

32. Initially, it is likely that asymptomatic testing will be delivered by organisations at their own premises, utilising their own workforce to deliver the tests. The programme team is also exploring options to facilitate home testing of the workforce.
33. This expanded testing will run in parallel with the asymptomatic testing programmes already operating in our health and education sectors.

Health protection services: COVID-19 Vaccination Programme

34. The NI COVID Vaccination Programme Phased Plan was published on 13th January 2021. An updated plan, taking into account the advice from the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation regarding the vaccination of the remaining adult population, was issued on the 15th March. The vaccination programme is progressing well in line with the prioritisation as recommended by JCVI. The roll out of the programme remains critically dependent on vaccine production, supply and distribution. The SSE Arena, Belfast, started to operate as a vaccination centre from 29th March. As of close of play on the 12th April, 1,025,912, doses of vaccine have been administered including a total of 826,412 first doses and 199,500 second doses.
35. All Care Home residents and staff have now been offered their first and second doses, although it should be noted not all residents or staff have taken the opportunity to be vaccinated. Trust district nurses will vaccinate any new residents or residents who missed their first or second doses. Vaccination rates for everyone aged 60 years and over is above 90%. Vaccination of the vast majority of housebound individuals has now been completed. The programme has been extended recently to cover everyone aged 40 years and over.
36. GPs continue to vaccinate anyone aged 50 years or over as well as those who are clinically extremely vulnerable (CEV) as well as those with an underlying medical condition who are classed as clinically vulnerable (CV). Community Pharmacies were added to the programme from the 29th March and eligible cohorts can now