

SWINE FLU VACCINATIONS

The Facts:

1. **Initial Cohort** - the following are eligible for the Initial Swine Flu vaccination campaign:
 - a. Everyone 6 months and older who currently fall into the Seasonal Flu At Risk Categories which include:
 - (1). Diabetes
 - (2). Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD)
 - (3). Asthma.
 - (4). Strokes and TIAs.
 - (5). Chronic Heart Disease/Ischaemic Heart Disease (CHD/IHD)
 - (6). Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD).
 - (7). Chronic Liver Disease
 - (8). Main Carers.
 - (9). Nursing/Care Home Residents
 - (10). Those patients who are Immuno-compromised
 - b. All Health Professionals and all pregnant women

THE COHORT DOES NOT INCLUDE THOSE OVER 65s WHO CURRENTLY GET THE SEASONAL FLU BUT DO NOT FALL INTO THE ABOVE GROUPS

2. Number of vaccinations:

- a. For all patients LESS under 10s and LESS those who are Immuno-compromised – ONE single dose.
- b. For Under 10s – 2 x half doses – 3 weeks apart
- c. For Immuno-compromised – 2 x full doses – 3 weeks apart

3. When will Clinics Start?– the initial batch of vaccinations is expected by the end of October. We will be holding our Swine Flu vaccination clinics on Saturdays – starting 7th November.

4. How will you be called in? – a number of you will already have booked during the seasonal flu sessions. However ALL those who are eligible will get a letter of invitation.

Where do I get Information on the Swine Flu? – Unfortunately the Doctors will simply not have the time to discuss the merits or otherwise of the Swine Flu vaccination – however there is a mass of Information on the many NHS web sites – simply go to www.nhs.uk and navigate from there.