

Patient Participation Group

Zoom Meeting - 26th January 2021

Those Present :- Christine Powell, Rosemary Hillyard, Diane Westray, Paul Day, Anne Smart, Scot Ridley, Elizabeth Carless, Jodi Clements Simon Laurie and Dr Simon Wilson.

Apologies from :- Maria Power, Angela Townsend and Dr Shaheen Jinah

The minutes from the previous meeting on 10 December were visited and agreed.

Vaccination Programme

Most of our Zoom meeting was taken up by discussing our Practice's involvement with the Mid Chiltern Primary Care Network vaccination programme. The main vaccination centre is at Chesham Town Hall and it has proved to have been very successful.

1000 doses are given within 3.5 days.

At the time of the Zoom meeting the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine was perceived to give better protection in comparison with the AstraZeneca. But the AstraZeneca is much easier to handle and administer due to not needing to be stored at -70 degrees and the requirement for the patients to be on site for 15 minutes post injection should a reaction occur.

Each vial is noted to provide one more dose than stated.

At the moment our G.P's are concentrating on getting the housebound patients vaccinated.

The AstraZeneca vaccine is potentially more profitable than the Pfizer/ BioNTech vaccine due to the ease of administering it.

The second dose for both will be given at an interval of 12 weeks.

The Practice has negotiated with the Primary Care Network to give the AstraZeneca Vaccine at the Chequers Surgery site owing to the fact that our outlying villages are a long way from Chesham. The Chequers Surgery is very flexible particularly since the redesign of the entrance and exit with the new corridor.

The Chequer Tree Pub, next door, has kindly agreed to the Practice using their car park at the time of the vaccination clinics.

The PPG are organizing the 65 patient volunteers for the clinics, as and when they are required.

Many patients are receiving letters from the NHS to offer them the vaccine at the Victoria Pharmacy in High Wycombe and Marlow. This has caused some confusion and wasted time.

Dr Simon Wilson was very upbeat by the way the clinics were working with everyone working together and particularly the help from the volunteers. He said that it made him realize why he wanted to work in the community. Bucks was on course with the Government phases for the over 80 and 75 year olds.

He commented that Scot had very good IT skills, which were being applied to a health care setting. With the accent on mobile phone text message contact for booking appointments, it made the management of contacting many people at a time, easy. A phone call is made to those who do not have or rely on a mobile phone.

Scot has produced a Facebook page where Practice information can be exchanged and the Website where all up-to-date vaccination news can be obtained.

Written Consent

It was noted that many of the older Patients have close relatives with a mobile phone who are willing to take and respond to text message for them. The Patient needs to give written consent to the Practice for permission to contact their relative and to provide them with the phone number.

It is recommended that Patients take out Lasting Power of Attorney to inform the

Practice of their wishes in the event of serious, life threatening illness.

Leap Boxes

Anne Smart told the group that Bucks County Council had funded " Leap Boxes", which provided elderly people with exercise information, games and a "Mindfulness" book to help with their well-being during isolation. Firstly these were being made available for the over 80's then for the over 70's. She was wondering how many packs to order and asked for help.

Ramp

A disabled Patient commented on the fact that there was no ramp at Chequers Surgery for those in wheelchairs. She was sorry to mention it as she was so pleased to get the vaccine at Chequers.

Scot said that he was aware that the small step might cause a difficulty for some and therefore a ramp had been ordered.

Medical Detection Dogs.

The Medical Detection Dog Talk is now to take place on 17th February on Zoom. Scot is to provide the URL bar and increase the numbers to 100.

The next meeting will take place on 9th March 2021 at 6pm on Zoom.

Elizabeth Carless

Item for discussion.

Update on Vaccine programme.

Medical Detection Dog Talk.

Any other business

