

COVID-19 Vaccination for Carers

After the First Minister's announcement that carers will now be invited for COVID-19 vaccines, we have received a lot of telephone calls with queries. We hope that the information below will help (shared with the permission from another GP practice).



Definition of a carer from the JCVI is, 'those who are eligible for a carer's allowance, or those who are the sole or primary carer of an elderly or disabled person who is at increased risk of COVID-19 mortality and therefore clinically vulnerable.'



Please do not ask us to add you to our Carers Register for a vaccination unless you meet the above criteria as it deprives others who are genuinely eligible (i.e. please consider – are you washing, dressing, and feeding this person you care for in risk group 1 – 4 or do you just pop in with some shopping each week or drop by for a chat and company for them?).



All other carers, don't worry, you will have the opportunity to be vaccinated. A national system is being developed which will enable you to self-identify as a carer and book a vaccination. Further information on this system will be available in the coming weeks. In the meantime, it is very important that you do not contact your GP or local authority directly to request a vaccination.