

Topcliffe Surgery update

We are delighted that two Covid vaccinations have now been approved for use. The NHS is currently offering the COVID-19 vaccine to people most at risk from coronavirus and the doctors at Topcliffe Surgery would like to reassure patients that there is a plan in place to implement the rollout.

The vaccine is being offered in some hospitals and hundreds of local vaccination centres run by GPs. As part of the Primary Care Network plan, staff from Topcliffe Surgery are working with seven other surgeries in the Hambleton area assisting at one location at The Forum in Northallerton so we can vaccinate as many people in the different categories as quickly and as efficiently as possible. In time, when stock is available more widely the vaccine will be offered at other locations.

The Government has been given advice on the groups that should be prioritised for the vaccination. These groups are in the following order of priority:

- Residents in a care home for older adults and their carers
- All those 80 years of age and over and **frontline** health and social care workers
- All those 75 years of age and over
- All those 70 years of age and over and clinically extremely vulnerable individuals
- All those 65 years of age and over. All individuals aged 16 years to 64 years with underlying health conditions which put them at higher risk of serious disease and mortality
- All those 60 years of age and over
- All those 55 years of age and over
- All those 50 years of age and over

The full prioritisation list can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/priority-groups-for-coronavirus-covid-19-vaccination-advice-from-the-jcvi-30-december-2020>

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As with other routine vaccinations like the annual flu campaign, or children’s pre-school jabs, Topcliffe patients will either be contacted by letter or phone call from the surgery.

In the meantime, please be aware that the Surgery is under increased pressure whilst staff support the Covid vaccination clinics in Northallerton. They are working additional days including weekends and/or longer shifts to accommodate the work. During this time it may not always be possible to maintain our usual high standard of service for other matters at the Surgery and we ask for your patience at this difficult time.

Thank you