

**FLEET COVID VACCINATION
PROGRAMME
@THE HARLINGTON**



DECEMBER 2021

In mid-December, it will be ten months since we opened The Harlington doors as a vaccination centre!! It has been a rollercoaster of a year and whilst there is still much uncertainty about the future in light of the new Omicron Covid variant, there is also a lot to celebrate about what we have achieved **TOGETHER** in 2021.

We saw the 3 GP Practices, Hart District and Fleet Town Councils, our Clinical Commissioning Group and Hart Voluntary Action come together to do over

53200 vaccinations

(as of 2/12/21)!! We welcomed back colleagues from retirement or those who had moved to other roles in the NHS who gave up their spare time to vaccinate, administrate and mix vaccine with us alongside members of our surgery staff who helped out whilst juggling their own jobs back at GP practices- Our colleagues back at our surgeries held the fort and phoned countless patients to book their vaccination appointments. In addition, we have met new people who came forward to do their bit, as well as sons & daughters of our staff who have gained valuable work and life experience witnessing the marvel of the NHS in vaccination mode!

GP and nurse teams adopted "roving" vaccination models and have triple jabbed **ALL CARE HOME RESIDENTS** in Fleet and we are soon to complete booster vaccinations for our **HOUSEBOUND** patients. Fleet First Responders- David and Alan- have been superstars supporting GP surgeries to reach this vulnerable group. This has been a huge logistical task to achieve.

We've been fed well over this time by local catering businesses who kindly donated lovely

snacks, meals and treats- we are truly grateful for your generosity!

A MASSIVE THANK YOU TO EVERYONE INVOLVED- THOSE WHO HAS GOTTEN UP EARLY TO DO A SHIFT, TO THOSE WHO'VE STOOD IN THE CARPARK IN RAIN & COLD, TO THOSE WHO'VE HELD A HAND WHEN A PATIENT WAS NERVOUS OR OFFERED A BISCUIT WHEN SOMEONE FELT WOBBLY. WE COULD NOT HAVE DONE THIS WITHOUT SO MANY PEOPLE PULLING TOGETHER FOR THE GREATER GOOD!!

Our last session of 2021, will be on 23rd December. We are still in negotiations about what happens in January, but the "show must go on" and all being well, the vaccination service will continue in Fleet.

Special thanks go to Ben Sinclair- Site operations supervisor who has been present for every single vaccination session we have done. To Sue Vincent and Gill Brogden from HVA –and their army of volunteers-who have worked unfailingly to ensure we have had the marshalling support to allow us to safely vaccinate, to Janet Stanton and Ben Crane and their team at The Harlington for being so accommodating & often working overnight to ensure the vaccination centre was set up after evening shows had ended. Finally, to Dr Michelle Sinclair who has been the rock behind this programme.

All that is left to say is **MERRY CHRISTMAS** and here's hoping for a **HAPPY HEALTHY AND PEACEFUL NEW YEAR!!!**



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