

Woodchurch Surgery update

The PCN team have delivered just under 7000 vaccines which simultaneously feels like a great feat but also the tip of the iceberg. Our admin team are under pressure to fill clinics as soon as we get confirmation of both the delivery and the type of the vaccine. They ring all contact numbers that we have on our database for the patients in the current cohort at least twice and if there is no answer they have to simply move down the list and then return back to the top. Reserving slots leads to confusion and potentially wastage – so please keep your phone close if you are in the Cohorts 1-4. (Reassuringly, it is not purely an alphabetical list in an attempt to avoid prejudice against anyone descended from Frank Zappa, for example.)

We are fielding calls about the little cards that are given to you upon receiving the vaccine. These are not "Covid Vaccination Passports" and will not be sufficient evidence to travel freely across borders. They are simply a reminder and can be kept for prosperity or discarded. I know in some clinics we have not had them to give out and on other occasions people have lost them. There is no particular need to replace them and somehow replacing a souvenir or trophy never brings back the same feeling as holding the original did.

Having been disappointed to see the rain the other weekend I am now a bit apprehensive to see next week's forecast of severe cold and snow. We have Covid clinics throughout the week which I know people will be keen to attend, however, please do not break your neck getting here if it really is awful. If it is dangerous travelling here please phone and let us know - we can always fight Covid another day.

Best wishes to all from Woodchurch Surgery

Jack Hickey - GP