Nobody can choose which vaccination they will receive. The aim is to have a safe and effective programme of roll out of the vaccination to ensure as many people are protected as quickly as possible, using the available resources.

**I'm 70 years old or over, why am I getting the AstraZeneca vaccine and not the Pfizer vaccine?**

Scientific assessment of the effectiveness of any vaccination is a continuous process. The AstraZeneca is a good vaccine.

**Is the AstraZeneca vaccine less effective?**

Immunity following a vaccination builds up over a period of time and the second dose of the vaccination is required.

**Why do I have to have two doses of the vaccine?**

You haven't been forgotten. If your 70th birthday falls on or before the 31 March, your GP will contact you to arrange vaccination. You don’t need to contact them.

If your 70th birthday falls after 31 March, you can use the online booking system to book a slot at a vaccination centre.

**My 70th birthday is just before 31 March: which system will I be required to use?**

The guidance for care home visits is constantly under review by the Department of Health. The current guidance can be found at doh-visiting-leaflet.pdf (health-ni.gov.uk).

**What about visits into care homes?**

The COVID-19 vaccine has been shown to reduce the chance of you suffering from the COVID-19 disease. Like all medicines, no vaccine is completely effective, so you should continue to take recommended precautions to avoid infection.

Some people may still get COVID-19 despite having a vaccination, but this should be less severe.

It's important you continue following the most recent public health guidance to protect those around you.

**I've had my two doses of the vaccination, what should I do now?**

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**I cannot get to my GP or a vaccination centre as I don’t have transport, or I’ve difficulties leaving my home.**

You haven't been forgotten. If your 70th birthday falls on or before the 31 March, your GP will contact you to arrange a visit. You don’t need to contact them.

In the very first days the site was extremely busy. A telephone booking service is also available by calling 0300 200 7813.

**Why am I having problems accessing the online booking system for 65-69 year olds?**

You haven't been forgotten. Your GP or district nurse will be in contact with you to arrange a visit. You don’t need to contact them.

**What happens if I'm transitioning from hospital or any other facility e.g. temporary admission into a residential setting?**

You haven't been forgotten. Your GP or district nurse will be in contact with you to arrange a visit. You don’t need to contact them.