

NOTICE TO PATIENTS – COVID VACCINE

- General Practices in NSC have all signed up to deliver the Covid Vaccination Enhanced Service. It is our responsibility to vaccinate our patients.
- The NSC practices agreed to do this collaboratively, and we are running a “designated site” at Chelmsley Wood Primary Care Centre.
- Availability of vaccination appointments is dependent on vaccine deliveries. As soon as we know we are getting a delivery we will contact patients in the relevant cohort and book them an appointment. We will not do this if we do not think we are getting any vaccination – this is why patients are being asked to wait for practices to contact them.
- As soon as a delivery is confirmed the appointment slots will be opened for reception staff to book patients in. We may be told at short notice that a delivery is arriving and therefore may call you and ask you to attend at short notice.
- Patients will be called in order according to the nationally defined cohorts. These are available on the government website [JCVI priority groups \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk). Practices are not choosing these cohorts. These have been defined nationally and GP practices are not allowed to vaccinate outside of this schedule so please do not ask .
- Mass vaccination sites are currently being set up around the country and you may receive a letter inviting you to book an appointment. However, if you are unable to do so, or do not wish to book at a vaccination centre you can choose to wait until we contact you and invite you in.
- We are working as fast as we can to deliver the vaccinations, we do not however have control over the delivery processes which are managed nationally. Please do not call your GP practice to enquire about COVID vaccinations as it will block the lines for patients who need to call for other reasons.