

COVID vaccine weekly update:

Patients of Steyning Medical Practice who are aged 80 or above and who are not housebound, are currently being invited for COVID Vaccination. Vaccinating anyone in the over 70s category has not yet started, as the media has been reporting. Each area and Practice is in a different position with regard to age groups reached. Our immediate area has a high ratio of the 80s group and will therefore take longer to accomplish.

We recognise there has been a certain amount of frustration that the vaccination is not reaching our patients quickly enough. The planning and implementation of the vaccination programme is complex, especially with regards to our housebound patients. Please be reassured that we are doing all we can and vaccinating our patients remains our constant focus.

Please do not call the Health Centre for vaccine queries. The phone lines are becoming overwhelmed and blocking patients calling for medical assistance and appointments.

Please wait for your phone call to book an appointment, and please do all that you can to take up the appointment, when offered it.

All vaccinations are currently being delivered at the Storrington Medical Centre. **At time of booking the appointment, please advise if you need assistance with transport.**

So far **713** Steyning Medical Practice patients have received their vaccine (as at 17/01/2021) and the aim is to have vaccinated all patients aged 80+ with their first dose by the end of January. Please be reassured that if you are in this age bracket, you will receive an invite.

Steyning Medical Practice thank you for your support and patience. There will be an update of figures again at the end of this week.