

RCGP member survey – UK vaccination programme topline tables

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Overview

- Fieldwork from 15th to 28th January 2021
 - Self-selecting respondents from RCGP membership communications
 - Online survey
 - 434 responses
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1. Are you involved, through your practice, Trust, Health Board or Primary Care Network (PCN), in the national COVID-19 vaccination programme in primary care?

	%
Yes	86%
No	14%

2. To what extent, if at all, would you say each of the following is a barrier to your practice, Trust, Health Board or PCN's participation in the COVID-19 vaccination programme? (1 = no barrier at all, 5 = a significant barrier)

	1	2	3	4	5	DK
Lack of available workforce	19%	12%	14%	18%	12%	25%
High workload	9%	9%	21%	14%	25%	23%
Inadequate premises	23%	11%	11%	18%	16%	23%
Financial viability	19%	11%	12%	16%	4%	39%
Lack of supply of the vaccine to my area	14%	7%	11%	9%	25%	35%
System planning is in the early stages	23%	7%	12%	16%	14%	28%
Barriers to collaboration between stakeholders in my area	14%	5%	14%	12%	19%	35%

3. Based on your direct experience, how well would you say the COVID-19 vaccination programme is going?

	%
Not very well at all	4%
Not very well	10%
Neither well nor badly	10%
Quite well	44%
Very well	32%
Don't know	1%
Net not well	14%
Net well	76%

4. Thinking about the COVID-19 vaccination programme in your practice, Trust, Health Board or PCN, to what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements:

a) Workforce

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know	Net disagree	Net agree
Our clinical workforce is sufficient to deliver the current required vaccination numbers.	8%	26%	12%	38%	14%	3%	33%	52%
We are able to quickly and easily onboard volunteers and returners to support our vaccination programme.	13%	29%	15%	23%	12%	9%	42%	35%
Our clinical workforce is likely to be sufficient to meet expected vaccination numbers over the next month (if there is sufficient vaccine supply)	7%	24%	10%	38%	16%	5%	31%	54%
Our administrative staff support is sufficient for the current vaccine programme delivery.	5%	26%	12%	38%	14%	6%	30%	52%
We have sufficient funding for required additional staff costs to deliver the vaccine.	14%	28%	17%	16%	5%	20%	41%	21%

b) Workload and wellbeing

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know	Net disagree	Net agree
I am concerned about being able to deliver essential business as usual work on top of the vaccination programme.	1%	7%	9%	40%	40%	2%	8%	81%
Staff illness and absence due to COVID-19 is compromising the vaccination programme.	3%	35%	24%	27%	6%	4%	38%	34%
Staff illness and absence due to COVID-19 is compromising our ability to deliver essential business as usual workload.	4%	26%	21%	32%	14%	5%	30%	45%
Staff wellbeing is being supported and managed well.	5%	22%	29%	36%	7%	2%	26%	42%
I feel burnt out from the current workload / stress of my role.	6%	30%	27%	25%	12%	1%	36%	37%
I feel confident I will be able to keep up current levels of workload over the next few months.	11%	28%	22%	31%	6%	3%	39%	37%

c) Premises and technology

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know	Net disagree	Net agree
The premises we are using for vaccinations have sufficient space to ensure we can deliver vaccinations safely and efficiently.	4%	12%	8%	50%	25%	1%	16%	75%
The premises we are using for vaccinations are accessible for all patients.	4%	13%	5%	54%	23%	1%	17%	77%
The systems we are using to book appointments and record vaccines are now running smoothly.	3%	18%	18%	43%	12%	7%	21%	54%
We have sufficient IT hardware to support roving vaccinations.	6%	25%	17%	27%	8%	17%	31%	35%

d) Vaccine

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know	Net disagree	Net agree
There is a good vaccine supply and availability to meet demand.	31%	39%	12%	13%	1%	4%	70%	14%
Vaccines are being handled well with little wastage.	1%	2%	5%	35%	53%	4%	3%	88%
Lack of advance notice and last-minute changes are hampering vaccine delivery.	1%	5%	9%	37%	43%	6%	6%	80%

e) Patient uptake

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know	Net disagree	Net agree
Patient uptake of appointments offered for the vaccine is high.	0%	2%	2%	33%	61%	3%	2%	94%
Many patients in my area have indicated to us that they are unlikely to take the vaccine.	35%	55%	4%	4%	0%	2%	90%	4%

f) Guidance and communications

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know	Net disagree	Net agree
There is not enough clear, quality guidance and communications from health authorities about the vaccination programme.	7%	28%	24%	26%	10%	4%	35%	37%
I am clear where to go for help if our vaccination site is facing issues in supply or delivery.	6%	19%	21%	31%	4%	20%	25%	35%

About you

How would you describe your current role (please tick all that apply)?

	%
GP Partner	59%
Salaried GP	22%
Locum GP	9%
GP Trainer	6%
GP Trainee	3%
Academic GP	1%
GP system leadership role (PCN clinical director or equivalent)	5%
GP commissioning role	2%
COVID-19 vaccination programme lead	2%
Other	9%

Which country do you work in?

	%	Count
England	86%	379
Northern Ireland	3%	12
Scotland	8%	34
Wales	4%	16

Please select your age category

	%
Under 30 yrs	1%
30-39 yrs	12%
40-49 yrs	25%
50-59 yrs	42%
60-64 yrs	12%
64-69 yrs	5%
70+ yrs	3%
Prefer not to say	1%

Please select an option which best describes your ethnicity

	%
White/White British	81%
Mixed/Multiple ethnic groups	1%
Asian/Asian British	11%
Black/African/Caribbean/Black British	1%
Other	1%
Prefer not to say	5%

How did you come across this survey?

	%
RCGP Website	11%
Prof Martin Marshall's Blog	42%
Direct email with the survey	44%
Social media	1%
Shared by a friend	1%
Other	3%