

# BNSSG CCG Governing Body Meeting

**Date:** Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021

**Time:** 1.30pm

**Location:** Virtual meeting. Details within the calendar invite

<b>Agenda Number :</b>	6.2
<b>Title:</b>	Covid Response Update
<b>Purpose: For Information</b>	
<b>Key Points for Discussion:</b>	
<p>Governing Body is asked to note the current impact and pressures from COVID and progress within the BNSSG system. This includes significant actions that the BNSSG ICS has undertaken to ensure that there is sufficient capacity within the system to maintain safe services.</p> <p>The committee is also asked to note the current progress of the roll out of the COVID vaccination programme. This includes the volume of centres that are now currently offering the vaccination to our local population.</p>	
<b>Recommendations:</b>	<p>To note</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current position on COVID and its impact</li> <li>• Progress towards complete mobilisation and delivery of the vaccination programme</li> </ul>
<b>Previously Considered By and feedback :</b>	NA
<b>Management of Declared Interest:</b>	NA
<b>Risk and Assurance:</b>	Summarise the main risks. Full details should be set out in the main paper. Alternatively explain that there are none and why. When describing risk use the recommended wording there is a risk of XXX if YYY. Ensure that the main paper includes the risk score eg:4x4=16
<b>Financial / Resource Implications:</b>	COVID costs are currently covered by dedicated
<b>Legal, Policy and Regulatory Requirements:</b>	NA – situation update as per national guidance documents

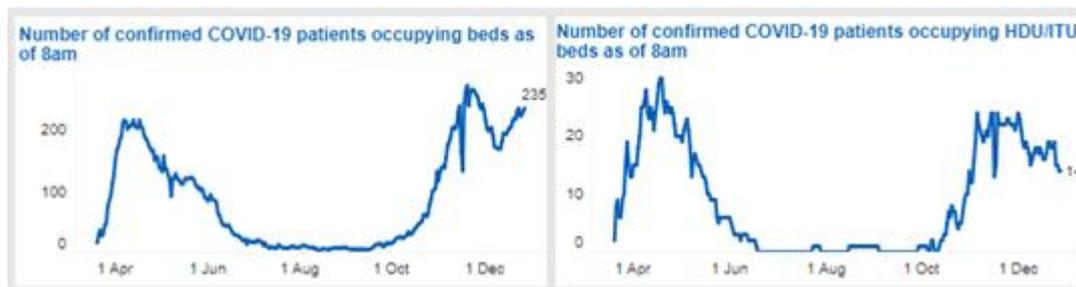
<b>How does this reduce Health Inequalities:</b>	COVID vaccine is being prioritised for those who are elderly and most vulnerable/ at risk. Specific areas of work on ensuring offering of the vaccine and uptake within the groups who suffer the largest health inequalities.
<b>How does this impact on Equality &amp; diversity</b>	EIA not been completed as paper is a situational update
<b>Patient and Public Involvement:</b>	PPI not been completed as paper is a situational update
<b>Communications and Engagement:</b>	NA
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### Report title: COVID-19 Response

Following the declaration of a Level 4 Incident by NHS England and Improvement, BNSSG have been working to develop plans across the system to manage the predicted increase in COVID-19 patients needing a hospital admission.

The number of COVID-19 confirmed patients across BNSSG at 29<sup>th</sup> December requiring a hospital bed is 235, the growth in numbers from beginning of December is shown in the graph below. As this demonstrates the hospitals are currently looking after a similar number of patients as within the first wave. Additionally the graph also demonstrates the number of cases within Intensive Care Unit.



In order to support the acute sector in managing this demand, the system has developed a series of actions that helps to support the release of over 250 acute beds, for example the following actions have been taken;

- All Non-urgent inpatient elective surgery has been cancelled on the acute sites but with the intention of maintaining urgent elective surgery
- NHS 111 first has gone live, supporting patients to access the most appropriate urgent care for their needs
- Additional nursing and residential care homes have been commissioned to support discharge. This has increased the community capacity by 20%
- Clinical staff in non-clinical areas have been released to support patients rehabilitation outside of hospital.
- Clinicians from across the system coming together to rapidly agree new pathways and services such as the introduction of a new COVID-19 virtual ward team.

It is anticipated that early 2021 will cause a growth in pressure on the whole of the health and social care sector. As such the BNSSG system remains operating within the Command and Control structure that it introduced earlier in the year and continues to closely monitor the situation and its plan.

### **COVID–19 Vaccination Programme**

The COVID-19 Vaccination Programme commenced on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2020 with the vaccination of patients over 80, alongside Health and Social Workers on acute hospital sites. For BNSSG this was North Bristol NHS Trust.

Subsequently a number of Primary care network sites were identified as the initial locations to support the continued roll out of COVID-19 vaccine in the community. These sites are coming on line in a phased way starting from the 15<sup>th</sup> December 2020 to mid-January 2021. Patients are being called for vaccine in the following order (as has been set out by national policy):-

1. Residents in care homes for older adults and their carers
2. 80-year-olds and over and frontline health and social care workers
3. 75-year-olds and over
4. 70-year-olds and over and clinically extremely vulnerable individuals
5. 65-year-olds and over
6. 16 to 64-year-olds with serious underlying health conditions
7. 60-year-olds and over
8. 55-year-olds and over
9. 50-year-olds and over

An additional roll out of vaccine to care homes started on the 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2020, and is set to further expand over the coming weeks. With the start of vaccination in the community, the NBT hospital hub switched to focussing on vaccinating health and social care staff. The staff vaccination hub based at the BRI came online on the 28<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

We are working with Community Pharmacies to develop additional vaccination capacity.