

# Delivering the NHS Covid-19 vaccination

You will be aware that this week the NHS started to vaccinate patients against coronavirus at fifty hospital hubs across England, at the beginning of the biggest immunisation programme in history.

Thanks to an incredible amount of hard work and planning, today the Alexandra Hospital in Redditch has been now confirmed as the first Hospital Hub site in Herefordshire and Worcestershire to start administering the vaccination.

The order in which people will receive the vaccine is decided by the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI). Patients aged over 80 will be prioritised, as well as care home staff and priority healthcare staff.

We expect Worcestershire Acute Hospitals NHS Trust, which runs the Alexandra Hospital, to begin vaccine administration from next week. They will be in touch with those who will be receiving the vaccine first - there is no need for anybody to contact the hospital directly.

GPs and other primary care staff are also being put on standby to start delivering the jab. A small number of GP-led primary care networks (PCNs) will begin doing so in the coming weeks with more practices joining in on a phased basis throughout December and following months.

I am sure you will join us in thanking everyone involved in the getting us this far. This is a significant milestone in our Covid-19 vaccine journey.

