

DEFENCE COVID-19 ASSISTANCE SUMMARY

As at **1000 hrs 29 March 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. **This is expected to reduce to 35 teams as of 01 April, remaining on task until 30 April.**
- Training is ongoing for 275 GD personnel** to become qualified vaccinators in line with the NHS training package.
- 8 Combat Medical Technicians (CMTs)** remain committed to supporting the NHS Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospital Trust, until 31 March.
- 12 Logistics personnel** are supporting the NHSE/I vaccine deployment supply chain programme.

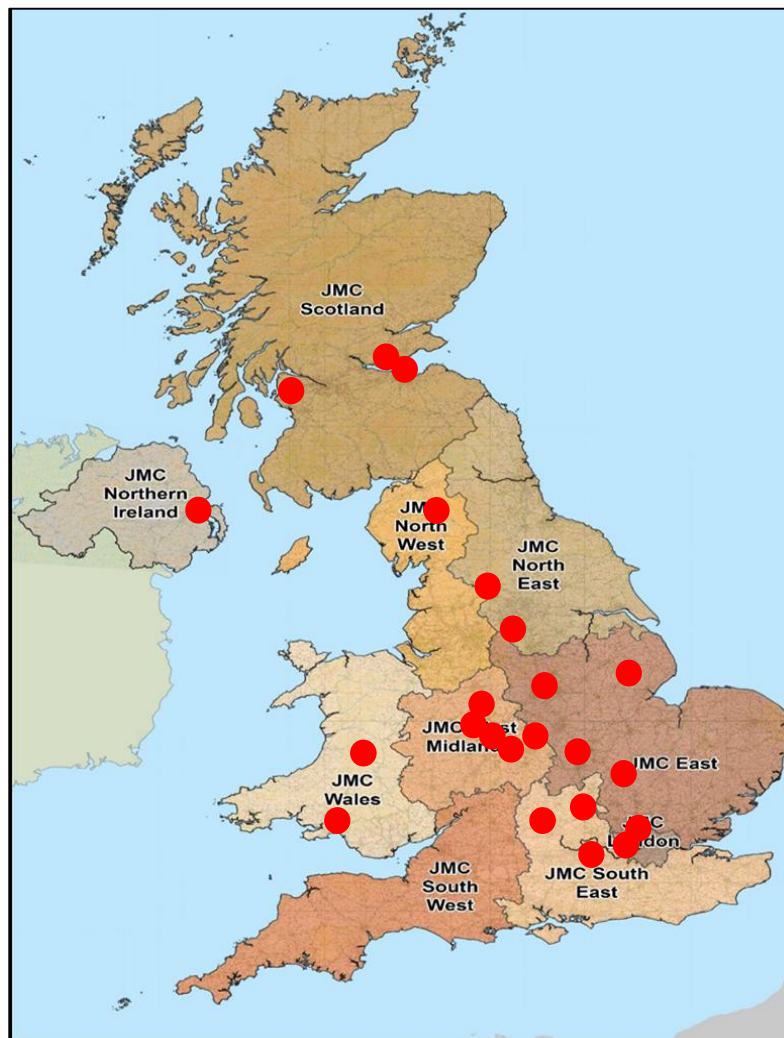
Community Testing

- Regional Liaison Teams (RLT)**, comprising c.59 personnel, are deployed to provide planning support to Local Authorities and Directors of Public Health across England and link in Joint Military Commands (JMCs). Support is expected to end 31 March.
- 4 mechanical and electrical engineers** are supporting DHSC to design, build and deliver multiple mobile community testing processing capabilities until 01 April.

Devolved Administrations (DA) – 51% of COVID support is in the DAs

- 25 Military planners** are supporting the Scottish Government **vaccine and mass testing programmes.**
- 49 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 also deployed to Scotland as a **Vaccination QRF.**
- 320 GD personnel** have deployed in support of **community testing** across 23 sites in Scotland. **An extension request has been received for 48 pers from 05 April to 02 May.**
- Up to **188 personnel** are supporting **vaccination delivery** across 7 Health Boards in Wales.
- 11 military planners** have deployed to Wales to support vaccination planning programmes in 3 Health Boards.
- 99 personnel** (mixture of **drivers** and **medical personnel (14 CMTs)**) are supporting the Welsh Ambulance Service Trust (WAST) until 31 March.
- 100 medics** are deploying on 29 March to support the Northern Ireland Department of Health for **vaccine deployment**, which runs from 5 April until 31 May.

Open COVID MACAs: 51
Closed COVID MACAs: 269



Map Key

● MACA activity

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

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

- As at 15 March 21, Military Air Transport has delivered a total of 61,640 **vaccines** for HMG personnel and a further 4,980 doses to Belgium, Germany, Italy, Norway, Kenya, Mali, Cyprus, Belize, Iraq and Canada for Defence personnel.
- 175 general duties personnel** from the Royal Gibraltar Regiment (RGR) are supporting the Gibraltar vaccine rollout with logistics/transportation until 08 May 21.

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.**
- One planner** embedded on manufacture and delivery of vaccines.
- Logistics and Medical Planner** support to Mass Testing Programme.
- Intelligence analyst** support to Number 10.
- Communication support** to the Cabinet Office.
- One military officer is acting as **Chief of Staff support to Director General Vaccine Task Force**, to enhance coordination of procurement of vaccines for HMG.
- 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.**14,418**
- Committed to COVID MACAs – c.**1,239** (Further 3 x UK Standby Battalions (UKSB) – 1,200)

*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.