Torbay Covid-19 Vaccination December 2020

On 16th December, all GP Practices in Torbay began delivering the COVID-19 vaccine at the Riviera International Conference Centre in Torquay. The vaccination consists of two injections, at least 21 days apart and both injections are needed for the vaccination to be effective.

At first, the vaccination is only being offered to a small number of patients who the government view as most vulnerable – those aged 80 and over, who are also at high risk of COVID-19 complications.

The vaccination programme will continue for many months and eligible patients will be invited to attend by their GP.

<u>Please don't contact us about the vaccine at this time</u> - we will contact eligible patients as vaccines become available. Our practice staff are needed to work at the vaccine centre, placing additional pressures on resources at all of the practices, and the schedule of future vaccine deliveries is not known.

If you would like further information about the vaccine and what to expect after vaccination please check out the links below for patient guides.

- <u>Vaccination information</u> (NHS Who can get it, how it's given, how safe, how effective)
- What to expect after vaccination: (Gov.UK loads more information)
- <u>Vaccination guide for older adults</u>: (Gov.UK types of vaccine, side effects, does it work?)

Thank you for your understanding and support at this time and we all hope you and your family and friends stay safe over Christmas and well into the New Year!