

These Q&As have been considered by the Vaccination Group which is attended by nurses and GPs from all three practices in Mowbray Square PCN

1. Should I phone my GP to find out when I will get my vaccination?

Please do not phone your GP Practice. All GP practices are working hard to invite patients as quickly as possible. To ensure that we can do this and to keep the phone lines free for urgent medical queries please do not phone your GP practice to find out when you will get the vaccines. Be assured, we will telephone you with an appointment. Please have a pen and paper to hand for when you receive the call.

2. How can healthcare workers, carers, private dentists, police, social care etc. access the vaccine?

The Hospital Vaccine Hub at HDFT have been contracted to vaccinate these patients. We are waiting to hear how their system will work. Please **do not** contact the hospital.

A national letter has directed the Acute Provider (HDFT) to provide vaccination to all health and social care workers – NHS or otherwise. General Practice has not currently been requested to do this.

3. What if patients want the Oxford vaccine as previous antibiotic allergy/general allergies/egg allergy?

Patients can have any vaccine including the Pfizer one. Only if they have had a reaction to a vaccine itself, or if there is a history of immediate onset-anaphylaxis to multiple classes of drugs or an unexplained anaphylaxis, do they defer to the Oxford vaccine.

4. What if I am finishing a course of antibiotics?

If you are on your last day and are well then this is fine. You should not have the vaccine if you still feel unwell. Please let us know and we will reschedule your appointment

5. Why are 80 year olds being invited before 90 year olds?

The direction from the Government is to prioritise all patients over 80 years. Our system search therefore does this. It does not sort patients into age bands. We have many people phoning patients so would be impossible to work through in order

6. Why are you not visiting housebound patients?

Currently the Pfizer vaccine is not able to be moved from its initial delivery point – the Yorkshire Event Centre (YEC). It is too unstable and temperature sensitive. Both vaccines have more than one dose in each vial which means they are not currently suitable for individual housebound patients. Therefore at the moment, the vaccine teams are concentrating on the mass vaccination centre and large care homes. Carers may bring them to YEC however if they are able.

7. Why are households not being invited together?

We are endeavouring to do this if possible but sometimes the search list isn't sensitive enough to group patients together. If we notice a household then we will book them in at the same time. Again we have a team of people making phone calls but will try to ensure you are invited together

8. I don't want to have the Pfizer vaccine, I want the UK one

All the vaccines have been produced and tested to the highest standards. You have been contacted because you are deemed to be in a high risk group. We therefore recommend you are vaccinated at the earliest possible opportunity with the vaccine that is available. We cannot save your place in the list if you refuse the vaccine and you will have to wait much longer.