

Decision Maker: Health and Wellbeing Board

Date: 8th December 2022

Decision Type: Non-Urgent Non-Executive Non-Key

Title: Learning from the Covid Vaccination Programme

Contact Officer: Dr Angela Bhan

Chief Officer: Dr Angela Bhan

Ward: All

1. Reason for decision/report and options

- 1.1 The Covid-19 virus has disproportionately affected certain groups and there has been variation in the take up of the vaccination programme. This presentation provides a review of uptake of the Covid-19 vaccine in specific groups and identifies some of the lessons learnt from the vaccination programme. uptake. Key themes emerging from the programme have helped us to shape the current Covid-19 booster and flu programmes.
- 1.2 In this report, we examine key elements like ethnicity, age and a number of other factors that have resulted in lower uptake of the vaccine in certain groups.
- 1.3 Whilst the there is still a lot of work to be done, the One Bromley Partnership approach, together with our incredible voluntary workforce has resulted in some good outcomes for the vaccination programme.
- 1.4 The Inequalities Taskforce was set up as a joint venture between London Borough of Bromley and the CCG (Bromley) and has helped to develop relationships and engagement with certain community groups.
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2. **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

To note the learning and available data from the Covid-19 vaccination programme in Bromley and across South East London.

Impact on Vulnerable Adults and Children

Summary of Impact:

1. Older people are more likely to become seriously unwell from Covid-19 and they are more likely to have co-morbidities such as heart disease, lung disease, diabetes or kidney disease which make them more vulnerable to the virus.
 2. Homeless people are more likely to have undiagnosed or untreated medical conditions which makes them more vulnerable and more at risk from experiencing severe symptoms of Covid-19. These group may also find it more difficult to follow infection control precautions or self isolate.
 3. In general, children and young people have had lower uptake of covid vaccination. Children and young people can be at risk from becoming seriously unwell from Covid-19, and they can transmit the virus to others.
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Transformation Policy

1. Policy Status: Not Applicable
 2. Making Bromley Even Better Priority (delete as appropriate):
 - (1) For children and young People to grow up, thrive and have the best life chances in families who flourish and are happy to call Bromley home.
 - (2) For adults and older people to enjoy fulfilled and successful lives in Bromley, ageing well, retaining independence and making choices.
 - (3) For people to make their homes in Bromley and for business, enterprise and the third sector to prosper.
 - (4) For residents to live responsibly and prosper in a safe, clean and green environment great for today and a sustainable future.
 - (5) To manage our resources well, providing value for money, and efficient and effective services for Bromley's residents.Not Applicable: Further Details
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Financial

1. Cost of proposal: Not Applicable:
 2. Ongoing costs: Recurring Cost Non-Recurring Cost Not Applicable: Further Details
 3. Budget head/performance centre:
 4. Total current budget for this head: £
 5. Source of funding:
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Personnel

1. Number of staff (current and additional):
 2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours:
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Legal

1. Legal Requirement: Statutory Requirement Non-Statutory - Government Guidance None: Further Details
 2. Call-in: Applicable Not Applicable: Further Details
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Procurement

1. Summary of Procurement Implications:
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Property

1. Summary of Property Implications:
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Carbon Reduction and Social Value

1. Summary of Carbon Reduction/Sustainability Implications:
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Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users or customers (current and projected):
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Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? Not Applicable
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments:

3. COMMENTARY

This presentation provides a review of inequalities in vaccine uptake. In this review, six demographics will be examined. These are age (both children and older adults), ethnicity (specifically Black, African and Caribbean population), learning disability, homeless, pregnancy and deprivation. These groups have significantly lower Covid-19 vaccination uptake compared to the general population. Some of these groups are also more at risk from becoming severely unwell from the virus if unvaccinated.

4. IMPACT ON VULNERABLE ADULTS AND CHILDREN

The One Bromley Partnership sought (and continues to seek) to improve vaccine uptake by reducing hesitancy and inequalities. Working in partnership with the Bromley Inequalities in Vaccination taskforce, liaising with community groups and working with travellers to improve uptake of the vaccine. This includes work on reducing all barriers to make the vaccine more accessible to all, considering disabled people, opening hours, language, age and cultures.

Non-Applicable Headings:	Transformation/Policy Implications; Financial Implications; Personnel Implications; Legal Implications; Procurement Implications; Property Implications; Carbon Reduction/Social Value Implications; Customer Impact; Ward Councillor Views
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	[Title of document and date]