**Brixton and Clapham Park PCN**

**Patient group meeting held on Zoom**

**on 23 February 2021.**

**Present**: Nicola Kingston (chair), Dr Jennie Parker (Chair of PCN, Hetherington), Dr Andrew Boyd (Clapham Park), Paul Bailey, Dave Ball, Ros Borley, Iain Campbell, Pippa Cardale, Jenny Cobley, Craig Givens, Christine Jacobs, Sarah and Julian Lush, Vincent McEllin, Rev Funke Ogbede, Veronica Pierson, Simona Revelli, Alex Silverstein, Maureen Simpson, Helen Stansfield, Paulina Tamborrel Signoret (Citizens UK Lambeth), Barry Thackray and Paul, Barbara Wilson, Peter Woodward.

1. **Welcome and introductions.**Nicola welcomed everyone. Jenny Cobley agreed to take the notes. It was agreed that the meeting would be recorded.
2. **Update on the Covid Vaccination programme and answers to questions.**
Dr Jennie Parker reported on the vaccination programme, which had started on 14 January. Vaccinations have been offered to patients in the first four priority groups from the 3 surgeries in our primary care network (PCN) and to 5 surgeries in the StockWellBeing PCN. Vaccinations are now being offered locally to Stockwell patients who are not able to travel to Hetherington. So far they have vaccinated more than 4000 people, including those over 70s who are housebound. The maximum in one day was 620 vaccinations.

 It is of concern that approx. 80% of white patients had been vaccinated, but only about 52% of black patients, which is comparable to other areas of London. They are keen to give patients who are hesitant, the information they need. There has been good vaccine uptake among staff in the 2 care homes in the area and uptake is improving in other care homes in Lambeth. Jennie said that they have loved doing the vaccinations and have worked together well, but there have been some long and tiring days.

**Vaccine deliveries and 2nd doses**.
There are problems with the vaccine delivery schedule to GPs, so they only get notice of deliveries from NHSE about a week before, which means that invitations tend to go out late. Either the Pfizer or AZ vaccines may be delivered, but they will only use one vaccine each day. When they have an excess of the AZ vaccine they can move them to another vaccine centre, usually in Lambeth. They have to avoid stockpiling. They have to report numbers vaccinated and vaccine in stock every day. The PCN has no plans to open another vaccine centre at the moment. They don’t yet know when they will get delivery of 2nd doses and are unlikely to get much notice. The hospital vaccination centres are however able to give dates for the 2nd dose.

Our Patients will get a text or phone call to invite them for the second dose. It is necessary to go back to the same place as the first dose (but they would not turn patients away).  **Priority Groups**
Priority groups 5 and 6 are now being offered vaccinations. Those in group 5 (aged 65-69) will be invited to go to a pharmacy or hospital vaccination centre as the GP surgeries have been told to vaccinate those with serious medical conditions (group 6). This is a large group and more challenging to identify. Carers should be invited by their GP for vaccination, but if invited by the local authority are likely to be invited to a hospital site. They can phone their surgery if unsure where to go. More patients have been advised to shield as of last weekend and these should be prioritised for vaccination. The shielding is advised only until 31 March and has been a bit confusing for patients.

Some people will have got multiple invitations and it is hoped this will encourage patients to attend. A record of vaccination will go into your GP records, but this can sometimes take a few days to arrive.

**Vaccines** – there was a report on 22 Feb which showed that both the Pfizer and AZ vaccines were very good at preventing severe illness and death. The only problem with the Pfizer vaccine has been in those with severe allergies. (More recent evidence has shown that both vaccines reduce virus transmission in at least 66%).

**Discussion**

Jennie was congratulated on organising a very good system at Hetherington. Everyone reported good experiences and there were many comments on how efficient the process was.

 It was suggested that the vaccinees should be warned that they would not be protected for 2-3 weeks after vaccination. Jennie replied that it would be good to have more information nationally, but this was in the information leaflet provided. When people report that they developed coronavirus after the vaccination, it may be that they caught the virus after they had been vaccinated as immunity does not develop until 2-3 weeks after vaccination. Alternatively, they could be experiencing side effects of the vaccination. This means that there is an immune response to the vaccine, which can be worse after the second dose. We were reassured that the surgery takes all necessary precautions to prevent infection at the vaccination site.

**Future plans.**

 Jennie said that they need to have business as usual at the surgeries, so plan to have vaccination sessions on 2-3 days per week (1000-1500 patients per week). They need to give 2nd doses as well as first doses to the 12,000 in cohort 6. Pharmacies and hospital sites will offer vaccinations to the over 60s. There are 3 pharmacy sites and Guy’s and St Thomas’ Hospital sites in Lambeth.

**Working with local people.**Videos have been made, which can be shared. More help from faith leaders would be welcome and Jennie said they could support them as required. A meeting was organised by Funke, at which Dr Andrew Ross talked about the vaccines and answered questions. It was a very valuable discussion. It was reported that a radical Christian group had been spreading doubts. Dr Boyd reported that the British Islamic Medical Association has good information on their website :

<https://britishima.org/operation-vaccination/hub/covidmyths/#ATM>

**Action.** It was agreed that another vaccination subgroup meeting would be arranged, to discuss what further support might be needed.

1. **Digital Inclusion Bid.**Lambeth has been invited to put in a bid for funding for Digital Inclusion work,

and also to develop Digital Champions. Our BCP PCN had previously won funding to develop digital work, especially to promote eConsult on a PCN basis, and also to develop Digital Champions. Both had been successful although the Digital Champion work, which was face to face, had to stop as a result of the pandemic.

It was agreed that there would be more discussion, should the bid be successful.

1. **Notes of last meeting, matters arising and AOB.**i. There was a discussion as to whether people wished to have their initials or names recorded in the notes of the meeting. It was agreed unanimously that people wanted full names included in the notes.
ii. Nicola reported that notes would be sent to those on her email list .

Notes will be sent out from the 3 surgeries with the invitation to the next meeting.

1. **Date of next meeting.** Thiswill be in 4-6 weeks time, depending on Jennie’s availability.
Everyone involved in the vaccination effort was thanked by the meeting and Nicola was thanked for her work.

*J Cobley, 26.2.21*

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* **Jennie has proposed Wednesday April 14th at 2pm for our next meeting.**
* **The Digital Inclusion bid has been successful- we await more details.**