



We are fast approaching flu vaccination season and I want to take this opportunity to remind everyone who is eligible to call us to make an appointment for your annual NHS flu jab.

Flu vaccinations will be available this year to all patients aged 50 and over and those under 50 with chronic health conditions.

Although I cannot give you exact dates as I write this Newsletter, the Flu Clinics will start in late September and we will be running these on a Saturday. We will of course continue to provide vaccinations opportunistically during normal routine appointments to eligible patients, so there is no need to book a separate flu appointment if you are seeing

a clinician for a face to face appointment once we have received our flu delivery in late September.

Flu is an unpredictable virus that can cause mild or unpleasant illness in most people. BUT, it can cause severe illness and even death among vulnerable groups including older people, pregnant women and people with an underlying health condition. If you are not sure if you are eligible, please give us a call. We are unable to provide private vaccinations, but many local pharmacies do.

By having your flu jab, you are not only helping yourself, but you are also helping to protect the wider population from this nasty virus which can easily spread to vulnerable people who are much more at risk from complications.

Call 01206 250691 NOW to book your appointment.

Covid-19 Booster Vaccinations

At the time of writing this Newsletter we are still awaiting further guidance regarding the Covid-19 booster vaccinations. We will update our patients once we receive further information about this.

Verbal Abuse

I am very sorry to report that there has been a significant increase in the number of patients being verbally abusive towards our Practice staff. The whole Surgery team work very hard to provide a helpful and efficient service and I would ask that patients treat our hardworking staff with respect at all times.

Patient Participation Group

There isn't a Patient Participation Group meeting planned in September. If this situation changes then PPG members will be informed by email and we will also advertise this on the Surgery website.

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