

## **Seasonal Flu Campaign**

*If you are aged 65 or over, are pregnant, you are a carer or you have a chronic health condition, you are eligible to attend the surgery for a seasonal flu vaccination. We are offering our patients a range of weekday and Saturday morning appointments throughout the autumn. Vaccine stocks due to arrive at the practice by mid September.*



*We strongly recommend that you have your vaccination if you are eligible to have one. However if you make the decision not to accept it please contact us to let us know so that someone else can be offered the vaccine and so that we do not continue to contact you to ask you to attend this year. If you are calling us to discuss the flu vaccine please try to call later in the day when the phones will be less busy. Also if you have made an appointment that you cannot then attend please don't forget to call us to rebook. Each year we have significant numbers of wasted appointments for flu vaccinations. A phone call on 0117 9082360 if you need to rebook or cancel would be greatly appreciated. If you have access to online services you can book a flu appointment online.*

*The vaccine will also be made available at the surgery to children aged 2 & 3 years (birth dates 2.9.2013 – 1.9.2015). The vaccine will be given as a nasal spray. We will invite your child to attend if they fall into this targeted age range. As it will take longer to deliver the vaccine to a child we may not be able to offer this service at the Saturday morning clinics.*

*Children of appropriate age for school years Reception, one, two and three will have a service commissioned by NHS England, in schools across the South West.*

*Private flu vaccines - If you want a vaccination but are not eligible for one at the practice you can ring 0845 468 2104 and GP Care will be able to advise you of other private providers who will give the vaccine locally. Alternatively some larger supermarket pharmacies and chemists will offer a private service for about £10-£15.*

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*For further information please click here*

<http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/Flu/Pages/Introduction.aspx>