

# COVID-19 VACCINE INFORMATION

Wonderful news that the Oxford AstraZeneca vaccine has been approved and that supplies of this are currently be distributed throughout Scotland.

Further communications on the specific plans for delivering this vaccine to the wider eligible public is to follow. But what we do know at this time is that; GP Practices in NHS Lothian will be vaccinating patients aged 80 years and over in this first stage and Milton Surgery are delighted to be able to support this vaccination programme.

**\*\*Any details regarding the vaccinations of other age groups (ie under the age of 80, Care Home residents or housebound patients) will be on the NHS Inform Website so please access this for current information [www.nhsinform.scot](http://www.nhsinform.scot) - For more information about who'll be offered the Coronavirus vaccine visit the website above or telephone 0800 030 8013 (available 8.00am to 8.00pm, 7 days a week)\*\* Please do not contact the Practice.**

Please refrain from contacting us about the vaccine as we are awaiting delivery of the vaccine prior to booking any patients in. Once stock is received Milton Surgery will contact those patients aged 80 years or over directly to arrange your vaccination appointment. Milton Surgery has become aware of text scams that are going around in relation to the COVID-19 vaccine. As such, we will **NOT** be contacting patients via text. For those who are eligible to receive a vaccine at the Practice, we will contact you by telephone. We will identify who we are and why we are telephoning.

Please note that the COVID-19 vaccine is being delivered by the NHS. There is **NO FEE** for this. If you are asked to pay a fee for this or to give your bank details, then the caller is not from the NHS.

**As above, please do not phone the surgery regarding queries re the vaccine. Our telephone lines are currently very busy with the usual queries so we need to keep them free to allow us to continue to support our patients. As noted above, please contact NHS Inform with your queries.**

As more information is released on the vaccination programme, and the role Milton Surgery will play in it, we will communicate this to patients via this page, our website, and via social media.

If we don't have a current home and/ or mobile number for you, please visit the Updating Your Details page on our website: <https://milton.gpsurgery.net/patient-info/updating-your-details/> Using this form you will be able to electronically submit your details.

Fingers crossed we can look forward to a brighter New Year.