**Your Adult household contacts are now eligible to receive the COVID-19vaccination**

Dear Patient

We are writing to let you know that your adult household contacts are now eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccination. This is because the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) has recently advised that adult household contacts of adults, over 16 years of age, with severe immunosuppression should be offered COVID-19 vaccination. This aims to reduce the risk of infection to you by vaccinating those most likely to transmit to you, as even though you may have received your COVID-19 vaccination, you may have lower protection from the vaccine given that you are immunosuppressed.

The JCVI advice applies to adult household contacts who are 16 years and above

with whom you “**expect to share living accommodation on most days…. and therefore, for whom continuing close contact is unavoidable.”**

Please let your adult household contacts know that they can now book a vaccination appointment via their registered GP practice, who will then invite them to attend their GP-led Local Vaccination Service.

Your household contacts will need to use this letter, together with their own valid proof of address, which should match your address, to provide evidence of eligibility for vaccination. This should happen on arrival for their vaccination appointment. If an adult is supporting you through a period of treatment – eg chemotherapy – and they are unable to provide a valid proof of address, they should contact their registered GP, who will be able to advise them.

Members of ‘bubbles’ that do not live with an immunosuppressed person for the majority of the week (frequent visitors and other non-carers who might visit the house often but not for the majority of the week, including overnight stays) are excluded from the definition.

This link on the government website outlines what is a valid proof of address: [https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/proof-of-identity-checklist/proof-of-identity-checklist](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/proof-of-identity-checklist/proof-of-identity-checklist%20) and includes the following:

• utility bill (gas, electric, satellite television, landline phone bill) issued within the last three months

• local authority council tax bill for the current council tax year

• current UK driving licence (but only if not used for the name evidence)

• bank, building society or credit union statement or passbook dated within the last three months

• original mortgage statement from a recognised lender issued for the last full year

• solicitor’s letter within the last three months confirming recent house purchase or land registry confirmation of address

• council or housing association rent card or tenancy agreement for the current year

• benefit book or original notification letter from Benefits Agency (but not if used as proof of name)

• HMRC self-assessment letters or tax demand dated within the current financial year

• electoral register entry or NHS medical card or letter of confirmation from GP’s practice of registration with the surgery.

Note that any household contacts aged 16-17 years old will need to receive the

Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine as the Oxford/AstraZeneca vaccine has only been

authorised for use in people aged 18 years and over.

For more information about the coronavirus vaccine, visit [Coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccination - NHS (www.nhs.uk)](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/)

Yours sincerely

**Padgate Medical Centre**