

COVID-19 Trainee Vaccination Statement

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Dear All,

We have had multiple concerns regarding the vaccination process for all staff. I think part of this has been fueled by social media and advertisement of non-clinical and/or non-patient facing staff having their vaccination and posting it. I completely sympathise with the worries and frustration of our trainees, but there will be a process of roll out and a lead time for vaccination.

As probably most of you know, MFT (Oxford Road site) and Stepping Hill have the license and storage facilities to have the vaccine first. They are obviously rolling this out to their own staff first.

All systems of roll out will be imperfect, as all systems are and people 'more deserving' of the vaccine will be missed. I can assure you this is not intentional. I have today contacted Stepping Hill and they have assured me that staff, including all trainees have or currently in a queue to be vaccinated.

MFT must have in the region of 10-15 thousand staff, (Bolton has 4.5K, so a gestimate) and the roll out here will be more imperfect.

I have had correspondence from their CD Dr Lancaster, that all trainees have been emailed with a link to try to get them on a vaccination list. Please check your emails regularly. I have also been assured that any 'missed' trainees has not been intentional.

If you are a vulnerable trainee and feel that you need some escalation in the vaccination program, please contact your college tutors with your circumstances and I am sure they all will be able to help and support.

There are the same issues in Mersey and please be assured, all is being done. I have escalated this to the deanery, and this has been escalated and discussed higher up as well. Conversations have been had at all levels and assurances given (Dr Remington is included in this trail).

I completely agree that open, honest communication with explanations of why the process exists as it does, would be ideal and alleviate anxieties and my apologies that this has not occurred, but we are acting on information that we have currently got.

I as a high risk, old, BAME, male staff, deemed high risk am still waiting for my vaccine.

I ask you to all have some patience and we will cascade information as we know.

I again thank you all for your continued service and commitment to our specialty, units, hospitals and our patients.

Please stay safe in the meantime and Merry Xmas and here is hoping a Happy New Year to you all.

We as a School are proud of how you have supported us, throughout this pandemic.

Kind Regards

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