



THE WILSON PRACTICE

Patient update 12 March 2021

Vaccination latest and opportunities to 'get involved'

How are we doing?

As mentioned in our last update, delivery of vaccine across the south has slowed over the last two weeks, so the numbers of people vaccinated hasn't changed massively. But all that is set to change.

As of 12 March, **5,104 patients** had had their first vaccination and we will soon start to see patients returning for their second dose. It is amazing how much has been achieved in 12 weeks.

Of those patients able and willing to have the vaccination, the following have had their first jab:

- ✓ 100% of patients living in residential care or who are aged 80 years and over
- ✓ 97% of patients aged between 75-79 years
- ✓ 97% of patients 70-74 years
- ✓ 95% of patients 65-69 years (*up from 89%*)
- ✓ 65% of patients 60 – 64 years and 46% of patients aged 16 – 64 with underlying health conditions – *with lots more booked.*

Who's next?

Texts have now been sent to everyone aged 55 and over for whom we have a mobile phone number, inviting them to book online for an appointment at the Hampshire Court Hotel; there are lots of slots available this week. Letters will be sent to patients if we do not hold a mobile number.

The National Booking Line is also mailing and texting this and wider groups of patients. The number of mass vaccination centres and community pharmacies offering vaccinations continues to grow; this will include Boots in Alton in the near future.

Have you had Covid-19?

NHS Blood and Transplant is appealing to people who have recovered from Coronavirus infection to consider donating plasma (a similar process to giving blood). The antibodies in your blood could help someone else recover without affecting your own ability to fight infection.

To find out more call 0300 123 23 23.

The Wilson Practice PPG Committee is recruiting...

... and would love to hear from patients interested in joining them. The patient group has run a very successful Health Fayre in past years and actively supports the seasonal 'flu clinics alongside practice staff. The Committee meets on the second Monday of each month, currently via Zoom but hoping to get back to meeting in person as soon as possible.

The PPG Committee is the non-clinical interface with the practice and aims to input views and ideas on practice matters as well as wider issues such as current changes taking place in the health service. If you are interested in this area and have a few hours to contribute each month, please contact the team via email: wilsonpractice.ppg@gmail.com

And finally...

The Hampshire Court Hotel vaccination centre was singled out for praise by Matt Hancock MP, Secretary of State for Health & Social Care, this week, for being one of the best performing vaccination sites in the country. "Britain is leading the global fightback against the virus," he said, "and is now deploying vaccine faster than almost any other country in the world. And this is down to the tireless efforts of all those involved - especially those on the ground in our communities, from nurses, to GPs, to pharmacies, to volunteers, and so many more."