

Bradford

Update re hospital hubs and vaccination for care home staff

As you know, we received our first delivery of the covid-19 vaccine on Monday and started giving the vaccine to patients in line with the national guidance - patients over 80 and care home workers. Towards the end of last week hospital hubs were asked to prioritise these groups to help make sure they are offered vaccines as quickly as possible, and for us in Bradford we were also asked to identify available slots for priority groups in Calderdale and Kirklees where there isn't yet a hospital hub site.

In the first few days we also offered a small number of slots to NHS Staff who are either clinically extremely vulnerable themselves or who look after patients who are clinically extremely vulnerable. This was to ensure that in the early part of the week we could ensure that all slots were filled and that the booking, consenting and administering processes were working appropriately. We are now in a position where we are increasing the proportion of slots available to care home staff.

It is important to remember that we only have a small number of vaccines available in total – 975 were delivered to Bradford Teaching Hospitals this week - but we do expect the availability of vaccines to increase over the coming weeks and we will increase the number of bookable slots appropriately.

At this stage, NHS staff will only be offered any unbooked slots, or slots that become available at short notice.

We will keep all care homes up to date with the latest position in relation to the availability of vaccine.