

Sussex COVID-19 Vaccination Programme

Public messaging

Changes to vaccine supply in April

National media coverage this week may lead to questions from patients and the public about access to the vaccination programme in April. This is an evolving picture and we expect there will be further updates from the national team, however for now we hope these lines will help to support early conversations with patients.

Key lines to take:

- Our local vaccination service will continue to vaccinate over the coming weeks.
- All booked appointments at any vaccination service or centre will continue to take place unless you hear directly from the service team to rearrange. Please make sure you attend your appointment.
- If you are in one of the priority groups (50 and over, clinically extremely vulnerable, those with underlying health conditions, and unpaid carers) and you have not received your vaccination, please book today.
- You can arrange your appointment by:
 - Contacting the surgery via email
Collington Surgery - General Email esxccg.collingtonpractice@nhs.net
Ninfield Surgery - General Email esxccg.ninfield@nhs.net
- Using the national booking service and booking an appointment at one of the vaccination services or pharmacy led services. You can do this by visiting the national website or by calling 119.
 - We can assure you that there are appointments available before 29 March.
 - All booked appointments will be honoured.
 - During April first dose appointments are available with our local vaccination service.
- We are working with our GP practice partners in the area to make sure we have vaccinated as many of those in the priority groups as possible.
- We are also working to start arranging second dose appointments. The vaccine supply for these appointments is not affected and these appointments will continue to be arranged and take place for our patients.
- It is really important that as many of our patients who are eligible receive their vaccination - the benefits of the vaccine in preventing COVID-19, with its associated

risk of hospitalisation and death, are clear and we want as many of our patients protected as possible.

For more FAQs relating to the vaccination programme:

<https://www.sussexhealthandcare.uk/keepsussexsafe/sussex-covid-19-vaccination-programme/faqs-about-the-covid-19-vaccine/>