

Update from the Surgery 15th August - Flu vaccines...

We managed to get through Friday 13th unscathed and are eagerly anticipating the promised hot spell. Seeing all the tractors coming out like an army at the first dry weather is quite a sight but it must be a stressful time for farming - let's hope it stays dry.

As a Primary Care Network (us, Hamstreet, Charing and Ivy Court) we are making progress with new staff and we continue to build our team. We are looking for people that would be interested to try and help people from child or adult "health coaches" to paramedic practitioners or nurses. Equally, if you don't have any "medical" qualifications but think working in the community would be interesting then please get in touch with us.

News of the "Covid Booster" vaccines has all gone a bit quiet. Perhaps the recent story that the boss of AstraZeneca wants vaccines to go abroad is the first part of the spin. Can we anticipate BoJo announcing a philanthropic gesture that he is going to send vaccines to poorer countries? I suspect we might.

The seasonal Flu campaign is due to start again and we are expecting it to be a bigger-than-ever year. We ordered the vaccines a year ago based on historic numbers plus a bit so have over 1500 arriving at the beginning of September. Our first clinic will be on the 18th September and will be a socially distanced conveyor belt. Although the age bracket has been moved from over 65s to over 50s we always encourage those most elderly and those with long term conditions to be front of the queue. People over 18 with a long-term health condition should also be vaccinated and the children will be done at school as usual.

The clinics are set up so please get in touch to book in your Flu jabs - we're expecting red hot phone lines...

All the best on behalf of the Surgery, Jack Hickey GP.