
SUNBURY HEALTH CENTRE UPDATE

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN ...

As the summer draws to a close, Sunbury Health Centre is preparing to deliver this year's Flu Vaccinations for eligible patients.

For the Health Centre this is a significant logistical project, with an anticipated 5,000 patients to be vaccinated. This is around a quarter of those patients currently registered with the Practice.

Seasonal Flu continue to be an important national public health priority and evidence suggests that the effect of this initiative will reduce serious illness, hospitalisation and mortality at a time when both the NHS and Social Care support systems are likely to be managing the usual winter pressures, as well as the possibility of further Covid 19 outbreaks.

There are a wide range of people eligible for the Flu Vaccine, and these include:

- Those aged 65 and over
- Those aged 6 months to under 65 years in a clinical risk group
- Pregnant women
- Those in long-stay residential care homes
- Carers
- Close contacts to immunocompromised individuals
- 50 to 64 year-olds not in clinical risk groups (including those who turn 50 by 31 March 2023)
- All children aged 2 or 3 years on 31 August 2022 (school age children will be vaccinated at school)

The vaccines will be available at Sunbury Health Centre on Saturdays beginning on 15 October, and eligible patients will be contacted and invited to book an appointment convenient to them.

COVID 19 vaccinations will be offered to Sunbury Health Centre patients via North West Surrey Integrated Care Services (NICS) which co-ordinates a Federation of 38 GP Practices in North West Surrey. Patients will be contacted nearer the time and will be able to select a location which is convenient for them.

Sunbury Health Centre Core Patient Participation Group (PPG)