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To: NHS England and NHS Improvement Health & Justice Commissioners; Health and Justice healthcare providers  
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***COVID-19 vaccination deployment in Detained Estate in England: next steps on uptake and supply***

The Detained Estate COVID-19 vaccination programme continues in line with the programme in the wider community to complete Phase 1 (JCVI cohorts 1-9).

We would like to thank you and your colleagues once again for your continued efforts in delivering the vaccination programme.

The vaccine deliveries for Phase 1 (first doses) were completed on 19 March and plans are underway for arranging deliveries of vaccine for second doses in line with the planned intervals.

As these deliveries arrive there will be opportunities to:

- re-offer vaccine to detainees in cohorts 1-9 who were unable to have or refused their first dose
- vaccinate new admissions to the detained estate as part of the routine vaccination clinics for the usual eligible cohorts
- provide second doses to the agreed schedule
- plan clinics that maximise the use of the vaccine by having appointment groupings that use full vials of the vaccine, with a reserve list of detainees to offer end of session appointments to.

As there are significant numbers of detained individuals in relevant cohorts, good planning should allow all doses to be used up in this way.

In line with the wider NHS, at this point, those aged 49 years or younger should not be offered vaccination unless they are eligible via a higher cohort.

The expectation of completing all adult first dose vaccinations by the end of July requires careful planning of vaccination clinics so that enough vaccinators are available to support the pace of vaccination needed in the detained estate.

Information has already been cascaded that should facilitate this along with a streamlined approach to security clearance. Further information is available in [the NHS COVID vaccination Detained SOP](#) (NHS users only).

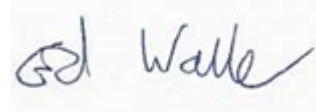
JCVI has now [issued advice around alternative opportunities](#) to use end of vial doses if necessary for prison staff. In practice the deployment programme is now at a stage where there are significant numbers of detained individuals in relevant cohorts and so there should be no left-over vaccine in any vial.

We hope this information is useful as you continue to deliver the COVID vaccination programme.

Yours sincerely



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