

Latest Covid news from Woodchurch Surgery...

I was a bit deflated this morning listening to Radio 5 Live giving a proper roasting to the "completely inept" vaccine roll out from GP surgeries and that many over 90-year-olds have not even been told when their vaccine is.

The truth is that we can't invite people until we know if we are going to have any vaccine to give them. We were given 400 of the new "posh Oxford" Astra Zeneca vaccine last Friday with instructions to administer them to our Care Home residents (which number over 400) and Care Home staff so have been busy going around these vulnerable areas to try and protect them as many are "frail" or have significant vulnerabilities such as Down's Syndrome.

Following this brief interruption to the over-80 cohort we can now confirm that we have a new stock of Astra Zeneca arriving tomorrow (Friday 15th Jan) and are setting up vaccination clinics in Woodchurch Surgery for our patients from next week. We will be allocated a fair-share from the stock the PCN receives and be inviting as many of the over 80-year-old cohort as possible. This group includes the over-90s (that Radio 5 were concerned about) and those over 100 as these ages are all in "cohort 1" and within that group no-one is prioritised further.

We now start the last-minute task of inviting people in to the clinics. Please do not telephone us as the phones will break with hundreds of calls. Hopefully by the end of next week Cohort 1 will be complete and we can move on to Cohort 2 and 3. When we know we will be getting a regular supply we can be more proactive and less reactive.

If you have any need to establish yourself as an unusual priority (such as undergoing chemotherapy or being a carer) please email us at kmccg.woodchurchsurgery@nhs.net rather than phone in to keep the lines free.

I shall now be turning over to Heart FM....

Best wishes to all and thanks for your support you have shown to the team and those offering your services to help.

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On Behalf of Woodchurch Surgery