

COVID-19 Vaccination 16 and 17-year-olds

Those aged 16 and 17 in Scotland are now being invited forward for vaccination. Please see the below key messages and [links to social media assets](#) to help you share this information with your audiences. If you have any questions or are unable to access the assets, contact **health@smarts.agency**.

Key messages

- The Scottish Government remains committed to offering COVID-19 vaccination to everyone who is eligible. It continues to do so in line with clinical advice.
- In line with JCVI advice those whose 18th birthdays are on or before 31 October, and 12 to 15 year olds who are clinically at risk or are in households with individuals who are severely immune-suppressed, are already being vaccinated.
- Following the JCVI's latest advice on the vaccination of younger people, all 16 and 17 year olds are now being invited to come forward for first dose.
- This will ensure that as many people as possible are vaccinated as quickly as possible while following the clinical advice.



Scotland, it's time to roll up our sleeves



- It is anticipated that a second vaccine dose will be offered later to increase the level of protection and contribute towards longer term protection. JCVI awaits further evidence on effectiveness, data, and the potential availability of alternative vaccine options and will issue a further update of this advice before second doses are due.
- 16 and 17-year-olds can self-register for an appointment at www.nhsinform.scot/vaccineregistration until Sunday 22 August.
- Drop-in vaccination clinics opened to 16 to 17-year-olds from Tuesday 10 August. They will only be able to attend clinics offering Pfizer, as this is the only vaccine currently licenced for use in the under-18 age group. Those who haven't registered for an appointment by Sunday 22 August can still attend a drop-in centre offering Pfizer.
- Drop-in clinics across mainland health boards can be found at www.nhsinform.scot/vaccinedropinclinics.
- If you don't have online access, you can call the National Helpline on **0800 030 8013**.
- Visit NHS Inform for information including your options at www.nhsinform.scot/vaccineregistration.

