 11 July	12-4pm	Round Chapel Old School Room, 1D Glenarm Rd, Lower Clapton, London E5 0LY
Wednesday 14 July	10am-2pm	Ridley Road market in partnership with Community African Network
Friday 16 July	10am-2pm	St Thomas More Church, 9 Henry Road, Finsbury Park, N4 2UH in partnership with the Irish Elderly Advice Network (Irish traveller community)
Tuesday 20 July	10am-2pm	St Thomas More Church, 9 Henry Road, Finsbury Park, N4 2UH in partnership with the Irish Elderly Advice Network (Irish traveller community)
Wednesday 21 July	10am-2pm	Rowley Gardens, Woodberry Down, N4 1HJ in partnership with Community African Network - location TBC
Saturday 24 July	11am-3pm	Clixsold Park (near the cafe) in partnership with Turkish Cypriot Community Association
Monday 26 July	11am-3pm	The Ark Suite, Cricketfield Road, Clapton, E5 8NS in partnership with Uprising Community Club

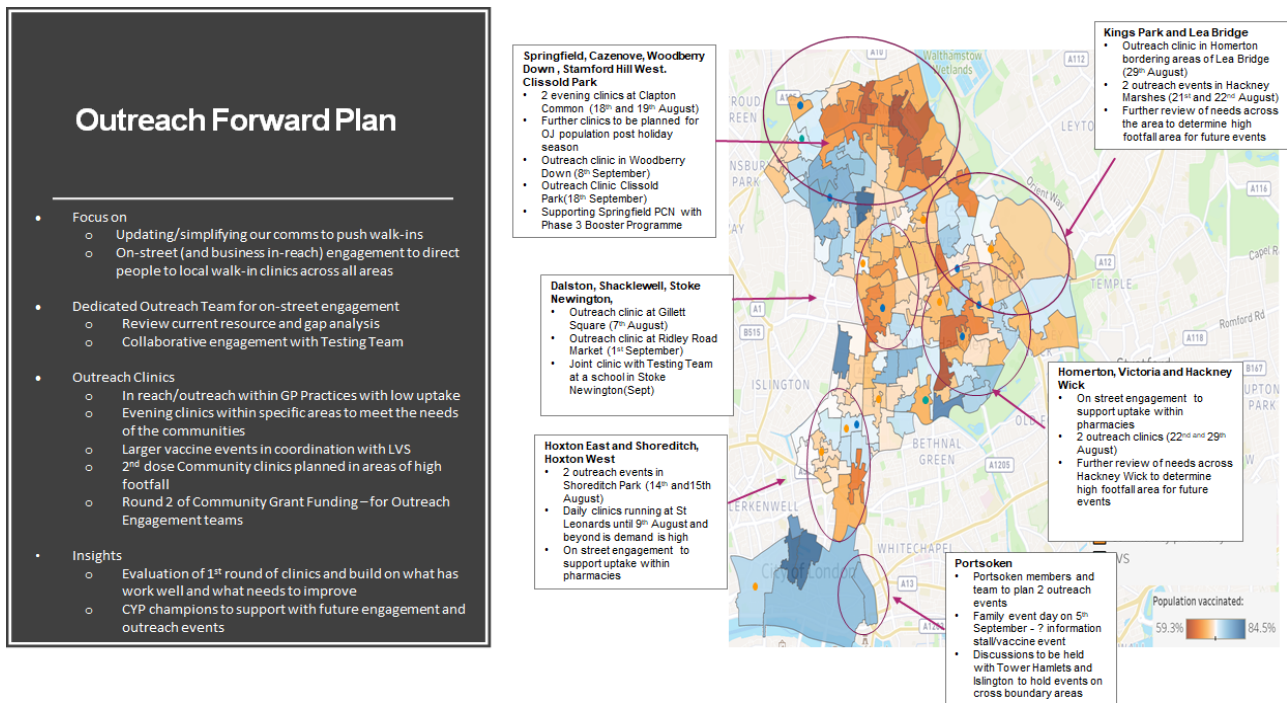
The CCG and Public Health have jointly agreed to fund an extension of the community engagement work until the end of March to ensure appropriate engagement through the booster and flu programme. This is currently being worked through.

3. Local Super Output Area Work

There has been a national, London and NEL focus to increase uptake in those LSOA/MSOAs which show the least amount of uptake across each local authority area. Our system had used PCN and GP practice

geographies to undertake focused work with particular communities but there has been an additional ask to ensure that there is community engagement and a vaccination offer to specific identified LSOAs.

Figure 1 demonstrates our key LSOA areas and the latest work that we are undertaking to support the engagement and vaccination offer, e.g. pop-ups:



4. Children and Young People

This has become an increasingly complicated picture as different cohorts are identified, the vaccine offer varies between cohorts, access to booking systems vary and managing the delivery is complex. This is a changing picture and further guidance is awaited from the Joint Committee for Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI), however local planning and some delivery is already underway. Information below represents some key headlines for each cohort as further work develops:

a) 12–15-Year-Olds

National announcements and national guidance has informed the planning of delivering Pfizer to children and young people between 12-15 who are eligible for two-dose Pfizer vaccination. This includes all those with an underlying condition who are at risk of covid infection and those who are in household contact with someone who is severely immunosuppressed. All GP practices have been written to nationally and requested to identify their eligible patients and write to their parents informing them about the vaccination offer. They can be uploaded onto the AccuRX system and can be vaccinated at our Local Vaccination Sites. LVSs must be compliant with a range of paediatric skills including safeguarding and paediatric basic life

support. At the moment there have been no announcements about opening this up to all 12-15 year olds. Parental consent is required to vaccinate the current 12-15 year old cohort although Gillick Competency may be applied. The expectation is that this cohort will be offered an appointment by 23rd August through guidance has only recently been received.

b) 16-17³/₄ -Year-Olds

All young people aged 16-17³/₄ are now eligible to receive a First dose of Pfizer. This cohort is currently being identified and local booking system used to book them into an appointment as they are not able to access the National Booking System. They can also walk-in to some services including St Leonard's and our local vaccination sites. Our central Call/Recall team are currently identifying them to ensure they are contacted and booked into a local clinic. This cohort is considered adult enough to consent, unless there are very specific concerns. (At the time of writing this report, it may be the national team that is writing to all 16-17³/₄)

c) 17 year and 9 Months

This cohort is now being treated as though they were 18 and therefore have access to both doses of Pfizer. They can book an appointment through the National Booking Service and can receive their 1st and 2nd doses of Pfizer at any vaccination site including LVS, pharmacy and mass vaccination centres.

5. 18-25 Year Olds

As stated above the system is currently working on developing and implementing an engagement and communication plan for this group of young people. Nationally we have seen uptake of 1st dose Pfizer slow considerably over the past 5-6 weeks and this has been seen across London, NEL and City and Hackney. There has been specific national messaging aimed at trying to encourage younger people to have the vaccine in order to return back to normal life – holidays, clubbing, music venues and festivals. In addition, as has been highlighted earlier, City and Hackney has a specific issue with vaccine appetite amongst young black men and women. The HWB can receive further updates once this communications work has been further developed and implemented.

6. Phase 3 Planning and Delivery

The NHS issued a planning letter on 1 July 2021 outlining the Phase 3 booster programme. It is due to take place between 6 September and 17 December. However, JCVI has yet to formally report on the booster programme so there may be a delay to the start date. The letter indicated the cohorts eligible for a

booster vaccinations as outlined below:

Stage 1. The following persons should be offered a third dose COVID-19 booster vaccine and the annual influenza 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 influenza 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. (please refer to the Green Book for details of at-risk groups)
- adult household contacts of immunosuppressed individuals'

Local planning has commenced within City and Hackney to prepare for the booster and we have agreed the following delivery vehicles:

1. Mainstream vaccine delivery – Local Vaccination Centres (John Scott Health Centre and Bocking Street)
2. Mainstream vaccine delivery – community pharmacies (see below)
3. Hospital hub (or other delivery models) to vaccinate health and care staff (see below)
4. Outreach clinical delivery model for housebound patients and care homes – this will be developed by the GP Confederation to provide home offer of vaccination
5. Outreach clinical delivery model for targeted vaccination to groups experiencing health inequalities. This will compliment the Bart's Outreach Team and strengthen the outreach offer to walk-ins as part of pop-up clinics.
6. Outreach community engagement team for targeted vaccination to groups experiencing health inequalities. This will be continued until the end of March 2022

Each of these delivery vehicles is currently being worked on with assurance on progress overseen by the Vaccination Steering Group.

Twelve pharmacies within Hackney have submitted Expressions of Interest to NHSE via NEL to participate in Phase 3. City and Hackney have prioritised those pharmacies based on location, access and uptake rates. There has been no further communication from NHSE about their assurance process.

Both Barts City and Homerton University Hospital will reopen as Hospital Hubs

able to vaccinate their own staff, and, with Board approval, able to vaccinate wider health and social care staff. Barts City have also stated that they will vaccinate residents which will makes it easier for those in the east of the City of London to access a vaccination site.

As stated above, the JCVI has yet to report on the vaccine that can be used for a booster (expected to be Pfizer) and on the co-administration with flu. Further NHS guidance stated that booster can only be given a minimum of 6 months after a 2nd dose. Added to that any possible delay to the commencement of the booster programme, then co-administration presents a number of operational issues. The system will aim to deliver co-administration where possible but there is clinical concern, nationally, NEL and locally, about the risk of a flu outbreak therefore flu vaccinations will proceed within general practices and pharmacies as usual.

This concludes the covid vaccination report to the Health and Wellbeing Board

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