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Dear Patient,

There has been some adverse press regarding the Astra Zeneca COVID vaccine and the information below seeks to [inform and assure you](#). We would encourage you to give it careful consideration and not be distracted by the news of its suitability in providing you protection against Covid infection. Even the EU's medicines regulator (European Medicines Agency) has said it remains "firmly convinced" that the benefits of the Oxford-AstraZeneca Covid-19 jab outweigh the risks.

The NHS is also projected to experience variance in supply of the vaccines (Pfizer and Astra Zeneca) due to issues of logistics and international policymaking for at least the next six or seven weeks. So if there are spaces available and you have come to the conclusion that you wish to have it, then **please BOOK PROMPTLY**, either through the national website

[Please book your vaccination here](#)

OR

through the link you will have received on your smart phone from your GP Practice. The link sent by us covers different vaccination centres, the two covered by the link being the Bocking Street Vaccination Centre in E8 3RU and John Scott Health Centre Green Lanes N4.

[How to find Bocking Street Vaccination Centre E8 3RU](#)

[How to find John Scott Vaccination Centre](#)

**If you wish us to book the vaccination appointment for you or resend you the link, simply ring us on 020 8985 1930 and we will do it for you.**

**If you have any questions, please speak to one of ther GPs. We will continue to contact all patients whose records show the vaccine as outstanding.**

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## Is the Oxford AstraZeneca vaccine safe?

We are aware that patients maybe be worried about some of the safety reports that have recently been publicised around the Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine. Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine use has been stopped in some European countries. This is because of a small number of blood clots that have been reported in some people who recently had the vaccine.

Blood clots can occur naturally and are not uncommon. More than 11 million doses of the COVID-19 Vaccine AstraZeneca have now been given across the UK. The number of blood clots reported after having the vaccine is not more than what would have occurred naturally in the groups that have been vaccinated.

The medicines regulator (responsible for decisions on the use of medicines) for the EU has said that there is nothing to suggest that this vaccine causes blood clots.

The World Health Organization (WHO) is investigating these reports, but has also said that there is no evidence that the clots reported were caused by the vaccine. The WHO have also asked that countries do not stop the vaccination programme with AstraZeneca Vaccine.

The Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency for the UK (MHRA) are responsible for making sure all medicines used in the UK are safe. The MHRA have said that the vaccine is safe to give to people. People should still go and get their COVID-19 vaccine when asked to do so.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/mhra-response-to-irish-authorities-action-to-temporarily-suspend-the-astrazeneca-covid-19-vaccine>