

Midlothian Integration Joint Board



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Vaccination Programme Update

Item number: 5.9

Executive summary

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1 Purpose

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2 Recommendations

- 2.1 As a result of this report what are Members being asked to:-
- Note progress of the programme

3 Background and main report

- 3.1 Midlothian HSCP is responsible for the Seasonal Influenza and COVID Vaccination programme for Midlothian residents. All vaccinations will be provided by HSCP services with the exception of the schools-based flu vaccine programme (teachers and young people) which is organised by NHS Lothian's Community Vaccination Team. The HSCP is supported by NHS Lothian and is using a national appointment booking system.
- 3.2 The programme has commenced and at 5th October there were 12,649 Midlothian residents who had received a Seasonal Influenza vaccination and 3,983 people had received a COVID Booster. The HSCP is prioritising residents by following JCVI and Scottish Government guidance. People in Stage 1 are being invited forward in the first instance along with people aged 12-15 for an initial COVID vaccination and people who are severely immunosuppressed for a third dose.

Stage 1 (offered a third dose COVID-19 booster vaccine and the annual Flu vaccine, as soon as possible from September 2021):

- Immunosuppressed
- All Adults > 70
- All Adults >16 who are Clinically Extremely Vulnerable
- Front Line Health and Social Care Workers

Stage 2 (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
- All adults aged 16-49 who are in an influenza or COVID-19 at-risk group
- Adult household contacts of immunosuppressed individuals.

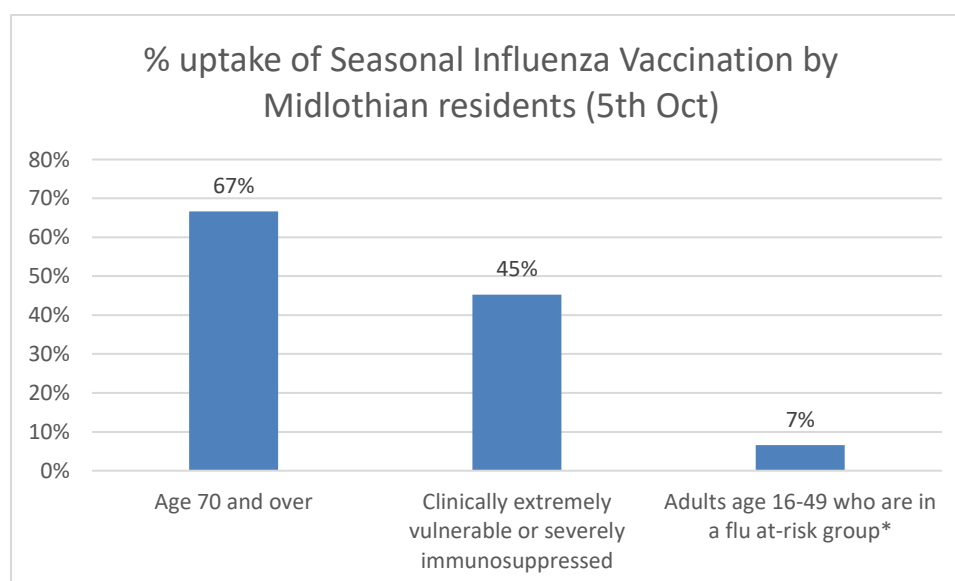
The extended 2021/22 Flu programme also includes:

- Unpaid and young carers
- Teaching staff including support staff
- Secondary school pupils and

- 3.3 The HSCP is running three main vaccination clinics for adults: Gorebridge Leisure Centre, Eastfield Medical Practice (weekends only in October) and Midlothian Community Hospital. These sites combined have a capacity of over 90,000 appointments by December 6th. In addition, there is a domiciliary service for people who are housebound. Care Home residents, along with staff there will receive their vaccinations at the care home. The 0-5 year old immunisation programme is running from many small community venues. General Practices are not providing vaccinations this year and the HSCP will undertake these as part of the agreement from the 2018 General Medical Services (Scotland) Contract.
- 3.4 The vaccination programme formally commenced on 20th September, initially focusing on Health and Care staff and people who are 70 years of age or older, whilst also providing vaccinations for Evergreen (1st/2nd dose COVID vaccinations) and 12-15 COVID vaccinations.

4 Performance

- 4.1 There are now 66,442 residents in Midlothian who are fully vaccinated for COVID (1st and 2nd dose). This is 85% of the eligible cohort.
- 4.2 3,983 people in Stage 1 have received their Booster vaccination. This is 18.5% of this cohort. The Booster programme started on 27th September.
- 4.3 12,649 people in Midlothian have received a Seasonal Influenza vaccination. In this there are 8,893 people aged 70 or over which is 67% of this cohort. The Scottish Government target for this cohort is 90%.
- 4.4 The following chart shows the cumulative uptake for seasonal influenza vaccination:



5 Policy Implications

- 5.1 There are no policy implications

6 Directions

- 6.1 No impact on a Direction.

7 Equalities Implications

- 7.1 The vaccination programme will be delivered from three main venues in Midlothian. This is different from previous years when vaccinations were mainly provided from General Practice buildings. This will increase the distance most residents will need to travel. The HSCP is using this approach due to combination of factors including clinical safety, vaccine logistics (cold storage) and limited suitable buildings in Midlothian.

The HSCP has already configured its service model to improve access for people living in the Penicuik area (EH26 postcode) by opening up weekend clinics in Eastfield Practice. The service model is under regular review by the HSCP focussing specifically on DNAs and information provided from the national and NHS Lothian contact centres. This information will inform the service model later in the Autumn.

8 Resource Implications

- 8.1 The vaccination programme is fully funded from a combination of HSCP and COVID budgets

9 Risk

- 9.1 The main risk for the IJB to recognise is the challenge to deliver the vaccine targets set by Scottish Government. These are higher for the Seasonal Influenza programme than has previously been achieved (e.g. the goal for 75+ is 90% and last year Midlothian achieved 86%).

10 Involving people

- 10.1 The HSCP is using public feedback during the programme to review and refine the programme.

11 Background Papers

- 11.1 No further papers

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