



Health Matters – August 2020

*An occasional update from
Hoveton & Wroxham Medical Centre.*

NATIONAL FLU IMMUNISATION PROGRAMME.

- You may be aware that the NHS is making extra efforts to minimise the risk of both flu and Covid-19 co-circulating this winter. Consequently the flu immunisation programme has extra importance this year. We are prioritising our efforts to ensure those most at risk are protected.
- **Our Clinics.** To maximise everyone's safety we will be conducting immunisation clinics behind the medical centre building in the shelter of our Gazebo tent. Please:
 1. be punctual.
 2. wear a mask when you attend the clinic.
 3. come dressed to enable our nurses to access your upper arm quickly.
- **Over 65s.** The vaccines will be delivered on 24 September so we have already started booking appointments starting 29 September. A text has been sent to patients. Please contact reception via our website or by email or phone to book your appointment.
- **Care Homes.** We are working closely with our care homes to ensure all residents are immunised on or around 28 September.
- **Under 65s.** When we know the date that the different under-65 vaccine will be delivered, we will contact patients by text/phone. This will be after clinical assessment with the most vulnerable patients taking priority.
 - Please note that whilst the NHS intends to extend the vaccine programme to the entire 50-64 age group, we at Hoveton & Wroxham Medical Centre are dependent on vaccine supply. Currently the anticipated time period for the wider vaccination of this group is November/December.
- **House Bound.** We will be out an about to vaccinate our housebound patients.
- **Pre-School.** Pre-schoolers will get invites as soon as we have the vaccine as will the eligible 12-17 year olds.

The latest updates on our flu immunisation campaign will be on our website.