

More than a third of over 80s vaccinated against COVID-19

Press release

More than one third of people aged 80 and over in England have received at least one dose of the coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccine as of 10 January.



More than one third (34.6%, 1,036,605) of people aged 80 and over in England have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine as of 10 January, [new surveillance data](#) from Public Health England (PHE) shows.

Older people are more likely to die from COVID-19, which is why they are being prioritised for vaccination. Over 80s are in the second priority group after care home residents and staff, as recommended by the independent Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI).

A further 960,699 (1.7%) people under 80 have also had the first dose.

As well as uptake by age, PHE's new weekly report includes a breakdown of coverage by region – which is the percentage of all eligible people who have been vaccinated. More high-quality data will become available in the coming weeks to provide further insight into groups where uptake of the vaccine can be increased.

Coverage is an important public health measure as it helps us to determine how well the population is protected as a whole and to look at where we should be focusing our efforts to increase uptake.

PHE will continue to monitor the long-term safety, uptake and efficacy of the COVID-19 vaccine. Data on under-vaccinated groups, the impact of vaccination on cases, hospitalisations and death, the effectiveness of the vaccine at preventing disease and transmission as well as the duration of protection will be published in future reports.

Dr Mary Ramsay, Head of Immunisation at PHE, said:

To have vaccinated over a third of all over 80s by this point in the programme is a great achievement and I want to pay tribute to all those across the health system who have made this happen. Although this sets us on the right path to getting back to normal life, we are not there yet and people must continue to follow the guidance that is in place to protect themselves and their loved ones.

These data will help us to evaluate the protection from the vaccine and to effectively target the roll-out of the programme to help control the virus and save lives.

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Carillion – directors' disqualification proceedings

News story

The Insolvency Service has issued directors' disqualification proceedings against the directors and former directors of Carillion



Following an investigation by the Official Receiver, the Insolvency Service, acting for the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, has applied to the High Court for director disqualification orders against eight directors and former directors of Carillion.

An Insolvency Service spokesperson said:

We can confirm that on 12 January 2021 the Insolvency Service, acting on behalf of Secretary of State, applied for director disqualification orders against eight directors and former directors of Carillion. The application was made in the public interest.

- Officials at the Insolvency Service issued the proceedings on behalf of the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy in accordance with his powers under the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986. Pending the outcome of the proceedings, we cannot comment further.
- Carillion plc was wound up by the court on 15 January 2018 and the Official Receiver was appointed as the Liquidator. The Official Receiver has a duty to investigate the causes of the failure and the promotion, formation, business, dealings and affairs of a company which has been wound up by the court.
- Following a report about the conduct of each director submitted by the Official Receiver, who is a statutory office holder and officer of the court within the Insolvency Service, the Secretary of State determined it to be expedient in the public interest that a court makes an order disqualifying the directors on the grounds that their conduct, whilst acting as a director of Carillion, makes them unfit to be concerned in the management of a company
- Persons subject to a disqualification orders and disqualification undertakings are bound by a range of restrictions, including not being able to be a director of any company registered in the UK or an overseas company that has connections with the UK and being involved in the promotion, formation or management a company. Further guidance on [GOV.UK](#)

The Planning Inspectorate is improving the application process for Nationally Significant Infrastructure and Common Land Projects. Help us get things right by taking part in a research session!

News story

As part of our continuing work to improve the service we offer to customers we are looking for people to take part in research with us.



We are conducting a discovery phase on our applications service – which covers National Infrastructure and Common Land. This is a great opportunity to influence how the service should be delivered in the future.

A discovery is the first phase in a Government Digital Service (GDS) defined process to create user-centred public services.

In a discovery, we focus on understanding the problem that needs to be solved from a customer perspective. One way we are doing this is running user research with the various users of our applications service.

We are looking for people to take part in user research over January and February 2021 who are either:

- National Infrastructure Project applicants (or their advisers)
- Common Land Project applicants (or their advisers)
- Anyone involved as an Interested Party in either a National Infrastructure or Common Land application(s) – or their advisers. Ideally the application you've been involved with should have been decided up to 5 years ago, and be closed.

[You can register your interest if you'd like to take part in our research.](#)

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Mal Singh, BPDTS CFO

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The process to appoint Mal's replacement as Chief Finance Officer is now underway.

Jeremy Moore, Chair of the BPDTS Board, when talking about the appointment said:

I'm sure I speak on behalf of the Board, and our employees, in thanking Mal for the huge role he's played in the company's success since taking over as Chief Finance Officer back in April 2019. I, and we, wish him the very best for the future as he takes up a new role.

Mal, talking about his time with BPDTS said:

It has been a privilege and an honour to serve as the BPDTS CFO. I've worked with an outstanding Board, Executive Team and amazingly talented colleagues. The company has gone from strength to strength and I have seen first-hand how a creating a superb culture has contributed to our success

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