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Dear Patient,

HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS OF SHIELDING PATIENTS
COVID-19 VACCINATION

We are writing to let you know that your adult household contacts are now eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccination. This is because the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) has recently advised that adult household contacts of adults, over 16 years of age, with severe immunosuppression should be offered COVID-19 vaccination.

This aims to reduce the risk of infection to you by vaccinating those most likely to transmit to you, as even though you may have received your COVID-19 vaccination; you may have lower protection from the vaccine given that you are immunosuppressed.

The JCVI advice applies to adult household contacts who are 16 years and above with whom you “expect to share living accommodation on most days.... and therefore, for whom continuing close contact is unavoidable.”

Please let your adult household contacts know that they can now book a vaccination appointment via their registered GP practice, who will then invite them to attend their GP-led Local Vaccination Service.

Note that any household contacts aged 16-17 years old will need to receive the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine as the Oxford/AstraZeneca vaccine has only been authorised for use in people aged 18 years and over.

For more information about the coronavirus vaccine, read the leaflet that came with this letter, or visit www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination

Yours sincerely

The GP Practices of the Avon Valley Primary Care Network
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