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2020-21 was a very busy and also rewarding year for our teams and our partners working on the Covid-19 vaccination service.

At Bolton GP Federation we delivered the Covid vaccination programme on behalf of five of Bolton's Primary Care Networks: **Central; Chorley Roads; Farnworth & Kearsley; Halliwell; and Rumworth**.

In April 2021, we launched the Covid Vaccination Bus – one of the first in England to hit the road.



During this year, we continually offered first, second and booster vaccines to all priority groups identified by NHSE through our local vaccination sites, whilst also tackling new variants and the need to step up urgent surge vaccine activity in the epicentre of the outbreak.

In particular, working with our practices, PCNs and partners, we were able to respond to the Delta variant, which was first detected in the BL3 area of Bolton in mid-May 2021. More recently, we have used our innovation and learning from Delta, to help respond to the Omicron variant and share learning with other areas of the country affected by outbreaks.

Our Delta variant response included:

- Delivering a record-breaking number of vaccines in one weekend on the Covid vaccination bus in the heart of the BL3 area (Essa Academy), making the national news.
- Working with the military to open up and run pop-up clinics in non-clinical, community settings.
- Operating one of the country's first drive-through Pfizer clinics to taxi drivers.



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During this time, we developed a range of innovation and targeting techniques which were shared nationally as best practice. These included:

- Large-scale surge vaccination
- Probation services
- Co-delivery with health checks
- Co-location with testing activity
- Whole families
- Targeting geographical areas with low uptake
- Refugee and asylum seekers
- International new arrivals
- People who were unregistered/undocumented
- Women only
- Sex workers
- Pregnant women

More details on our approach can be found on our website: www.boltongpfed.co.uk/case-studies

Alongside running our local vaccination centres at Market Place Shopping Centre and Avondale Health Centre, we also vaccinated at our mobile clinics in non-clinical and community settings, including:

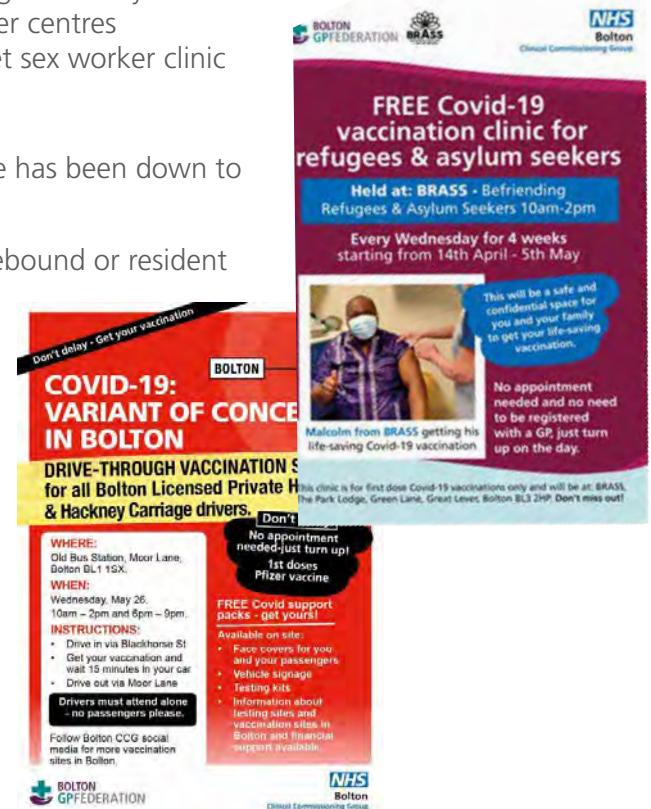
- Taxi-driver drive-through
- Workplaces
- Parks and open spaces
- Town Hall square
- Garage forecourts
- Schools, universities and colleges
- Places of worship
- Shopping centres and retail parks
- Health centres
- Children's centres
- Wedding venues
- Community centres
- Refugee and asylum seeker centres
- Street sex worker clinic

The successful delivery of our Covid vaccination programme has been down to the fantastic partnerships we have developed.

We delivered Covid vaccinations to people who were housebound or resident in a care home thanks to the support from practices and Bolton Council, and through our partnership with Bolton NHS FT we delivered vaccines to Bolton school children.

With support from the Learning Disability Team, we provided special, quiet vaccine clinics for people with learning disabilities at Lever Chambers and Market Place clinics. With additional help from the Health Improvement Practitioners, we also took the vaccine out to people living in supported living accommodation. More information can be found here:

www.boltongpfed.co.uk/boosting-health-for-people-with-learning-disabilities



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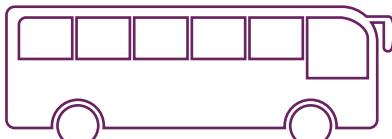
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Here are the numbers...

From April 2021 to March 2022 we gave
156,629
Covid vaccinations



We delivered **251** vaccination clinics at Lever Chambers, Market Place and Avondale Health Centre



We ran **174** mobile and pop-up clinics in the community



Working in partnership with Bolton NHS FT, we delivered almost **5,000** first and second dose vaccines to Bolton school children in school settings

We gave **1,577** vaccinations to housebound patients in their homes

Working in partnership with Bolton Council, we delivered

1,739 vaccinations to care home residents



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Staff survey

During June 2021 we surveyed the clinical and non-clinical staff working for us in the Covid vaccination clinics.

100% of respondents said they are happy with communications.

100% said they enjoy working at the vaccination clinics and feel they are valued members of the team.

When asked if there was anything else they would like to raise, they said:

I would like to continue working for the GP Fed doing vaccines.

The service is efficient, well organised, friendly, lots of up-to-date information, and excellent support from all levels of the teams.

Good service which supported the staff and high morale.

Excellent service provided for the people of Bolton. I felt the service went above and beyond to roll out the vaccinations.

I am completely happy with the service.

GP Federation provided an excellent service during Covid and also extended services.

Every single member of the team has worked amazingly and it has been an absolute pleasure.

