

BULLETIN 6

Introduction

This Bulletin contains information about completion dates for the priority groups and the extension of the pandemic vaccination programme to the rest of the population.

Although the numbers contracting pandemic flu have declined it is still important to ensure those in the current target groups are vaccinated as there is still uncertainty about a second wave of infection.

Plans for 2010

The National Public Health Emergency Team (NPHE) has agreed target dates for the completion of the pandemic vaccination programme for the current priority groups

- **by 1st February 2010**
 - all those in the medically at risk groups aged 6 months to 64 years
 - children aged 6 months to less than 5 years
 - parents and household contacts of children under 6 months of age
 - health care workers
- **by 12th February 2010**
 - all those aged 65 and over
- **by 31st March 2010**
 - all school children
- **All pregnant women over 14 weeks gestation, up to 6 weeks post partum and those in the first trimester in the medically at risk groups should continue to be vaccinated** at the MVCs, hospitals or through their GP. This is because of their risk of serious complications from pandemic flu as well as adverse perinatal outcomes and delivery complications. In addition maternal vaccination may protect the newborn through placental transfer

Celvapan

Please make sure that ALL those who have received one dose of Celvapan vaccine have now been called back to attend the Mass Vaccination Clinics for their second dose of vaccine (this includes all those who received their first dose of Celvapan at the MVCs or in hospitals)

Celvapan should only be used as a first dose for those individuals with an egg allergy.

National Pandemic Vaccination Programme

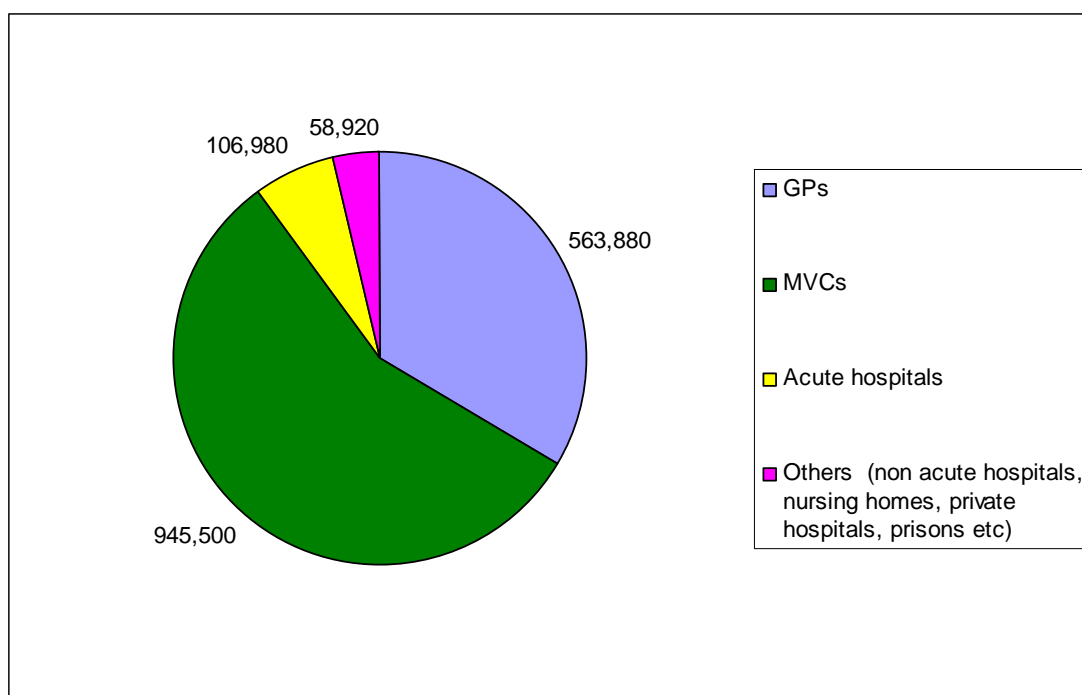
Extension to the general public

From February until the end of March pandemic vaccine will be offered to the rest of the population through their occupational health services and the MVCs. MVCs will operate depending on the demand for vaccination.

Members of the general public may also obtain the vaccine from their GP (if they have surplus vaccine stocks available).

Vaccine distribution

So far 1,675 million doses of pandemic vaccine have been distributed (1.35 million doses of Pandemrix and 322,000 doses of Celvapan) to GPs, MVCs, hospitals and other sites as per pie chart below.



Vaccine uptake

Vaccine uptake is being collated by the HPSC using data from the Pandemic Mass Vaccination System (PMDS) for the Mass Vaccination Clinics/Hospitals and the Primary Care Reimbursement System (PCRS for the GP returns). Although there is a delay in some of the vaccine returns being entered onto these systems we know that **at least 800,000 pandemic vaccines** have been administered since the programme began on 19th October.

Vaccine returns

There is a large gap between how much vaccine has been distributed and how many doses have been administered so **PLEASE SEND VACCINE RETURNS BACK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE** so that we will know how many people in each target group have received the vaccine