

## Riverside Medical Practice PPG Zoom meeting 7<sup>th</sup> January 2021

**Chair:** Dr Malladi

**Attendees:** Kim Stoner, Mr Dale (PPG chair) and 14 other PPG Members.

Dr Malladi called this meeting to discuss the COVID vaccination roll out for our patients. In November 2021 it was decided that the vaccination was to be rolled out. Vaccinations cannot be done in individual surgeries and have to be done as part of a group known as a Primary Care Network. We are part of Strood PCN which consists of Gun Lane, Apex, Court View and Marlowe Park Practices.

Our branches are too small to hold vaccination clinics. We would have to vaccinate 30 people per hour, and they cannot be discharged until they have been observed for 15 minutes. We would have at least 26 people on site at one time and they must be socially distanced. There are not big enough parking facilities. A third-party facility could be used but there is no suitable site in the area. Lordswood Lesuire Centre has been suggested but the council will not agree to this.

Dr Malladi said that nothing has been finalised for our patients. He had been in contact with the CCG between Christmas and New Year but was still waiting for answers.

Dr Malladi wanted to update the patients and informed that Hoo Peninsula has the same issue.

Pfizer vaccines are currently being delivered and these need to be used within 3.5 days. Staff would have to assist at a vaccination centre but would have to continue a service at the Practices.

Dr Malladi assured the PPG that patients would get the vaccine.

The CCG has to make the final decision about a site but would have to be big enough to take in Halling, Cuxton and Strood patients.

Possible sites suggested by the PPG were Cuxton Social club, Halling Social Club, Halling Community Centre, Old Fire station in Halling and the local cinema. Dr Malladi would put these forward to the CCG. Mrs King has forwarded information about a local school that was meant to be used for a mass testing station for schools until they have been closed that was already set to go.

Dr Malladi has raised the issue to the highest level to try and get the roll out started for our patients.

Mrs King said she would contact the cabinet office and send the details to Dr Malladi.

Dr Malladi informed that he had a conference call with Rochester and Medway South PCNs on Monday to discuss using Rochester or Lordswood Healthy Living Centre – Dr Malladi will update.