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We are providing you with the **opportunity to ask questions about the COVID-19 vaccine and the roll out in Care Homes.**

The session will be led by our **GP Lead: Shazma Mawani.**

The panel will include:

- London Borough of Sutton Commissioning Team representatives
- London Borough of Sutton Public Health Team representative
- South West London Clinical Commissioning Group representative

Please ensure your *Microphone* is muted unless speaking.

To ask a question please use the **Raised Hand function** or type a question in the **Chat function.**



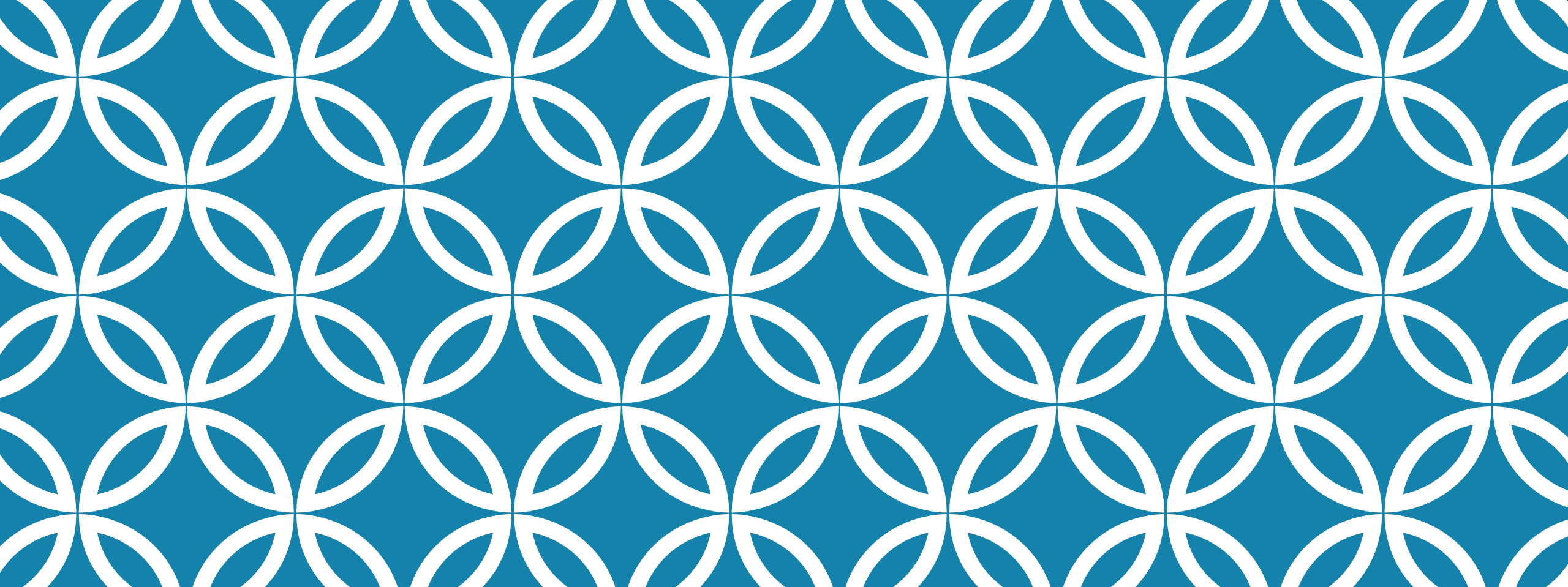
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We will be running two sessions

- Monday, 4 January - 4:00 – 5:00pm
- Tuesday, 5 January - 7:00 – 8:00pm

More sessions can be organised if deemed useful.

We will be compiling a **Q&A log** for the session which will be circulated following both sessions to Care Homes to share with relatives of Care Homes residents and published on the LBS website.



# COVID-19 VACCINATIONS IN CARE HOMES

**Dr Shazma Mawani**  
**GP & Clinical Lead for Care**  
**Homes in Sutton**

# CARE HOME RESIDENTS AND STAFF ARE TOP PRIORITY



HM Government

## COVID-19 VACCINE PRIORITISATION

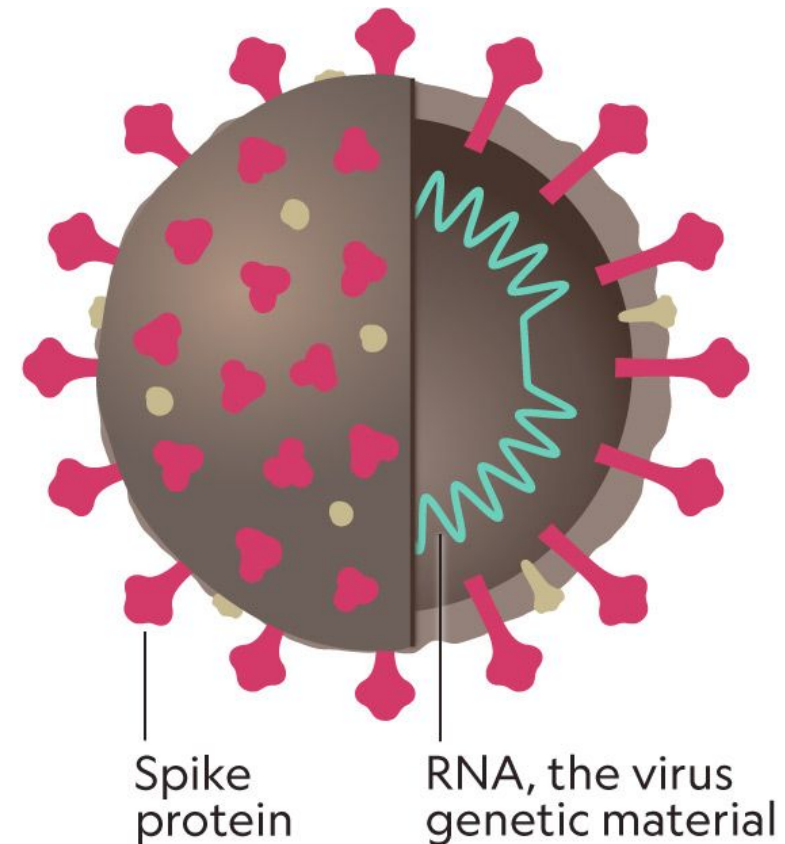
1. Residents in a care home for older adults, and their carers
2. Over 80s, frontline health and care staff
3. Over 75s
4. Over 70s, and clinically extremely vulnerable individuals
5. Over 65s
6. Under 65s with underlying health conditions
7. Over 60s
8. Over 55s
9. Over 50s

# VACCINATIONS STARTED IN MID DECEMBER

- ❑ Care home staff offered vaccinations first at hospital hubs
- ❑ Vaccinations in over 80s has started at sites across UK
- ❑ Pfizer vaccine used- limitations include cold storage, shelf life, fragility, reconstituting
- ❑ Oxford Astra-Zeneca vaccine approved last week- easier to use for roving model
- ❑ Government have ordered 40 million Pfizer and 100 million AZ vaccines
- ❑ Planning to start vaccinations in residents this month with AZ vaccine
- ❑ Over 1000 elderly care home beds in Sutton, second highest in SWL
- ❑ GPs, nurses and trained vaccinators from GP practices and community teams
- ❑ Training in knowledge and practical modules, life support and anaphylaxis
- ❑ Appropriate PPE and infection control measures followed

# HOW DOES THE VACCINE WORK?

- ❑ Scientists have produced a copy of the genes that form the spike proteins
- ❑ When injected, this replica of the virus stimulates an immune response to Covid
- ❑ The vaccine is inactive and does not cause disease
- ❑ 70% effective and 2<sup>nd</sup> dose 4-12 weeks after the first offers more protection
- ❑ Unsure how long protection will last- important to continue testing, face masks, social distancing, washing hands



# SIDE EFFECTS AND CONTRAINDICATIONS

## Side Effects may last a few days

- Painful arm, redness, warmth, itching
- Aching joints, tiredness, headache, nausea, mild fever
- Less side effects in over 65s and milder side effects with second dose

(Clinical trials in 24,000 individuals)

## Who shouldn't have the vaccine?

- Allergic reaction to previous Covid vaccine, any of the vaccine ingredients or to an unknown medication
- Active Covid-19 infection

(However those with past history of Covid infection should still receive vaccine)



# NEXT STEPS

Vaccine Supply

Equipment and trolley

Transportation issues

Cool space and fridge in care home

Staff on standby and tested beforehand

Staff in home to dress residents, bring down where possible, carry equipment, record time of vaccine, L or R arm, monitor residents

Status of outbreaks- risk assessments

Consent (vaccine is not compulsory)

- From resident if they have capacity
- From Power of Attorney
- Best interests decision
  - Discussions with relatives, GP, care home staff

# QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

