

SWINE FLU VACCINATION PROGRAMME

The Government is finalising plans for the forthcoming swine flu vaccination programme, which will begin in the next few weeks. Vaccination against swine flu has always been a major part of the plan to manage this pandemic.

At this stage we do not know the quantities of vaccine we will be receiving or delivery dates but the Government has prioritised the following groups of patients for vaccination to be given in the order stated.

1. Individuals aged 6 months and up to 65 years in the current seasonal flu vaccine clinical “at risk” groups, ie diabetic, heart disease etc
2. Pregnant women, subject to licensing conditions on trimesters
3. Household contacts of immunosuppressed individuals
4. People aged 65 and over in the current seasonal flu vaccine clinical “at risk” groups.

If you are eligible for this swine flu vaccination the Government would urge you to take up the offer at the earliest opportunity. Clinics will be arranged at the surgery and you will receive notification from us by letter if you fall into one of the groups identified above.

We will be calling patients strictly in accordance with these groups. We are unable to vaccinate outside of these groups.

The situation is updating and changing frequently and we would ask for your patience and understanding as we arrange this campaign.

On behalf of the Partners of Lovemead Group Practice
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