

New survey: What do the public think about Dorset's COVID-19 vaccination programme



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What do you think about Dorset's Covid-19 vaccine programme?

Share your views and help make care better for you and your community.

Complete our survey or get in touch

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The banner features a blue background with a white wave-like shape at the bottom. On the right side, there is an illustration of a COVID-19 vaccine vial and a syringe. The vial is labeled 'VACCINE COVID-19'. Surrounding the vial and syringe are several stylized COVID-19 virus particles. The overall design is clean and professional, using a color palette of blue, white, and pink.

We launched a new survey this month asking Dorset residents to share their views and experiences of the county's COVID-19 vaccination programme. We want to identify what is working well and where changes could be made to help the NHS improve delivery of vaccinations across the county. It's easy to share your views via our short online survey, by phone or email, and your feedback can be anonymous. [Feedback and share our survey.](#)

Vaccine volunteers still needed



Although thousands of local volunteers have been recruited to support the COVID-19 vaccination programme in Dorset, Community Action Network (CAN) are still looking for more. Healthwatch Dorset's Volunteer Officer, Holly, has been helping as a Volunteer Marshall at the Bournemouth International Centre (BIC). Marshalling can involve a wide range of things from making refreshments, to stewarding the queues, ensuring social distancing is observed, or even driving buggies. [Read Holly's blog](#) to find out how she has been helping and how you can get involved.

Great support for our Young Listeners project

We've had a fantastic response to our recruitment campaign for volunteer Young Listeners and now have an enthusiastic group of 12 young people on board. Over the next couple of months, the Young Listeners will take part in a training schedule before designing an engagement project to gather the views of young people across Dorset. To keep informed about the project [check our website](#) and follow us on social media (see links below).



Healthwatch calls for national review of access to GP care



Following analysis of feedback from 200,000 people about access to GP care, Healthwatch England is calling for a national review of access to GPs to be part of NHS COVID-19 recovery. Many of the issues raised in the national report are reflected in local feedback we have received and reported on, including the benefits and barriers caused by a shift to digital care. We will be investigating access to GP care further during the coming year.

Read the [Healthwatch England report](#). Read the Healthwatch Dorset report: [Dorset health and care during COVID-19 - What local people told us](#) (November 2020).

Government consultation on new Women's Health Strategy

A new Government consultation is asking women to share their experiences of the health and care system to inform a new Women's Health Strategy. Make your voice count and help improve the health and wellbeing of women across England. Deadline is Sunday 30 May.



Individuals can respond via the [online survey](#). Individuals or organisations with expertise in women's health can also send written submissions by [email](#).

Speak up and help make health and social care better for you and your community

Healthwatch Dorset is the county's independent health and care champion. We exist to ensure that people are at the heart of care. Our dedicated team of staff and volunteers listen to what people like about local health and care services, and what could be improved. These views are then shared with the decision-making organisations in the county, so together we can make a real difference. We cover the geographical area of Dorset, which includes the unitary authority areas of Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole and Dorset.



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