

## Notes from the Preston Park PPG Zoom meeting on 19 Jan 2021

The PPG Zoom meeting (10 attendees) mainly comprised questions to the Practice Manager, Janak Chauhan, after his practice report which was similar to the one I put on the PPG website: <https://www.prestonparkppg.com/update-on-preston-park-surgerys-vaccination-programme/>

He was unable to answer certain questions saying 'I get most of my updates via the media like you!' But he did indicate that inoculations for Group 4 patients (70+) would take us into March, with invitations going out next week or the week after.

Members reported how well run the vaccination sessions were at St Augustine's. Janak said this was largely down to Dr Craig Milne, the clinical director of our PCN, who was at the site for almost 12 hours every day. I will be writing to him to thank him on behalf of the PPG.

Janak said the mass vaccination centre at The Brighton Centre will be operated directly by the NHS and will start at the end of January. He recommended that if we get invitations from both the Brighton Centre and the Racecourse vaccination centres (operated by HERE on behalf of our PCN) we should accept the Racecourse one. There is uncertainty as to whether or not the Brighton Centre NHS centre will liaise with the Racecourse vaccination centre!

We also discussed how to get more PPG members in order to be more representative of the patient group.

It was suggested existing members invite people who they know are also patients at Preston Park to join the Virtual Group. A so-called 'member-gets-member' strategy. The link to apply to join is: <https://www.prestonparkppg.com/virtual-patient-group/vpg-on-line-application/>

It was agreed that Janak would ask Dr Milne if he would write an email recommending patients join our Virtual group - for distribution to patients whose email addresses the Surgery has. We also discussed how we might reach a younger demographic of patients and Janak agreed to consider putting a similar request on the surgeries Facebook page. It was agreed that there would need to be a hot topic or clear benefit(s) of membership specified to attract new members.

The date of the next meeting will be 20 April 2021 at 6pm. (This is a corrected date)

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