

THE EMMETT CARR SURGERY PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP MEETING THURSDAY 11TH JULY 2024

Unfortunately, no members attended a face-to-face meeting, we have therefore decided to put together an information sheet on the agenda points that we were hoping discuss.

Using the email address below please have your say with any suggestions, input, or feedback. We hope to see some members at the next face to face meeting on Thursday 14th of November 2024 @ 18.45hrs

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1. **Review of April 2024 Meeting Minutes**
 - No feedback was received from PPG members regarding the minutes circulated from the April 2024 meeting.
2. **Autumn COVID Vaccinations**
 - The Practice will offer COVID vaccinations to the adult cohort of patients, in conjunction with flu vaccinations.
 - Eligible patient cohorts include all patients aged 75 and over, as well as those who are immunocompromised.
3. **Flu Vaccinations for 2024**
 - Primary care orders flu vaccinations a year in advance to secure early delivery for optimal winter coverage.
 - The vaccines are purchased by the GP partners. After administering the vaccine, the practice is reimbursed by the Prescription Pricing Authority approximately two months later.
 - Unused vaccines cannot be returned to the manufacturer, resulting in a financial loss for the GP if not used.
 - Predicting the required quantity of vaccines a year in advance is challenging due to uncertain patient uptake in the previous year. Delayed ordering can lead to late deliveries in the following year.
 - This year, NHS England (NHSE) has imposed restrictions. Regardless of when flu vaccines are delivered, practices cannot administer them before Thursday, 3rd October 2024.
 - Vaccines given before this date will not be reimbursed.
 - Exceptions: Childhood flu vaccines and flu vaccines for pregnant women can be administered before 3rd October.
4. **RSV Vaccination**
 - From 1st September 2024, the NHS will roll out a new vaccination for Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV).
 - This vaccination aims to protect older individuals aged 75–79 and newborn babies.
 - Patients aged 75–79 as of 1st September 2024 and pregnant women (from week 28 of pregnancy) are eligible.

- The practice will contact patients in these cohorts to schedule vaccinations, with clinics starting on 5th September 2024.

Please register your attendance at the November meeting by emailing ddicb.emmettcarr@nhs.net at least a week before the meeting or contact our reception who will record that you will be attending.