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**FLU & COVID VACCINATIONS**

Appointments for those eligible for an NHS flu jab or an autumn Covid booster vaccination are now bookable either by calling reception or through the NHS App or the Patient Access online booking link. To check your eligibility for these vaccinations please go to <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-vaccination-autumn-booster-resources/a-guide-to-the-covid-19-autumn-programme> or

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/flu-vaccination-who-should-have-it-this-winter-and-why/the-flu-vaccination-who-should-have-it-and-why-winter-2023-to-2024>

**Carers eligible for Flu vaccines**

If you receive a carer’s allowance or are the main carer for an older or disabled person who may be at risk if you get sick, then you are eligible for a free flu vaccination.

Also, anyone who lives with someone who is more likely to get a severe infection due to a weakened immune system, such as someone living with HIV, someone who has had a transplant or is having certain treatments for cancer, lupus or rheumatoid arthritis is also eligible for a free NHS flu vaccination

**Children aged 2 - 3 years**

As in previous years, children aged 2 and 3 as of 31st August 2023 will be eligible for a nasal flu vaccine. The vaccine for these is supplied centrally and expected to be dispatched in batches. Appointments for this age group are now available.

**PRACTICE LEARNING EVENT**

We are planning an afternoon’s training for all our staff on Wednesday 18th October from 1.00 – 5.00pm.

**PATIENT GROUP MEETING**

The next Patient Group meeting will be held on Thursday 19th October at 1.30pm in the waiting room. All patients and carers are welcome to attend.