

## March 2022 Patient Newsletter

Welcome to the March 2022 edition of our patient newsletter.

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### Mendip Vale Fact File

- **67586** - Patients registered as of 28th February 2022
- **7,639** – Number of appointments attended by patients for the week 28th Feb – 5th March 2022
- **Over 400,000** – The number of appointments Mendip Vale provide each year across our sites.

### Community based catch-up clinics

Sirona are holding a series of community based catch up clinics offering first and second dose Covid vaccinations for those aged 12-15 years. Please see the following links below for more information –

<https://imms.sirona-cic.org.uk/coviddose2/2021/book>

### Covid Vaccination Programme – Current and Future Cohorts

As at 25 January 2022

#### Current Adult Cohorts

[Link to grabajab.net](http://grabajab.net)

[Link to the JCVI COVID-19 Green Book chapter 14a](#)

Cohort	Vaccine	Booster/ Primary	Doses	When	Place of Delivery
Anyone aged 18+ except those who are severely immunocompromised	MRNA OR AZ if age 40+	2 Primary Doses	<b>2 doses</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> dose 8 weeks after 1 <sup>st</sup> dose Must be at least 4 weeks (28 days) after positive COVID test	Now	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Walk-ins</li> <li>- Book on the Day</li> <li>- Vaccination Centre</li> <li>- PCN Clinics</li> <li>- Community Pharmacy</li> <li>- Outreach</li> <li>- Hospital clinics where appropriate</li> </ul>
	MRNA (unless PEG allergy then AZ)	1 Booster Dose	<b>1 dose</b> At least 3 months after final primary dose Must be at least 4 weeks (28 days) after positive COVID test	Now	
Anyone 18+ who is severely immunocompromised	MRNA	3 Primary Doses	<b>3 doses</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> dose is 8 weeks after 2 <sup>nd</sup> dose Must be at least 4 weeks (28 days) after positive COVID test	Now	With evidence of eligibility: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PCN clinics</li> <li>• Walk Ins</li> <li>• Book on the day</li> <li>• Community Pharmacy</li> <li>- Outreach</li> <li>- Vaccination Centre</li> <li>• Hospital clinics where appropriate</li> </ul>
	MRNA (unless PEG allergy then AZ)	Booster	1 Dose booster dose 3 month after 3 <sup>rd</sup> dose Must be at least 4 weeks (28 days) after positive COVID test	Now	

## Current Children and Young People Cohorts

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[Link to the JCVI COVID-19 Green Book chapter 14a](#)

Cohort	Vaccine	Booster/ Primary	Total Doses	When	Place of Delivery
Healthy 12 -15 Year olds	Pfizer	2 Primary Doses	<b>2 doses</b> Must be at least 12 weeks from Positive Covid Test Result 2 <sup>nd</sup> dose at least <b>12 weeks</b> after 1 <sup>st</sup> dose	Now	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School and Colleges by SAIS</li> <li>Community clinics for 2nd dose</li> <li>Vaccination Centre (NBS appointments)</li> <li>PCNs (where subcontracted and using NBS), walk in or local booking system</li> <li>Outreach clinics</li> </ul> <p>Staged consent not require if parent /legal guardian is present at point of vaccination</p>
Children aged 12 - 15 severely immunocompromised	Pfizer	3 Primary Doses	<b>3 doses</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> dose 8 weeks after 2 <sup>nd</sup> dose (if possible delayed until 2 weeks post immunosuppression) Must be at least 4 weeks (28 days) after positive COVID test	Now	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PCN clinics via Digital Booking System</li> <li>Vaccination Centre with prior agreement</li> </ul> <p>Staged consent not require if parent /legal guardian is present at point of vaccination</p>
	Pfizer	Booster Dose	<b>1 Dose</b> 30 micrograms Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine (Comirnaty <sup>®</sup> ) no sooner than 3 months after completion of their primary course:	Now	
Clinically at risk 12-15 year olds or a household contact of someone with a weakened immune system	Pfizer	2 Primary Doses	<b>2 doses</b> Must be at least 4 weeks (28 days) after positive COVID test 2 <sup>nd</sup> dose <b>8 weeks</b> after 1 <sup>st</sup> dose.	Now	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PCN clinics via local Digital Booking System</li> <li>Also will be identified via school based immunisation team</li> <li>Vaccination Centre with prior agreement</li> </ul> <p>Staged consent not require if parent /legal guardian is present at point of vaccination</p> <p>Children who turn 12 between 1st and 2nd doses should receive the same 2nd dose as 1st ie 10µg.</p>
	Pfizer	Booster Dose	<b>1 Dose</b> 30 micrograms Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine (Comirnaty <sup>®</sup> ) no sooner than 3 months after completion of their primary course:	Now	
Clinically extremely vulnerable children with severe neuro-disabilities	Pfizer	Booster Dose	<b>1 Dose</b> 30 micrograms Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine (Comirnaty <sup>®</sup> ) no sooner than 3 months after completion of their primary course:	Now	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PCN clinics via Digital Booking System</li> <li>Also will be identified via school based immunisation team</li> <li>Vaccination Centre with prior agreement</li> </ul> <p>Staged consent not require if parent /legal guardian is present at point of vaccination</p> <p>Children who turn 12 between 1st and 2nd doses should receive the same 2nd dose as 1st ie 10µg.</p>

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Cohort	Vaccine	Booster/ Primary	Total Doses	When	Place of Delivery
16 & 17 Year Olds (unless severely immunocompromised -see below)	Pfizer	2 Primary Doses	<b>2 doses</b> Must be 12 weeks after positive COVID test result 2 <sup>nd</sup> dose at least <b>12 weeks</b> after 1 <sup>st</sup> dose	Now	<p>Where staff signed off:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Schools/ Colleges</li> <li>Community Pharmacies</li> <li>Outreach</li> <li>Walk Ins</li> <li>PCN</li> <li>Vaccination Centre</li> </ul>
	Pfizer	Booster Dose	<b>1 Dose</b> 30 micrograms Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine (Comirnaty <sup>®</sup> ) no sooner than 3 (91 days) months after completion of their primary course:	Now NBS open for Booster doses from 17/1/22	
Household contact of people with weakened immune system aged 16-17	Pfizer	2 Primary Doses	<b>2 doses</b> Must be at least 4 weeks (28 days) after positive COVID test 2 <sup>nd</sup> dose <b>8 weeks</b> after 1 <sup>st</sup> dose.	Now	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Schools/ Colleges</li> <li>Community Pharmacies</li> <li>Outreach</li> <li>Walk Ins</li> <li>PCN</li> <li>Vaccination Centre</li> </ul>
	Pfizer	Booster Dose	<b>1 Dose</b> Must be at least 4 weeks (28 days) after positive COVID test . No sooner than 3 (91 days) months after completion of their primary course:	Now	
16 & 17 Year Olds - Severely immunocompromised	Pfizer	3 Primary Doses	<b>3 doses</b> Must be at least 4 weeks (28 days) after positive COVID test 3 <sup>rd</sup> dose 8 weeks after 2 <sup>nd</sup> dose (if possible delayed until 2 weeks post immunosuppression )	now	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PCN clinics via Digital Booking System</li> <li>Vaccination Centre with prior agreement</li> <li>Hospital</li> </ul>
	Pfizer	1 Booster Dose	<b>1 dose</b> Must be at least 3 months(91 days) after primary in line with the clinical advice	Now	

## 5-11 Year Olds

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Cohort	Vaccine	Booster/ Primary	Total Doses	When	Place of Delivery
5-11 Year Olds- At Risk including household contacts people with weakened immune system	Pfizer	Primary	Pfizer BioNTech COVID-19 2 x vaccine 10µg. 8 week interval between 1st and 2nd dose  The minimum interval between any vaccine dose and recent COVID-19 infection should be 4 weeks.	No earlier than 26 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	<p>PCN based clinic – opt out arrangement</p> <p>Community clinics where PCNs have opted out</p> <p>Vaccination Centre 'mop up' clinics</p> <p>Children who turn 12 between 1st and 2nd doses should receive the same 2nd dose as 1st ie 10µg.</p>
5-11 Year Olds- Healthy	Pfizer	Primary	Awaiting JCVI Decision	Awaiting JCVI Decision	<p>Community clinics supporting group of local schools</p> <p>Parental supervision</p> <p>Will require support to release students to attend clinic with parents</p> <p>Outreach – Family Clinics</p> <p>PCN delivery (where opt in)</p> <p>Vaccination Centre</p>



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## Wellbeing Lifestyle Club



### Hard to get back to Normal? Get solutions for isolation and anxiety.

You are invited to register for an online Zoom group consultation from your home with Mendip Wellbeing Club (Associated with Mendip Vale Medical Group). The Zoom meeting is taking place on Thursday 3 March from 10:30am – 11:00am to assess your individual needs. To receive your personal invite please email – [sarah.stammers1@nhs.net](mailto:sarah.stammers1@nhs.net)

## A Message from the Fraud Team at Avon and Somerset Police

### Computer Software Service Fraud

Computer Software Service Fraud typically involves a cold call from a fraudster pretending to be from a company, such as your broadband provider. They might say that they are calling to improve the speed of your internet, that there is a virus on your computer, or to “fix” something. They will convince you to download a remote access tool onto your mobile phone or computer which will allow them access to your device. They will then coerce you into logging onto your online banking. The problem is, they will now also have access to it and will be able to transfer money to their own account.

There are other scams which involve an element of remote access, such as the well-known “Amazon” calls. In these scams, the fraudster will usually gain access to your online banking by making you believe that they are supporting you with a refund due to an unauthorised payment.

The bottom line is that as soon as the caller asks you to get your computer, or ask you to download an app on your phone, hang up – it’s a scam.

## Are you interested in joining our Patient Participation Group?

A reminder that following the annual review of membership in December, two of the Sunnyside team have decided that it is time to stand down, and one of the Pudding Pie Lane members. We also have a vacancy at St Georges. We have given our sincere thanks to them for their support over the period since the wider PPG was formed several years ago. We already had a potential member on the reserve list for the Pudding Pie Lane vacancy, but would any patients who use the Sunnyside or St Georges surgery get in touch if you would be interested in joining. Please express your interest through our practice email address - [bnssg.mendipvale.scanners@nhs.net](mailto:bnssg.mendipvale.scanners@nhs.net)

## We Want To Hear From You!

We would very much like to involve our patients in this newsletter – after all, it’s written for you and for your benefit! Please send us your suggestions for future topics, your good news stories and also feedback on how we’re doing. We are continually looking to turn our patients’ feedback into real improvements in the services we provide. Contact us via the means outlined below or visit our website <https://www.mendipvale.nhs.uk/patient-group/patient-feedback/>

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