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# Diweddariad am y brechlyn Vaccination Update



*Cylchlythyr Wythnosol* Weekly Newsletter

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## Weekly Progress (25th January - 1st February)

We are extremely proud of our vaccination teams who are working incredibly hard administering vaccines as safely and quickly as possible. The patients being vaccinated are those eligible within the JCVI groups 1-4. We expect to complete these by mid February.

**To date we have vaccinated over 75,220 people across our Health Board.**



We have offered vaccinations to all staff and residents from our older adult care homes that are safe to do so and those we haven't yet been able to go to are continually being risk assessed. We have vaccinated 77.1% of people aged 80 and over and over 17,747 frontline staff, 4,314 social care workers, as well as vaccinating 12,371 people aged 75-79.

Last week we finalised plans to roll-out the vaccine to those that are housebound and eligible in line the JCVI priority groups. We will be using teams of District Nurses, GPs and mobile units. Patients will be contacted to let them know that the team are coming to give them their vaccine.

## Working Together



One of the key elements in the success of rolling out such a huge vaccination programme is working with partners and their tremendous support.

Angharad Collins, CEO of Torfaen Leisure Trust, explained that they have brought in 24 volunteers, made up of a combination of staff and trustees, who have come off furlough to assist with the vaccination

programme. Their help at the mass vaccination centre in Cwmbran has been invaluable. In two weeks alone they volunteered a total of 810 hours. Angharad said "We look forward to continuing to support. It has been a brilliant project to be involved in".

**Total number of  
people vaccinated  
across our Health Board  
(up to 01/02/2021)**

**75,220**

## Weekly Vaccination Figures (25th Jan - 1st Feb)

Care homes for older adults (staff and residents)	6,570
Frontline Health Staff	17,747
Age 80 years and over	77.1%
Number of Mass Vaccination Centres Open	5
Number of GP practices giving out the vaccine	72
Number of vaccinations giving at GP practices	22,288



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Thank you for your continued support.  
*Together we will help keep Gwent safe.*

## The Week Ahead (1st - 8th February)

This week we have a planned vaccine supply of 43,000 and we have opened another vaccination centre at Newbridge Leisure Centre. We will also be starting to vaccinate those eligible patients that are in hospital and those that are housebound.

The remainder of those aged 80 and over who have not yet been vaccinated, will be invited for their vaccine appointment by their GP practice. If you are aged 80 years and over and have not been invited for an appointment, please contact your GP.

Further information about when you can expect your invitation for your second dose will be published in next week's update.

**vaccination**  
**SCAM**  
**ALERT**



We are aware of a number of 'scam' vaccination emails circulating, claiming to be from the NHS.

The NHS will never ask for payment; ask for your bank details; arrive at your home unannounced; or ask for copies of personal documents such as your passport.

### Figures for the week ahead (1st - 8th February)

**Planned vaccine supply for this week** **43,000**

### Vaccination Deployment

Over 80s	GPs completing
Age 72-79	Mass Vaccination Centres
Age 70-71	GPs
Extremely Clinically Vulnerable	GPs
Housebound	Mobile Teams



**GP Surgeries across the Health Board area have been working incredibly hard in vaccinating thousands of patients.**

Helen, Deputy Practice Manager at the Bellevue Group Practice in Newport said that her team were "really excited to be doing the vaccines. The patients have been extremely happy and grateful".

One of their patients, Malcolm (pictured above) had recently been in hospital with Covid-19. His vaccination appointment was his first time out of his house since returning home. He said "We must have the vaccine in the hope that it will help us in the future and the rest of our families and everyone else"

## High Call Volumes

Our vaccination booking centre is currently experiencing an exceptionally high volume of calls and we apologise for any inconvenience and frustration this is causing. Our teams are working to increase call capacity and resolve any issues.

If you have an appointment, please make every effort to attend as we will not be able to offer an alternative, except for those people who are registered housebound.

Please do not contact the booking centre or your GP practice if you have not yet received an appointment letter.

Public Health Wales publish daily vaccination figures on their website:  
<https://public.tableau.com/profile/public.health.wales.health.protection#!/vizhome/RapidCOVID-19virology-Public/Headlinesummary>

For further information and FAQs on the delivery, eligibility and safety of the vaccine, please visit:  
<https://phw.nhs.wales/topics/immunisation-and-vaccines/covid-19-vaccination-information/about-the-vaccine/>

We will continue to keep you updated, however due to a number of variable factors, such as the supply of vaccine, allocated plans can change at short notice.

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