



COVID-19 Primary Care Vaccination Site Brighton Racecourse

Vaccine Choice Policy

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1. Background

Currently the vaccines given at the Brighton Racecourse are:

- Pfizer/BioNTech
- Oxford/AstraZeneca

Increasingly patients are attending giving reasons why they should have one vaccine in preference to another.

Currently we run two types of sessions:

1. **AstraZeneca Days where there is no Pfizer availability** – This will cover most people as the allergy exclusion criteria are less strict than with Pfizer
2. **Pfizer days where there is some availability of AstraZeneca** - This means that people who cannot receive the Pfizer vaccine may be given AstraZeneca

We are only able to offer one vaccine or the other based on a clinical assessment on the day by the Vaccinator / Consenter supported by the On-Site Clinical Lead and also the type of vaccine we have available.

Please remember that Guidance is frequently being updated.

2. Message to Practices

Please do not communicate with patients in a way that leads them to expect to receive one vaccine or another as this has led to some difficult conversations on the day on site.

If you have specific concerns regarding individual patients and their eligibility to receive the Pfizer Vaccine then please raise with the Clinical Lead for the Brighton Racecourse GP Vaccination Site.

3. Message to Vaccinator / Consenters & On-Site Leads

Please assess patients against current eligibility criteria. If a patient states that they should receive a particular vaccine which is not indicated by current eligibility criteria then please discuss the reasons why this is not the case.

We are unable to offer choice except in exceptional circumstances.

Please use On Site Clinical & Pharmacy Leads to support these conversations.

4. Useful Supporting Information

<https://herefordshireandworcestershireccg.nhs.uk/policies/medical/covid-19-interim/vaccination-programme/570-hwics-covid-19-vaccine-pfizer-responsible-clinician-supporting-document-v1-24122020/file>

5. Appendix 1 – GP Letter Template: Vaccine Requested Out of Guidance



GP Name

Surgery

Address

Postcode

Dear Doctor

Re: *Patient name*

DOB:

NHS No:

The above named patient presented at Brighton Racecourse Covid-19 Primary Care Vaccination Site on *date*.

We were unable to give the planned vaccination (*Astra Zeneca/Pfizer*) on the day as they reported that *state reasons*.

As this request lies outside current guidance, **please could you review patient's medical notes/liaise with consultant and then email Dr Selma Stafford (Clinical Director) on s.stafford@nhs.net stating either medical history and rationale for requesting vaccination out of guidance, or that you are happy for this patient receive vaccination as planned.** We can then arrange for the appropriate vaccination to be offered to your patient.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

[Title]