

Coronavirus – drop in clinics for 12 to 15 year-olds open

Young people aged 12 to 15 will be able to get a COVID-19 vaccine at drop-in clinics across Lothian from Monday.

Mass clinics are set up in West Lothian, Midlothian and Edinburgh and will open their doors to young people as part of the latest phase of the national vaccination programme. (Remember that the clinic at EICC has just closed).

Pyramids, Gorebridge and Lowland Hall vaccination clinics will be the first in Lothian to administer the vaccine, before more clinics are added to the list over coming days.

Pat Wynne, Director of Nursing for Primary and Community Care, NHS Lothian said: “We are delighted to offer drop-in clinics for young people aged 12-15

“These clinics will enable young people to attend, without a prior appointment to receive their vaccination.

“We recognise that young people, as well as their parents and guardians may have questions regarding the COVID vaccination and we encourage them to visit the pages on NHS Inform where there is a range of information available.

“Alongside this, our teams at Pyramids, Gorebridge and Lowland Hall are one hand to answer any questions people may have.

“Vaccination remains critically important in the continued fight against COVID-19 and we welcome the further expansion of

the vaccination programme across Lothian.”

The clinics are opening their doors following the publication and government acceptance of the advice of the four Chief Medical Officers (CMOs) to offer a single dose of the COVID vaccine to all healthy 12-15-year-olds.

Young people do not need to be registered with a GP to attend, however it is requested that they are accompanied by their parent or guardian.

As well as the drop-in clinics for 12-15's, NHS Lothian continues to operate a range of COVID vaccination clinics in locations across Lothian.

Mr Wynne added: “We continue to offer vaccination clinics across Lothian for anyone who requires a first dose of the vaccine, or who is now due their second dose. I would urge anyone who has still to be vaccinated to pop along.”

More information on the 12-15 vaccination programme is available on NHS Inform <https://www.nhsinform.scot/12to15>

Information on clinic locations and opening times is also available on NHS Lothian's website – <https://www.nhslothian.scot/Coronavirus/Vaccine/Pages/Drop-in-Clinics.aspx>