

Winter Vaccinations Update

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WHAT ARE THE MAIN 'WINTER' VACCINES?

- **Influenza:**

- Seasonal virus normally circulating between December and February.
- Causes significant pressure on hospitals and serious care home outbreaks.
- Annual vaccine campaign starting September (children) and October (adults)
- **Vaccine eligibility:** pregnant women, all children aged 2 or 3 years, school aged children (reception to year 11), children in clinical risk groups aged from 6, adults aged 18 to 65 in risk groups, all adults aged 65 and over.

- **COVID-19:**

- Not yet seasonal – have seen waves at all times during the year. Currently in a prolonged period of relatively low circulation.
- A wave in winter could add to hospital pressure and care home outbreaks.
- Twice yearly campaigns in April and October.
- **Vaccine eligibility:** adults aged 75 years and over, residents in care homes for older adults, individuals who are immunosuppressed aged 6 months and over.

- **RSV (respiratory syncytial virus):**

- Seasonal virus normally circulating October – January.
- Causes significant hospital admissions – mostly very young children and older adults.
- One-off vaccine (no seasonal campaign).
- **Vaccine eligibility:** pregnant women, adults aged 75-79.

- **Pneumococcal**

- Common cause of bacterial pneumonia, can be secondary infection following infection with respiratory virus.
- Causes substantial hospital admissions and deaths in older adults. Can cause severe care home outbreaks.
- One off vaccine (no seasonal campaign)
- Vaccine eligibility: people aged 65 and over (normally on turning 65).

UPTAKE OF KEY VACCINES IN BURY

• Influenza:

- 3rd/4th in Greater Manchester for older adults (improvement from 2022/23 – 2023/24) but declining uptake nationally.
- 5th in GM for at risk adults.

• COVID-19:

- 3rd/4th in GM for older adults, 5th for at risk adults.
- Declining uptake nationally (Spring uptake normally lower than Autumn/Winter).
- Eligible cohort reducing due to change in effectiveness of boosters (due to increasing population immunity).

• RSV:

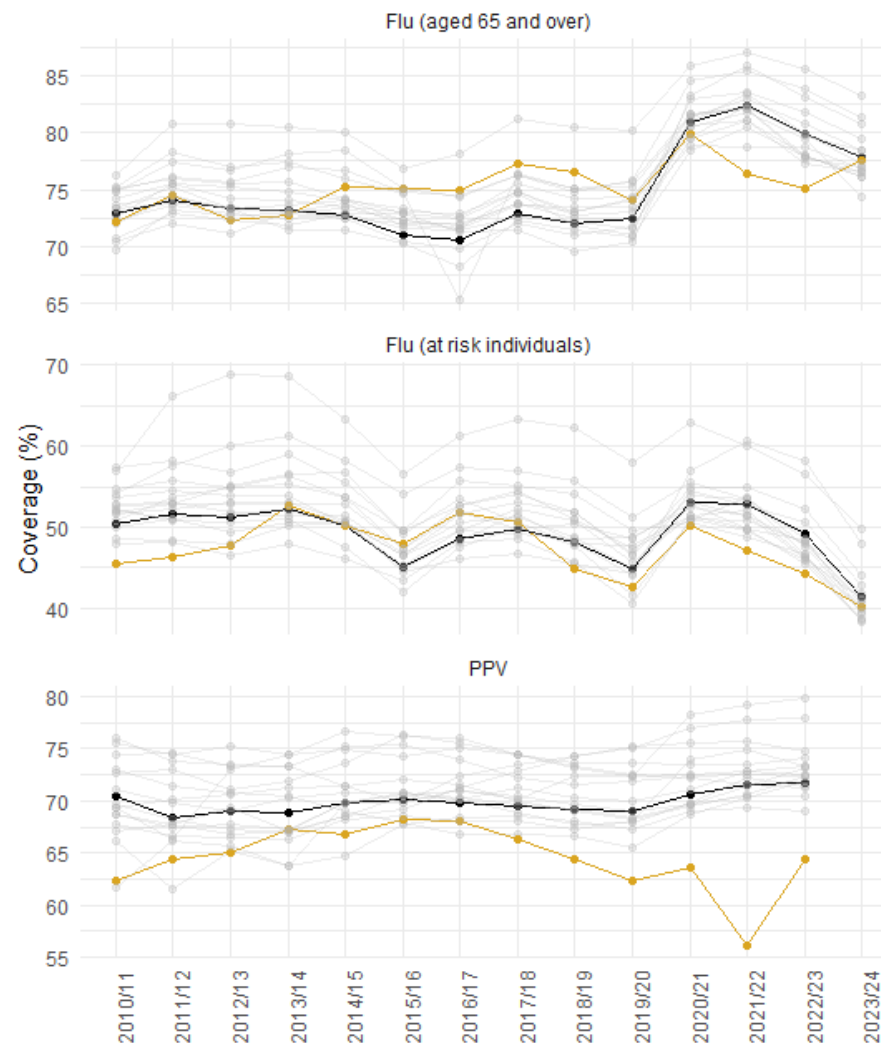
- 7th in GM for older adults, 2nd for pregnant women (though coverage only 30%).

• Pneumococcal:

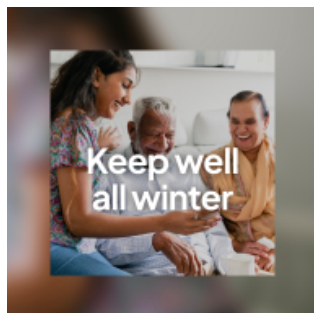
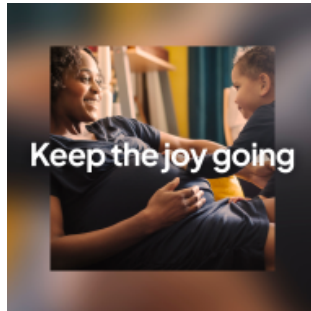
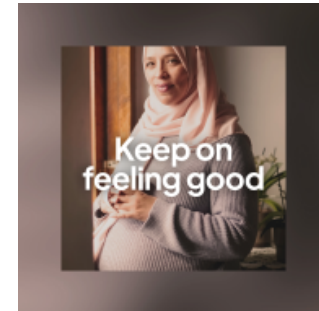
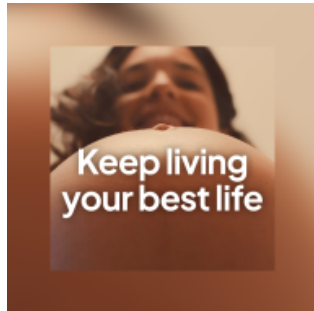
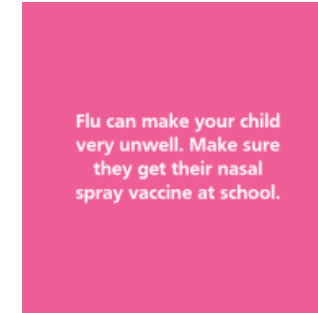
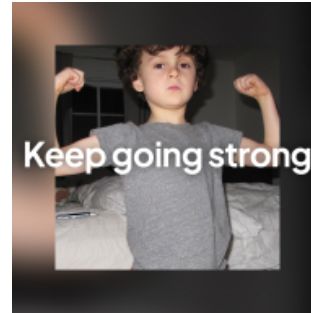
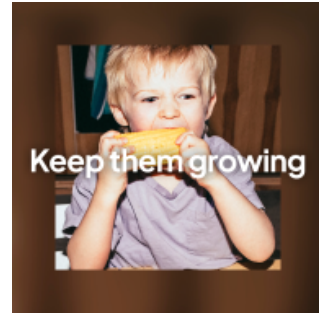
- Worst uptake in GM (2024/25 data not available, but improvement from 2021/22 – 2022/23). No more recent data available from ICB.
- Working to improve uptake with GP Fed & practices focusing on care home residents and older adults.

Coverage for adult immunisation programmes

Bury, statistical neighbours, and England. Source: OHID Fingertips



NHS GREATER MANCHESTER WINTER VACCINES COMMUNICATIONS CAMPAIGN



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