Agenda Item 19.

TITLE Berkshire West Autumn COVID-19 Vaccination

Plan Sept – Dec 2022

FOR CONSIDERATION BY Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 26

September 2022

WARD None Specific

OUTCOME / BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY

Eligible residents will be able to access a covid vaccination in a convenient and timely manner, thereby reducing of severe illness from COVID 19 in Autumn 2022.

RECOMMENDATION

Members of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee are asked to note the attached Berkshire West Autumn COVID-19 Vaccination Plan Sept – Dec 2022.

SUMMARY OF REPORT

The attached Berkshire West Autumn COVID-19 Vaccination Plan Sept – Dec 2022 sets out the national guidance, provider mix, coverage and inequalities considerations affecting Berkshire West, including Wokingham. It is a working document and subject to change.

Background

Delivery of the National Covid Vaccination Programme has been one of the biggest challenges faced by the NHS. It has required an immense amount of collaboration with local and system partners, armies of volunteers, and the tireless efforts of clinicians and admin staff throughout the many arms of the NHS. We should all be very proud of what we have achieved so far.

In Berkshire West, we have largely enjoyed vaccination take-up at or above national and regional averages. Nonetheless we have variation in take-up across our Place. Throughout the Covid Vaccination Programme, we have continuously needed to respond to the challenges posed by logistics, workforce capacity, rurality and entrenched health inequalities.

We have also witnessed the impacts of low vaccine confidence. A survey completed by the Reading and West Berkshire Healthwatches provided useful recommendations which form part of our emerging inequalities plan for Autumn 2022.

For Autumn 2022 the aspiration in Berkshire West is to continue to build on our success. The Berkshire West Vaccination Action Group has adopted the following core principles to guide the plan:

 Continue to provide a strong core offer of covid vaccination with a diverse provider mix

- Provide agile support to communities at risk of health inequalities to access a covid vaccination in a way that's right for them
- Maximise opportunities to improve efficiency through collaboration and Make Every Contact Count

The attached plan aims to articulate the covid vaccination offer in Berkshire West for Autumn 2022. It is a working document and is subject to change.

Analysis of Issues

See attached.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATION

	How much will it Cost/ (Save)	Is there sufficient funding – if not quantify the Shortfall	Revenue or Capital?
Current Financial Year (Year 1)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Next Financial Year (Year 2)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Following Financial Year (Year 3)	N/A	N/A	N/A

Other financial information relevant to the Recommendation/Decision	
N/A	

Cross-Council Implications	
N/A	

Reasons for considering the report in Part 2	
N/A	

List of Background Papers	
N/A	

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