

Sixways Clinic Patient Participation Group Meeting summary- Covid Vaccination update  
5<sup>th</sup> March 2021  
11 PPG members attended  
Nicola Wright, Practice Manager

- Covid vaccination update

- Covid vaccination programme from the Cheltenham East Fire Station is progressing extremely well
- The feedback from patients has been fantastic, many taking the time to feedback what a positive experience it has been.
- This was echoed by the member of the PPG who had used the service
- NW confirmed that the Covid 19 vaccination programme invite system is causing some confusion, and thought it may be helpful to clarify how this is working;
  - ✓ There are currently two different invites being sent to eligible patients – if patients have not yet been vaccinated you will receive both invites. There may be a gap of up to two weeks between the two invitations.
  - ✓ Patients will receive an invite on behalf of the surgery from our central booking team for vaccination at our local vaccination centre. At Cheltenham East Fire Station
  - ✓ The separate national invite system invites patients to book at a Mass Vaccination site or some pharmacy locations. Cheltenham does not have a Mass Vaccination Site. The closest mass vaccination sites are Worcester, Malvern and Bristol. Patients have the option to travel to these sites and have their vaccination if they wish.
  - ✓ Patients should have their second vaccine at the same site as they have their first. This means that those who choose to travel to a Mass Vaccination site for their first vaccine will also have to return there for their second, and will not be able to have this done at the Fire station.
- NW confirmed that we are currently inviting patients over 60 to book for their vaccination. We are also vaccinating patients in earlier groups who that had not yet responded to their invitation.
- Based on our current vaccine supply we are expecting to have invited everyone aged 50+ by the first week in April.