

Wolston Surgery
Patient Reference Group Meeting
2.30 pm, 25th January 2021

Present: Rachel Sheasby-Russell (Rachel - Practice Manager, Chair), John Harris, John Church, Graham Fewkes, Helen Simmonds, Penny Curzons, Paul Fairfield-Steele, Laurie Wright, Bob Grainger (meeting notes).

1. **Apologies:** None

2. **Previous Meeting Notes:** Not considered. This meeting was an information update to PRG members, and not held against a formal agenda.

3. Covid 19 and Vaccinations - Update

Rachel advised that she had called the meeting to provide a summary update to the PRG with regard to way in which the surgery was managing impact of the Covid 19 pandemic, and also the logistics regarding the vaccination programme. In summary:

- Vaccinations for patients of Wolston surgery would all take place at a nominated centre in Rugby. The address is not being published to avoid people attending without an appointment. There were no plans for vaccinations to be routinely given at GP surgeries. Home visits for vaccination for those who were housebound or had other mobility limiting conditions are underway and largely completed;
- Patients will be contacted with appointment details either by the central booking system or directly by staff at the surgery. Patients are expected to make their own way to the vaccination centre. Car sharing is not supported due to the Tier 4 lockdown rules, unless patients are all in the same 'bubble'. It is not possible to arrange for identified 'groups' of patients to have adjacent bookings, to enable group travel, as the booking system does not have this capability.
- Noted that 'IndieGo Rugby' (0345 2638139) run a community transport service 'on demand' but needs to be booked. Adult return to Rugby £6, bus passes etc. accepted. Travel also via Stage coach No. 86 + 20 minute walk;
- Not known in advance which vaccination will be given, depends which is available on day of booking. After vaccination patients need to wait 15 minutes (Pfizer) and 15 minutes if driving (Astra Zeneca. Not necessary for patients to take means of identification, just identify against appointment booking list on arrival. No details available yet on when or where second does will be given; vaccination centre staffed by volunteers from GP surgeries across Rugby, including Wolston; to date 14% of Wolston surgery patients already vaccinated; Rachel stressed need to beware of hoax calls – always try to check that a call about the appointment is genuine;
- Rachel noted the extreme workload that the pandemic had brought for surgery staff, but on a positive note the large increase in bonding and teamwork that had evolved;

4. AOB:

- Noted the need for a salt grit bin to be provided for exclusive use of surgery. Application already made to RBC but declined. Parish Councillors present proposed to progress the matter through Wolston PC.

Meeting closed at 1520.

Date of next meeting To be advised.