**Covid Vaccinations Message to Patients**

**Covid Vaccination Programme**

The current priority is to vaccinate the over 80s, the care home staff and the primary care staff. We would hope within the next couple of weeks we will see the Oxford AstraZeneca vaccine licensed which will make the delivery of the programme far easier for primary care.

**Community vaccination centres**

Across the country we have started with the over 80s and some sites are beginning to offer slots to care home staff and some practice staff. As we progress we will have new cohorts by age but we also need the flexibility to vaccinate those at most risk such as the people with severe learning disabilities. The delivery of the vaccination programme to the housebound and care homes is clearly important and needs to be carried out in partnership with our community teams. The AstraZeneca vaccine is going to be the most suitable for the community vaccination centres, the housebound and care homes.

**Please Do Not Call** your surgery to enquire about the Covid Vaccination Programme. Your Surgery has a priority list. Please wait to be contacted by them once the vaccines are available.

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| **Priority** | **Risk group** |
| 1 | Residents in a care home for older adults and their carers |
| 2 | All those 80 years of age and over  Frontline health and social care workers (see [Chapter 14a](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-the-green-book-chapter-14a)) |
| 3 | All those 75 years of age and over |
| 4 | All those 70 years of age and over  Clinically extremely vulnerable[[1]](#footnote-1) individuals (see [Definition of clinically extremely vulnerable groups](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-on-shielding-and-protecting-extremely-vulnerable-persons-from-covid-19/guidance-on-shielding-and-protecting-extremely-vulnerable-persons-from-covid-19#cev)) |
| 5 | All those 65 years of age and over |
| 6 | All individuals aged 16 to 64 years with underlying health conditions which put them at higher risk of serious disease and mortality (see [Appendix A](#AppendixA) or [Chapter 14a](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-the-green-book-chapter-14a)) |
| 7 | All those 60 years of age and over |
| 8 | All those 55 years of age and over |
| 9 | All those 50 years of age and over |

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