

Date 12 August 2021

Present Dr Amit Goyal, Stony Stratford MC, plus Watling Vale Healthcare Team Representatives and GPs, Maxine Roberts, Whitehouse MC, Nicki Wright, Hilltops MC; PPG members: Crad Allerton, Stony Stratford MC; Michael Cato, Watling Vale MC; Sandra Reed, Hilltops MC

1. Covid Booster Vaccination Programme

1. A tentative programme of Phase 3 Covid booster vaccinations is being planned for over 50s and high risk patients within the PCN population, together with seasonal flu vaccinations. These will hopefully be carried out at the same time in order to save two visits, although practices have been instructed not to hold covid booster vaccinations back if flu vaccine deliveries are delayed, which is usual.

Obstacles to be overcome include a workforce problem as well as a suitable space in which clinics can be run. All surgeries within the PCN are busy, with Whitehouse being exceptionally busy.

Spaces within the PCN catchment area are being investigated as possible venues for clinics, with the first floor of Whitehouse Medical Centre being a possibility.

The question was asked as to whether Hilltops staff can attend outside clinics to vaccinate, particularly on Saturdays when Hilltops is closed.

The suggestion of a timetable was discussed and whether this would be as individual surgeries or the network as a whole. It was generally agreed that it would be preferable to work together towards what is expected, proactively as a group.

Another possibility is vaccinations being carried out via other MK Networks or mass vaccination sites. Expressions of Interest have been put in place by all practices. The CCG will require a decision as soon as possible. In the meantime, volunteers, as previously, are being recruited. It is anticipated that vaccinations can commence on 6th September.

The Whitehouse MC possibility as a vaccination site offers the advantage of six clinical rooms, which include the current minor surgery and treatment rooms. The two lifts offer the option for patients to access the first floor via one lift, then leave via the second lift to go into the 15 minute waiting area, thereby creating a one-way route.



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Whitehouse

Discussion followed on:

- arrangements for a community vaccination programme which requires the identification of areas of the community where vaccinators will be required to carry out visits to those who may be housebound, etc. As yet, these numbers are not available but will be calculated and advised in due course. It was agreed that it would be easiest if this is established by the Healthcare Team;
- finance and reimbursement procedures;
- consulting CCG for further advice.

Vaccine providers

Vaccines are provided at short notice but, in all likelihood, Watling St Network will be offering Pfizer in its Covid booster programme, regardless of any previous vaccine used. Storage of the Pfizer vaccine has become easier now that storage time is 30 days and the vaccine can be more freely moved around the surgeries. Patients' post vaccination waiting time remains at 15 minutes.

Vaccine delivery times

Vaccine delivery times are, as yet, unknown but manufacturers have promised a more organised delivery procedure i.e. longer delivery notice times. This applies to both the covid booster and seasonal flu vaccine deliveries.

Flu vaccination clinic dates

It is hoped that Stony Stratford will receive its first delivery of *QIVc on 20 September. Watling Vale has a first delivery date of 18 October while Whitehouse should receive theirs in mid September.

Hilltops, Stony Stratford and Watling Vale expect delivery of **aQIV in mid September but this is subject to confirmation.

* QIVc : Quadrivalent influenza vaccine, cell-grown, for ages 9 years upwards.

** aQIV : Adjuvanted quadrivalent influenza vaccine (aQIV) over 65s, comprising two A strains and two B strains of the influenza virus plus an additive to boost the immune response in older adults.

There are, to date, no delivery dates for QIVr (QIVr - quadrivalent recombinant influenza vaccine) or QIVe -(QIVe - quadrivalent influenza egg-culture vaccine, recommended for children under 2 years of age).



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12 - 15 year olds

No details for vaccination of this age group are available yet.

16 - 18 year olds

Invitations to this age group could be placed on Nextdoor websites.

2. Winter flu vaccination programme

The Healthcare team addressed the need to start working on the appointment plan and getting dates booked.

CA of Stony PPG asked what the voluntary support the Network requires from PPG members. This will be discussed at the next meeting, which will be in October.

3. Any Other Business

There being no further items relevant to them, PPG members present left the meeting.

4. Date of Next Meeting

October 2021, exact date TBA



Hilltops



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Watling Vale



Whitehouse