



Title of Paper: SET Vaccination Programme 2024/25		
For Decision Requires majority decision prior to implementation or action.	For Discussion Requires consideration and debate.	For Noting Contains information Members should be made aware.

1.0 Background

In 2024-25, **13,804** vaccinations were delivered by SET inclusive of the District Nursing housebound - an increase of 23% in total vaccines delivered compared to the 2023-24 programme and reflects the implementation of two new programmes in 2024 (Maternal Pertussis and Respiratory Syncytial Virus).

Programmes 2024/2025	
Spring Covid-19 Booster Programme <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vaccination team and District Nursing Housebound 	1,284
Maternal Pertussis (whooping cough)	987
Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maternal Older people in care homes Housebound (District Nursing) 	1,519
Mpox	131
HPV at Pride Festival	9
Autumn Flu and Covid programme <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vaccination team and District Nursing Housebound 	9,874
Total Vaccinations	13,804

2.0 Key Issues

Spring Covid-19 Booster Programme (ran 14 April – 30 June 2024)

1,284 Covid-19 vaccinations were administered to boost the immunity of the most vulnerable:

- Adults aged 75yrs and over
- Residents in care homes for older adults
- Individuals aged 6months and over who are immunosuppressed

SET also undertakes the vaccinations for those below 18yrs or housebound and offers an alternative service for patients 18+yrs who are unable to attend their GP for vaccination.

Autumn Booster/Flu Programme 2024/25 (commenced 7 October 2024)

- Covid-19 campaign ended: 28 February 2025
- Flu campaign ended: 31 March 2025

This programme is the busiest of all the programmes and during that period - 9,874 vaccinations were delivered.

- 6,910 vaccinations were delivered to staff and public (4,209 Flu/2,701 Covid)
- 2964 housebound patients were vaccinated by the District Nurses (with support from the vaccination team) (1,445 Flu /1,519 Covid)

Whilst nationally there is evidence of significant 'vaccine fatigue', SET had the highest % uptake amongst staff regionally:

- Flu 25.6% (all staff vaccinated)
- Covid 15.47% (frontline staff vaccinated)

Maternal Pertussis (also known as whooping cough) (commenced 24 June 2024 and is ongoing):

- 987 vaccines administered (24 June 2024 – 31 March 2025)
- A single vaccine in each pregnancy (16+ week's gestation) is offered to protect new-borns and infants until they can be vaccinated.

Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) (commenced 2 September 2024 and is ongoing):

RSV can cause serious lung infections and infects 90% of children below 2yrs while frequently re-infecting older children and adults.

SET is commissioned to deliver:

- Maternal RSV Programme; single vaccination in pregnancy (28+ weeks)
- Older Adult RSV programme (in Care Homes) offer to those 75yrs with a catch up programme in the first year for those aged 75-79yrs
- Housebound patients (same age grouping as above) by District Nurses

1,519 vaccinations administered 2 September 2024 – 31st March 2025 (1,218 Ante Natal mothers / 175 older adults in Care Homes / 126 housebound).

Mpox Vaccinations (ongoing programme):

131 vaccinations delivered this year (1 April 2024 -31 March 2025) including pre- and post exposure vaccinations.

Clinics are delivered fortnightly to ensure the 2 dose course can be completed. The team attended both Belfast and Foyle Pride festivals offering information regarding the Mpox and HPV vaccinations in 2024.

3.0 Summary

In 2024-25, the team administered **13,804** vaccinations as part of the 2024/25 vaccination programme (includes the District Nursing Housebound programme) representing an increase of 23% in the total number of vaccines delivered compared to last year.

In 2025/26, the team will continue to work closely with PHA and DoH to deliver on the public health agenda and promote and offer vaccinations in locations across SET.

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