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Report Title	Covid-19 Vaccination Delivery Update
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Consultation Checklist Completed	Yes
Directions Required	No
Appendices	Appendix A – Covid-19 Vaccination Delivery Update Appendix B – Vaccine Uptake and cold spot Action Plan

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1. To provide the IJB with an update on the progress of the delivery of Covid-19 Vaccination programme within Aberdeen City, in response to the questions raised by the Clinical, Care and Governance Committee and detailed in paragraph 3.2 of this report.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Integration Joint Board:

- 2.1. Notes the update provided by the Director of Public Health, NHS Grampian on the delivery of the Covid-19 Vaccination programme in Appendix A.
- 2.2. Notes the action plan in Appendix B which details locality based activity to address the cold spots in vaccine uptake.



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- 2.3. Request that IJB members continue to support the programme by raising awareness of the importance of the covid-19 vaccinations to protect the health of our population and support opening up the economy. This can be carried out by sharing key messages from the weekly programme updates with relevant networks.
- 2.4. Instruct officers to provide an update to the next IJB meeting on progress in improving uptake in areas identified.

3. Summary of Key Information

Background

- 3.1. At the Clinical, Care and Governance Committee (CCGC) on 6 April 2021 an update was shared within the monitoring report in relation to the covid-19 vaccination programme. The committee recognised that there had been a high level of delivery at P&J Live, however, that there had been a lower level of uptake compared to other areas in Scotland, including Aberdeenshire and Moray.
- 3.2. The Clinical, Care and Governance committee resolved under Agenda Item 12 to instruct Sandra Macleod, Chief Officer – Aberdeen City Health and Social Care Partnership (ACH&SCP) to write to Susan Webb, Director of Public Health NHS Grampian (NHSG) to request an update to be provided to the IJB meeting on 25 May 2021. The committee requested that a response to the following questions should be provided:
 1. Why are the vaccination rates in Aberdeen City lower compared to apparent higher delivery levels in other areas, including Aberdeenshire and Moray?
 2. Where are the 'cold spots'?
 3. What is being done to support communication/messaging to address the above?
- 3.3. The update from the Director of Public Health (NHSG) is attached at Appendix A.
- 3.4. Appendix B highlights the actions being taken by the delivery team to address vaccine uptake in cold spot areas within the city. A verbal update in relation to the latest position will be provided at the IJB on the day.



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4. Implications for IJB

- 4.1. **Inequalities** – Covid-19 Vaccinations are delivered based on the JCVI priorities in relation to age and underlying health condition, regardless of protected characteristic. There are certain groups identified that may be at a higher risk should they catch covid-19 and who are also harder to reach in terms of public health messaging. The programme is working hard to utilise the data and work with partners to promote vaccination in these groups.
- 4.2. **Fairer Scotland Duty** - This report has a neutral to positive impact on inequalities of outcome which result from socio-economic disadvantage. Undertaking vaccination programmes has a positive impact on general population health by reducing the transmission and minimises the wider impact of covid-19 on disadvantaged groups.
- 4.3. **Financial** - no direct financial implications arising from the recommendations of this report.
- 4.4. **Workforce** - The availability of appropriate workforce, from vaccinators to administration staff has been key to the delivery of the vaccination programme. The programme has recruited the workforce to support the programme and planning has commenced to look at the wider requirements of the vaccination transformation programme and the longer term sustainable delivery of the vaccination programmes as they transition to business as usual.
- 4.5. **Legal** - There are no direct legal implications arising from the recommendation in this report.
- 4.6. **Other** - there are no other implications relevant to this report.

5. Links to ACHSCP Strategic Plan

- 5.1. The Vaccination Programme link to Prevention, Resilience, Personalisation, Connections and Communities. They help to maintain the health and wellbeing of the population.



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6. Management of Risk

6.1. Identified risks(s)

There is a risk, if we do not maximise uptake of the vaccination programmes that this will have an impact on the health of the population and the demands on our services.

There is a reputational risk in respect of the city having a lower uptake of covid-19 vaccinations than the region or nationally.

6.2. Link to risks on strategic or operational risk register:

This report links to Strategic Risk 5: There is a risk that the IJB, and the services that it directs and has operational oversight of, fail to meet both performance standards/outcomes as set by regulatory bodies and those locally-determined This risk is currently sitting at Medium.

6.3. How might the content of this report impact or mitigate these risks:

There is an ongoing review of the data to ensure that where the uptake is lower that the communication channels are increased to attract / encourage the population in those areas to take the vaccination.

In addition, the programme is working to further understand and address the barriers to uptake in these areas by providing information to citizens in a meaningful format to make an informed choice as well as providing localised pop up clinics. This information is all detailed in the targeted action plan in appendix B.