Over 55s needed for vaccine trial in Greater Glasgow and Clyde

People in good health and over the age of 55 years old are being asked to take part in a COVID-19 vaccine trial and NHSGGC staff are invited to take part.

NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde and the University of Glasgow are supporting the University of Oxford’s COVID-19 vaccine trials.

The organisations are now recruiting approximately 200 people to join the trial, with approximately 100 people needed aged 55 – 65, and 100 people needed over the age of 65.

This will be in addition to the 412 people who are already taking part, which includes NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde and care staff who have worked in COVID-19 clinical areas.

The trial involves NHS and institutions across the UK and aims to assess how well people across a broad range of ages could be protected from COVID-19 with this new vaccine called ChAdOx1 nCoV-19. It will also provide valuable information on safety aspects of the vaccine and its ability to generate good immune responses against the virus.

The results of the Phase I/II trial were published last month in the scientific journal, The Lancet, and indicate no early safety concerns and a strong immune response in both parts of the immune system.

Participants are randomised to receive one or two doses of either the new ChAdOx1 nCoV-19 vaccine or a licensed meningitis vaccine (MenACWY) that will be used as a ‘control’ for comparison.

Participants will be involved in the trial for the next 12 months and will be supported by NHSGGC and University of Glasgow researchers throughout its duration.

Screening and vaccination of participants will take place in the coming weeks.

We are grateful to all of our healthcare workers who are taking part in the Oxford Vaccine Study, local investigators, Clinical Research Facility team, pharmacy and the wider research team.

For anyone looking to take part, please visit: [https://www.covid19vaccinetrial.co.uk/participate-glasgow](https://www.covid19vaccinetrial.co.uk/participate-glasgow)
Staff communications survey 2020

Thank you to all of our colleagues who have already shared their views via the staff communications survey.

For those of you who would like to take part, there is still time for you to tell us which communication channels work well for you and which ones don't.

Your help will enable us to ensure our channels and the information we share is helpful, of interest and is delivered in the most engaging way.

The survey will only take a couple of minutes to complete and will be available until mid-August and shortly afterwards, we will publish the findings via Core Brief.

To take the survey, please click here.

Please keep up-to-date with the latest guidance on our dedicated web pages at: www.nhsggc.org.uk/covid19. If you have any questions about the current situation please check the FAQs first. If you have any further questions, please email: staff.covid19@ggc.scot.nhs.uk

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