

**Manchester Health and Wellbeing Board
Report for Information**

Report to: Manchester Health and Wellbeing Board – 24 March 2021
Subject: Vaccination Programme Revised Governance Arrangements
Report of: Director of Public Health

Summary

This report outlines recent changes made to the governance arrangements for the Covid Vaccination Programme.

Recommendations

The Board is asked to:

- Note the establishment of a Vaccination Steering Group (VSG) and related reporting lines;
 - Approve the establishment of a Vaccination Partnership Board (VPB).
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Board Priority(s) Addressed:

Health and Wellbeing Strategy priority	Summary of contribution to the strategy
Getting the youngest people in our communities off to the best start	Although not specifically related to any of the HWB Strategy priorities, the delivery of a successful Covid Vaccination Programme will contribute to their achievement by allowing health and care services to re-focus, in time, on pre-pandemic priorities.
Improving people's mental health and wellbeing	
Bringing people into employment and ensuring good work for all	
Enabling people to keep well and live independently as they grow older	
Turning around the lives of troubled families as part of the Confident and Achieving Manchester programme	
One health and care system – right care, right place, right time	
Self-care	

Contact Officers:

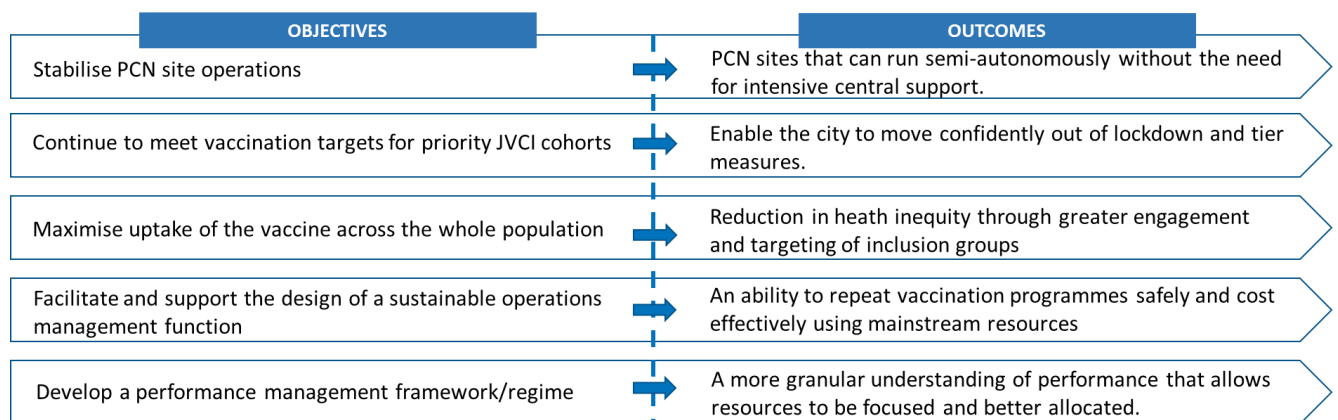
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Background documents (available for public inspection):

None.

1. Introduction

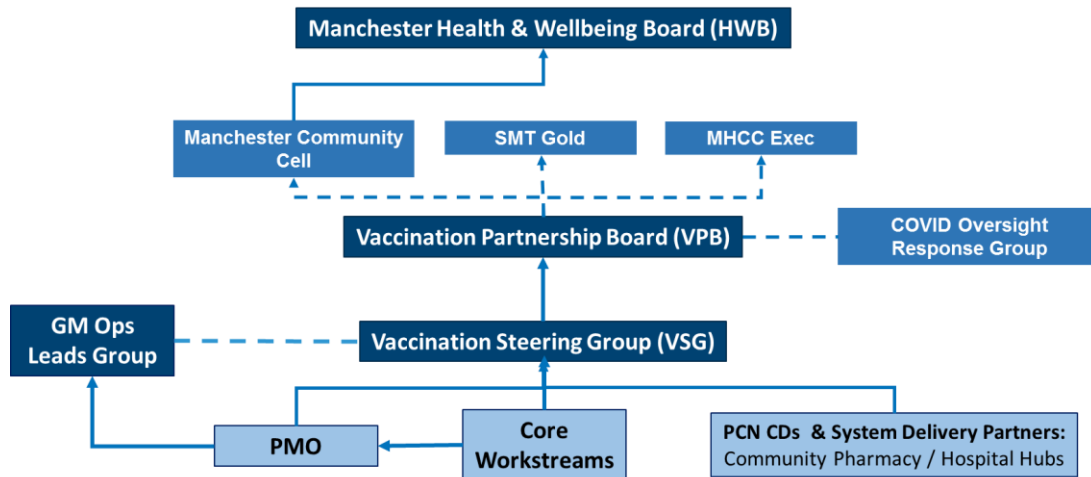
- 1.1 This report outlines recent changes made to the governance arrangements for the Covid Vaccination Programme.
- 1.2 Over 177,000 people in the city have now been given their first Covid vaccination dose and the programme is on track to meet national targets for coverage.
- 1.3 The programme has moved from a 'set up' phase in which the delivery infrastructure was established, to a 'scale up' and 'sustain' phase to ensure whole population vaccine coverage. This new phase requires revised governance arrangements to enable the programme to meet its objectives and outcomes over the coming months, as outlined below:



- 1.4 The Board is asked to:
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2. Revised arrangements

- 2.1 The diagram below outlines the new governance structure, as agreed by the MHCC Executive in February 2021:



2.2 The Vaccination Steering Group (VSG) occurs fortnightly and brings together programme and workstream leads to update on progress against plans and share experience and learning. The inaugural meeting took place at the end of February 2021.

2.3 The VPB now requires HWB endorsement before being established. The recommended purpose of the VPB is as follows:

- Ensure ‘whole system’ ownership of the Covid Vaccination Programme in Manchester.
- Bring together senior representatives from each of the main vaccine delivery models to ensure strategic fit and coordination of approach.
- Discuss, and make recommendations to MHCC Executive, on whole system responses to pressures on the successful completion of the vaccination programme, which could include resource constraints and supply chain issues, for example.
- Play a lead role in assuring winter planning from the perspective of Covid vaccinations, ensuring a coordinated system response to challenges related to the potential delivery of Covid booster vaccinations alongside winter service pressures and the delivery of the flu vaccination programme.
- Lead the development and delivery of the long-term strategy for delivering Covid vaccinations. This will include sharing learning about increased ‘vaccine confidence’ amongst the population and how this can translate to other vaccination programmes.

The VPB will occur on a six week cycle from April, to cover the period over which the vast majority of Covid vaccination will have taken place. Following the September 2021 meeting a review of the VPB will be undertaken to determine whether it should stop, continue in its current form, or continue with a different remit, particularly considering the proposed changes to the national health protection system and the implications for local health protection boards and functions.

2.4 The proposed core membership of the VPB is as follows, with other members to be invited onto the Board as required:

Who	Responsibility
MCC Co-Chair to be nominated by MCC after the local elections	Co-Chair
CAO MHCC	Co-Chair
Director of Population Health	Deputy Chair
Medical Director, MHCC	Deputy Exec SRO
Strategic Lead, Population Health Programmes, MHCC	Operational SRO
Head of Policy & Planning, MHCC	Deputy Operational SRO
Senior Public Health Consultant, MHCC	Maximising Coverage workstream lead
Director of Corporate Affairs, MHCC	Communications & Engagement Lead
MFT Representative	Hospital Hub vaccination programme lead
Mass Vacc Site Representative	Mass Vacc site (Etihad Tennis Centre) lead
Pharmacy Delivery Model Representative	Representing the Pharmacy sites
Primary Care Networks (PCN) Clinical Director - Delivery Model Representative	Representing the PCN sites
MACC Representative	Volunteer management lead
MLCO Representative	Coordination with MLCO service delivery

3. Next Steps

- 3.1 Upon endorsement the Covid Vaccination Programme Management Office will schedule the inaugural VPB for the end of April 2021.