

DEFENCE COVID-19 ASSISTANCE SUMMARY

As at 1000 hrs 15 Feb 21 *Red text highlights new/changed activity.

NHS Support

- 42 Quick Reaction Force (QRF) **vaccination teams** are at readiness or deployed to assist with the national vaccination rollout if required.
- c.200 drivers** (light goods vehicle qualified) and **medical personnel** have deployed in support of the South Central, North West, and East of England Ambulance Services. **Support to the South East Coast now complete.**
- c.700 Combat Medical Technicians (CMTs) and c.1700 general duties (GD) personnel** are supporting NHS trusts in London, the South East, the East of England, the North West, South West and the Midlands. CMTs are conducting bedside, non-registered ICU roles, with GD personnel conducting portering roles, discharge of patients through step down facilities and supporting basic patient care.
- 12 Logistics personnel are supporting the NHSE/I vaccine deployment supply chain programme.
- 275 GD personnel** have commenced training to become qualified **vaccinators** in line with the NHS e-learning training package. They will be **postured to support the vaccination rollout should DHSC submit a MACA.**

Community Testing

- Planners** have deployed to support the South Yorkshire, West Yorkshire and Humber Local Resilience Forums.
- Community testing support in Lancashire, Kent, and for hauliers at Sevington and Manston has now completed.**
- c.155** personnel are supporting targeted **community testing** in Greater Manchester. **Reservists are supporting the last few weeks of the task, which is due to finish on 26 Feb 21.**
- 1 local response team of **4 personnel per region (28 total)** to provide online and face to face **support to schools** testing programmes in England.
- Regional Liaison Teams (RLT)**, who link local authorities with their Joint Military Commands (JMCs), have been extended in post until 31 Mar 21.
- 7 mechanical and electrical engineers** are supporting DHSC to design, build and deliver multiple mobile processing capabilities for community testing.

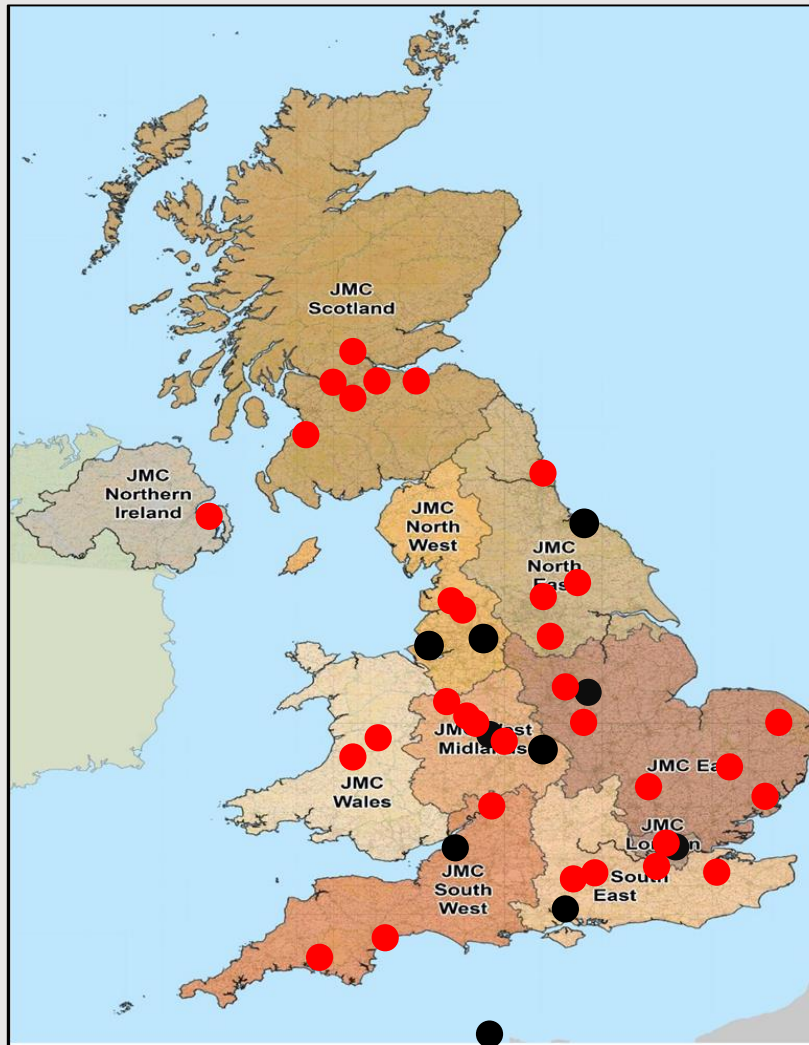
Defence Estate

- Provision of sites for **additional storage** across the UK.
- Provision of office accommodation for other Government Departments and local authorities for **training and coordination and briefing.**
- Use of Defence Estates across all DAs for **storage and training.**

Aviation and Overseas

- Military Air Transport (A400M) delivered vaccines to Gibraltar and the Falkland Islands (almost 15,000 total). **1,950 vaccines are to be delivered to the Ascension Islands this week.**
- OVERSEAS** – 175 **general duties personnel** from Royal Gibraltar Regiment (RGR) supporting Gibraltar vaccine rollout with logistics/transportation. **8 medical personnel** are supporting HMG Gibraltar with their Elderly Residential Services, resourced from within the RGR.

Open COVID MACAs: **68**
Closed COVID MACAs: **246**



Map Key

- MACA activity
- MACA activity (recently closed)

JMC Joint Military Commands – brigade HQs regionally aligned for command and liaison of MACA activity

Devolved Administrations (DA)

- 32 Military **planners** are supporting the Scottish Government **vaccine and mass testing programmes.**
- 98 personnel** have now completed taskings in Scotland to **establish vaccination centres, with 53 sites identified and operationalised.**
- 24 GD personnel** have deployed to Scotland in support of the vaccination rollout in local health authorities, providing planning and logistics expertise.
- 8 teams** of 11 medical personnel, plus a chain of command, have deployed to Scotland as a Vaccination Quick Reaction Force (VQRF).
- 320 GD personnel** have commenced training for a new **community testing** task in Scotland, due to begin on 22 Feb.
- 188 personnel** are supporting **vaccination delivery** across 7 Health Boards.
- 11 military planners** have deployed to Wales to support vaccination planning programmes in 3 Health Boards.
- 100 personnel** (mixture of **drivers and medical personnel**) are supporting the Welsh Ambulance Service Trust (WAST).
- 110 medical personnel** are supporting three hospitals in Northern Ireland, conducting public facing healthcare roles.

Cross Whitehall

- Planning and project management** support to the Programme Management Office.
- Military Intelligence **analysts** to Civil Contingencies Secretariat.
- Intelligence analyst** support to the Joint Bio Security Centre.
- Military officers embedded in the Cabinet Office **Field Teams.**
- Military officers providing advice and assistance to **Vaccine Task Force.**
- 1 military officer embedded in BEIS on the economic stimulus programme.
- 1 **planner** embedded on manufacture and delivery of vaccines.
- Logistics and Medical Planner** support to Mass Testing Programme.
- Intelligence analyst** support to Number 10.
- Counter Disinformation** analysis for DCMS and Cabinet O2 personnel providing **communication support** to the Cabinet Office.
- 1 military officer is acting as **Chief of Staff support to Director General Vaccine Task Force**, to enhance coordination of procurement of vaccines for HMG.
- 6 Intelligence Analysts are providing Open Source Intelligence (OSINT) data analysis in support of the Cabinet Office Winter Ops Cell.
- 20 personnel providing **1* HQ support** to DHSC for the planning and execution of the COVID-19 community testing programme.

Deployable Force Elements*

- Total Winter Support Force – c. **14,627**
- Committed to COVID MACAs – c. **3,804**
- (Further 3 x UK Standby Battalions (UKSB) – 1,200)

*Approx 5,000 Defence personnel are contributing to the COVID response through regular duties in command HQ, Defence Medical Services, Defence Science and Technology Laboratories, Defence Equipment and Support.