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Dear Patient,

We are contacting people who have been prioritised to receive the Covid-19, including people over 80 years old, and people who work in care homes.

If you are over 80, or a care home worker, we would encourage you to book an appointment for a vaccination by calling 01923 672451 / 675832.

Please note that we will never ask you for any money for your vaccination.

Important Information about the Vaccine

In West Hertfordshire the Covid-19 vaccines for the first priority groups are being delivered through local vaccination centres run by GPs.

The Pfizer vaccine is safe and highly effective, but it is complex to move, store and prepare. For this reason it is being carefully rolled out to designated hospital hubs and local vaccination centres that meet particular requirements.

• The Vaccine site for our patients is **Sheepcot Medical Centre**. Call 01923 672451 / 675832 to book an appointment

How to Book Your Appointments

You will need to book 2 appointments as the vaccine requires 2 doses. The doses need to be 21 days apart.

The first vaccination appointments will be on **Tuesday 15th December, Wednesday 16th December or Thursday 17th December**.

The second vaccination will be given on Tuesday 5th January, Wednesday 6th January or Thursday 7th January

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About the Vaccine

Find out more about the COVID-19 vaccination

A coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccine developed by Pfizer/BioNTech has been approved for use in the UK.

The vaccine has met strict standards of safety, quality and effectiveness set out by the independent Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA).

Other vaccines are being developed. They will only be available on the NHS once they have been thoroughly tested to make sure they are safe and effective.

Vaccine Safety

Coronavirus vaccines that have been approved have gone through all the clinical trials and safety checks all other licensed medicines go through. The UK has some of the highest safety standards in the world.

Vaccines are only used if they are approved by the MHRA. The MHRA has been monitoring every stage of coronavirus vaccine development.

So far, thousands of people have been given a coronavirus vaccine and no serious side effects or complications have been reported.

Who will get the Vaccine

At first, the vaccine is being offered to people who are most at risk from coronavirus, before being offered more widely.

The vaccine will first be offered to:

- people aged 80 and over except Housebound patients see below
- health and social care workers in England

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Note: The following groups will NOT be contacted as part of this first wave as we are not able to transport the vaccine away from the vaccination site. We will be contacting them once we have been told that we can do so.

- Housebound 80+ patients who are completely housebound and not able to get to the vaccination site.
- Care Home residents

Read the latest JCVI advice on priority groups for the COVID-19 vaccination on GOV.UK

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Yours sincerely

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