



Latest Information of the Vaccination Programme

The Covid-19 Vaccination Programme started on Wednesday, 6th January at Chesham Town Hall. Below is a message from our Practice manager, Scott Ridley.

We have now completed our part in the first our vaccination rollout and have used up all of the vaccine that was supplied (more will be coming soon). We have helped in the vaccination of well over 1500 people including over 80-year-olds, care home residents, care home staff and Healthcare workers.

All was made possible with the sheer resilience of Dr Clare Gabe from Amersham Health Center who took the lead on this project, but I did realize how lucky I am that I work with a group of people that make magic happen, so need to thank everyone of our surgery staff for the early mornings, late nights and 15-hour shifts.

Now we do realize that not everyone has been vaccinated as yet but rest assured when we have a supply of vaccine, we will be arranging for it to be given.

The recall service we use is via text or telephone call (our preferred method is via text). Due to the vaccine having a very short shelf life, the texting service allows us to contact and book in many patients quickly and our priority is to give the vaccine to as many patients as we can and not waste a single drop. So, if you receive a text offering you an appointment please respond post haste so it does not pass on to the next patient.

But please do not worry or panic if you are not that tech savvy as we are also making telephone calls to invite you in as well.

No one will be left behind.

I think for me, calling an 87-year-old at 8am on Saturday morning to invite them in for a vaccination and hearing in their voice that you are making a difference to their life, is what makes everything we do worthwhile.

Today is the end of the first mass vaccination battle, but it marks the start of the war to defeat Covid!

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News about the Chesham Town Hall Vaccination Centre

We have had excellent feedback from our Patients who have had their vaccination at the Chesham Town Hall from 6 - 9th January.

Easy parking right outside the Chesham Town Hall, High Street, Chesham. HP5 1DS
Take change with you - 50p for half an hour, 70p for an hour or pay by card.

You are greeted by two friendly volunteers who ask you a few questions.

You are guided to the registration desk just inside the Hall where you are booked in.

You are then sent to one of the vaccination booths where a member of the GP team discusses the vaccine, asks consent, then gives you your Covid-19 vaccination, information leaflets and a ticket telling you the time to leave.

You then take one of the seats in the Hall, 2 metres apart to wait the 15 minutes before departure.

When your time comes to leave, you leave by the door in the corner of the Hall.

One comment was: **A friendly, no fuss, no wait service which was excellently organized. Well done.**

Having seen some scenes of disorganized vaccination queues in some parts of the country, the PPG felt Patients would be reassured by information and feedback from our Surgery Patients.

Help with Transport to Chesham Town Hall

- 1) Local volunteer transport is available to those elderly or infirm patients who have no relative or friend who can take them for their vaccination to Chesham Town Hall. Please ring 01491 563593 to arrange help.
- 2) Alternatively, The Chiltern Dial-a-Ride has extended their free service to provide transport to Covid 19 appointments. Please ring 07923 591955

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