

A message received from Fakenham Medical Practice...please read on as this is **important**

“We are very pleased to announce that Fakenham Medical Practice has been chosen as a Wave 1 go early site for Norfolk with regard to administering the Covid vaccine produced by Pfizer BioNtech. Our expected delivery date is Monday 14 December. This means that the first dose can be given that week with the second dose being given the week commencing Monday 4 January.

In the first cohort we are to vaccinate all over 80s who are ambulant i.e. can come to the practice. As this is very short notice we will be calling the over 80s this week to book an appointment for next week and the week commencing 4 January. Please ensure you can attend both appointments when offered your appointment slot.

We will only get a delivery of 975 vaccines. As we have more than 1000 over 80 year old patients we have clinically prioritised each patient, so please do not be alarmed if you do not receive a call from us. All calls will be made by 1800 on Friday 11 December. You will be contacted for our next batch of deliveries as soon as we know the date.

The clinic times are Tuesday 12-3pm, Wednesday 12-3pm, Thursday 12-2pm and Thursday 5.30-7.30pm.

As you can imagine this is very time intensive and we will not be taking any bookings if patients call us. We will be diverting staff to make these calls so you may experience longer wait times on the phone if you are calling for a routine appointment so please use the online system to send in a form where possible.

We are very excited and proud to be given this opportunity to be able to start vaccinating our patients earlier than planned and our staff are looking forward to welcoming you to the practice to receive the vaccine.