

COVID-19 Vaccine for Over 80s population – General Practice Update

24/12/20

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AZ/Oxford ('Sceptre') Vaccine	<p>Earliest date Emergency Use Authorisation (EUA) may be granted is 24th December. We expect that stock may flow from 29 December with earliest delivery to practices from 6 January. We would expect the Green Book (Link to Chapter 14a), Training Materials and the PGD to be issued by Scottish Govt on 29th also.</p> <p>The vaccine shelf life is understood to be 4 months on delivery.</p> <p>The stability issues that affected movement of the Pfizer 'Courageous' vaccine are not thought to apply to 'Sceptre'. It is understood that unopened packs of the vaccine can be moved to different venues.</p> <p>All above points will be confirmed with the EUA.</p>	24/12/20 29/12/20
Vaccine Distribution	<p>National Procurement have requested each Board to confirm distribution points for vaccine delivery during first 3 weeks of January, after which the ordering process will revert to standard arrangements with practices ordering directly with Movianto. GPs do not need to place an order for the initial batch, this is being co-ordinated on their behalf.</p> <p>The initial supply is enough for every practice to receive one pack of 100 doses, the 55 practices with the largest 'over 80s population' will receive a 2nd pack. As the full picture of sign up to the DES is not yet clear, we have at this stage asked for every practice to receive an allocation to ensure that we secure vaccine for patients of all practices. Where practices are delivery in alternative venues, or have opted out, they should continue to work with their HSCP on arrangements</p>	

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	<p>Movianto will confirm the exact date of your delivery, which should be on your usual delivery day. Deliveries are schedule from 6 January and in the week of 11 and 18 January. There are a number of variables which may change this timeline including the authorisation and release timescales and any specific conditions on vaccine use. However, this is the current best information available for planning purposes.</p> <p>There is a possibility that the MHRA will require stock to be held back for a 2nd dose.</p> <p>Additional vaccine is expected to be available from 15 January onwards to enable practices to order for their full over 80s cohort.</p>	From 6/1/21
Vaccination for Vaccinators	<p>We plan to offer access to vaccination in January at hospital sites for those who will be vaccinating – there is no requirement to be vaccinated before starting vaccination. Vaccination status does not alter requirements for PPE and infection control.</p> <p>Any use of the ‘Sceptre’ vaccine for Practice Staff is pending details of vaccine approval and NHSGGC policy agreement.</p>	
Sundries	<p>Needles & syringes will be provided with the vaccine.</p> <p>Leaflets are also expected to be provided with the vaccine but not with the initial deliveries.</p>	
Data entry /Vaccine Management Tool	<p>There are 3 options for data recording:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Scottish Government are advocating use of the TURAS Vaccine Management Tool and can be accessed phone, tablet device or PC. Practice systems will be updated with information recorded through this tool. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. For an overview: Link to YouTube video b. To access the tool: TURAS Vaccination Management Tool link c. Log in is with your normal TURAS account name & password. d. If you do not have a Turas account, please send details of your name, designation, practice and email address to Contractor.Projects@ggc.scot.nhs.uk 	Available now

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	<p>2. An EMIS template has been developed is now available (see attachment).</p> <p>3. A Vision template is being developed and will be available shortly.</p>	<p>Available now</p> <p>TBC</p>
Training Requirements	<p>The Green Book will be updated following approval of the vaccine. National training materials will follow directly and be available via: COVID-19 NHS Scotland Training Website</p> <p>Link to NHSGGC website NHS GGC Training website. Training sessions are being planned for first two weeks in January, most likely at the Louisa Jordan.</p> <p>Training is required in vaccination, anaphylaxis and cold chain management.</p>	
Standard Operating Procedure	<p>An SOP will be prepared providing detail on the items on this briefing and including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Vaccine Storage & Cold Chain advice ▪ Security Requirements ▪ Wastage Reduction guidance 	By 6/1/21
Communications	<p>A national communication to the 80s population is planned by the Scottish Government. This will be a high level update. It will be supported by NHS Inform and a national Helpline.</p> <p>NHSGGC communications will support this emphasising the use of national contact points and to wait to be contacted about local arrangements to access their vaccination appointment. We will provide a common brief that you can adopt for local GP communications and incorporate into your telephone messaging function.</p>	<p>5/01/21 tbc</p> <p>31/12/20</p>
Patient Booking	<p>As the initial delivery will be small, for many practices it will not cover all your over 80 cohort. You should therefore work on the basis of inviting oldest patients first.</p> <p>Appointments should not be arranged until the practice has had confirmation of vaccine supply</p>	

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	GP Practices will be expected to manage all appointing administration and contact with patients, including circumstances where the venue has been organised by the HSCP.	
Housebound Patients	Arrangements for Housebound patients will be co-ordinated by the HSCP.	
DES	Further details on the regulations and directions associated with the DES to enable the Astra Zeneca vaccine to be delivered in practices are attached.	