

Meon Medical Centre - Meon Patient Group Meeting Wednesday 27th January 2021

Present	<p>Jan Gullachsen Marilyn Phillips Tim Phillips Mike Walsby Keith Turner Phil Maundrill Rebecca Farthing Peter Seymour Mead Zelig Mason Sue Clark Caroline Weatherly Graham Woodhouse Elizabeth Fleetwood Jonathan Collins Ian Clark Lesley Brown Maninder Chaggar Beca Edie Dr Karen Clarke Andrea Stevinson</p>
Apologies	
Subject	Discussion
<p>COVID 19 Vaccination Plan</p>	<p>The meeting was arranged so that Dr Clarke could update members of the PPG with the progress of the vaccination plan for Dene & Stour Valley PCN and answer any questions from patients.</p> <p>Phil Maundrill, as Chair of the PPG, opened up the meeting by thanking Karen and Johnson and the whole team for the effort and hard work to run the vaccination centre. Phil also thanked the PPG members for the high attendance at this meeting and asked that all try to join future meetings as it is important to get patients represented more widely at the PPGs.</p> <p>Karen explained her role as GP at Meon for 20 years, also Senior Partner and Clinical Director for the Dene and Stour Valley Primary Care Network comprising Shipston, Wellesbourne and Meon Medical Practices. PCNs were set up across England in 2019 to manage workload, collaborate and share expertise. The 1st true test of PCNs was the coronavirus and currently the combined plan to deliver COVID vaccinations to local patients. There has been a 'hot hub' running at Rother House since last year for Covid positive patients, meaning other Practices can operate 'cold clinics'</p> <p>Meon had managed a successful flu campaign in 2020, with 800 patients vaccinated in 1 day.</p> <p>The PCN has 29000 patients, 15,500 of those are aged over 50. The vaccination clinics are long hours, hard work with the frustration of vaccine delivery often being last minute. With the Pfizer vaccine, we have just 5 days to use. Hastings House was the agreed venue as it has the most suitable estate to do this. It is a new building with a separate wing enabling clinics to run separately from the usual Medical Centre. There is a great atmosphere at the clinics, the staff and volunteers find it inspiring to be involved.</p> <p>JCVI have set the priority groups for the vaccination timeline- information is on our website.</p>
<p>Q and A session answers</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are using both the Pfizer and the AstraZeneca vaccines. • Not certain of the efficacy of having a second jab after 12 weeks, the current schedule is essentially a research programme. There are weekly National meetings to review and possibility of changing this to a second jab at 6 weeks. • We have vaccinated the over 80s and are now working on the over 75s with a plan to visit the housebound. (Over 70s subsequently commenced 29/01) • At present, the second jab must be the same manufacture as the first although a project is underway to see if it is possible to switch. • Patients are not able to choose which one they have and do not know until they are at the clinic which one they will have. • Exception to above is anyone with history of anaphylactic shock who will get the AZ jab. • Staff from Meon and the other two Practices are working at the Clinics, generally at weekends as this is in addition to normal work. Many volunteers too including retired GPs. • Reported reaction to the jab, possibly a stiff arm. Younger people have reacted to the AZ jab post 24-hour fever. Therefore, NHS staff are given jab before their rest period. • Not aware of anyone who has contracted COVID since being vaccinated. • Any patient who has had COVID has it coded on their record. Less than 100 patients have from a base of almost 5500 at Meon. • We do not know yet how long the vaccine is effective for; it has only been 6 months since trials started. • The Other Place Stratford is a very efficient testing site with results in 30 minutes.

- We do not know how many patients have long COVID. We have two with continuing low oxygen levels.
- Anyone who has COVID in last 28 days should not have the job. Some patients will not know they have had it; however there has been no 'fall out' from this situation yet.
- Face to face GP appointments are still happening, but the GP will have a phone consultation first. On Tuesday, Karen had 40 patient consultations over the phone, with four then brought down to see her that day.
- Communication: We are now updating website and Facebook regularly with vaccination plan updates. We are also due to send a patient survey out via text in February.
- If any elderly patients or those with dementia are confused about what to do, we use local knowledge to have conversations with family members, Power of Attorney etc.
- Many people in the Asian and Afro-Caribbean communities are declining the vaccination so local community groups are engaging with them to support the programme.
- The administrator at Wellesbourne has been swamped with volunteer offers. There are now over 600 volunteers on the books and so she is not currently taking on any more.
- Staff are coping well during these difficult times. There have been many difficulties over the last year with staff very nervous about coming into work at times. On the plus side, working face to face as a team helps lift people's spirits. A lot of investment has gone into making the Practice safe such as PPE, perspex screens, hardwood floors, wipe able vinyl chairs.