



**High quality flexible patient care sensitive to the individual needs of all patients**

## **Summary of unvaccinated patient numbers**

**May 17 2021**

### **Purpose of the document**

To set out the current level of unvaccinated patients at the surgery for staff, partners & other interested parties.

To invite observations, comments or actions to promote an increase in the uptake across age ranges.

### **Vaccine Eligibility**

All patients registered at a Derby City surgery can be vaccinated at the Derby arena where they are a minimum of 30 years old. This criteria has been in place for a couple of weeks.

To avoid vaccine wastage as uptake slowed last week, patients in the age range 27-29 were also invited to the arena as well as some in the age range 16-18 for the pfizer vaccine.

Some patients under thirty are eligible due to other defined NHS criteria eg carer; live with immunosuppressed family member, high risk patient or other vulnerabilities eg serious asthma, diabetes.

Colleagues at the Ikhlas Centre & Pakistan Community Centre are following the national programme for age criteria which is not currently as low as the arena. They are vaccinating at risk patients as defined by the NHS regardless of age.

For the purpose of this report a simple age range analysis has been prepared as this covers the majority of eligible patients anyway.

All eligible 30+ patients have received at least one text message or letter (if no mobile number recorded) advising them of their eligibility for the vaccine. In many cases they have been contacted by this means on multiple occasions.

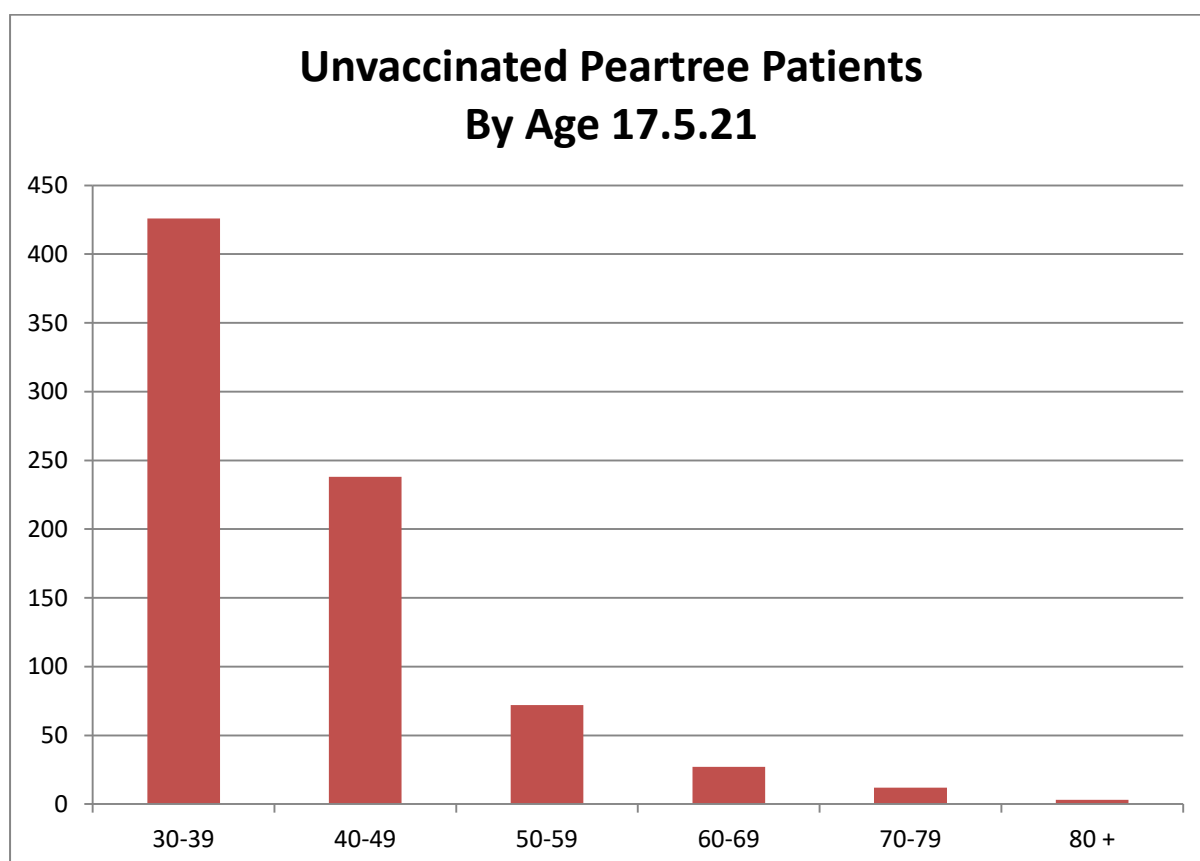
Peartree staff are also ringing patients on the unvaccinated list to promote uptake and if requested, to book an appointment.

### **Vaccinated Patients**

The latest data shows that 2057 Peartree patients have received their first dose with 868 of these patients also taking the second dose. This represents a significant increase of 70% in first doses which were 1211 (March 11 2021) as reported in the last briefing note.

### **Unvaccinated patients**

The current age spread of unvaccinated patients is:-



This represents 778 patients or around a quarter of the eligible patient population.

The age ranges over 50 have now been eligible for some time and despite best endeavours it is felt that these figures are unlikely to change significantly. The only exception to this might be patients who are abroad if they can return to the UK. All the over 50s have been prompted multiple times to be vaccinated.

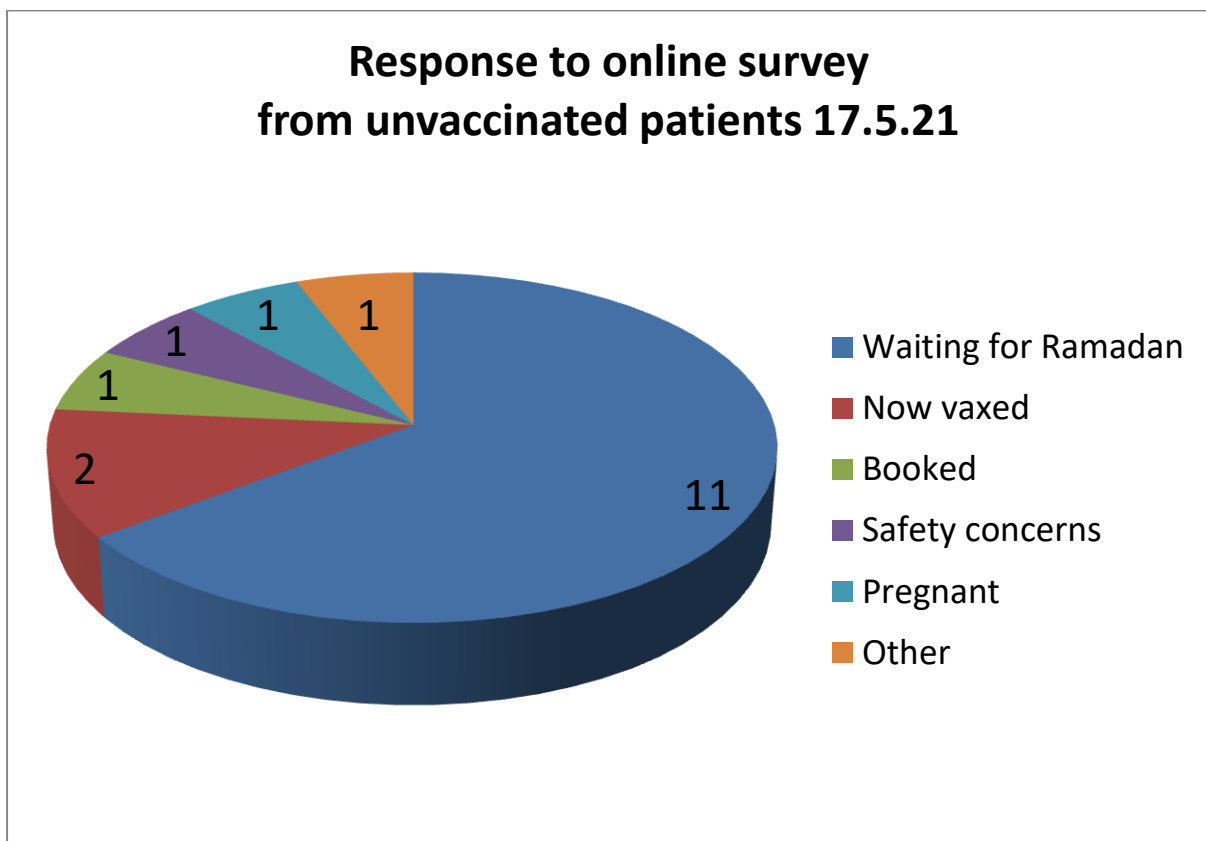
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## Patient Survey

A survey was recently sent to the unvaccinated cohort inviting one response to the following statements that most applied to them.

- I have booked a vaccination appointment for next month.
- I will book an appointment after Ramadan ends or when my work or other commitments allow.
- I do not have enough information to make a decision.
- I do not feel at risk from the virus and I am likely to refuse the offer of a vaccination.
- I am not convinced about the safety of the vaccine and I am likely to refuse the offer of a vaccination.
- Something else.

There were 17 responses (2% response rate) showing the following:-



This would seem to suggest that that a post-Ramadan 'bounce' may be forthcoming especially as most of these responses came from 30-49 year olds.

## **Conclusions**

Around 75% of eligible patients have had a first dose of the Covid19 vaccine. Around 40% of these have received both doses with more second doses scheduled.

Despite best endeavours there will be around 115 patients over the age of 50 who are unlikely to engage. A further 22 patients have overtly refused the vaccine.

The under 50s have been eligible for less time and some of this will have overlapped with Ramadan for our Muslim patients. The recent survey suggests that this younger age group may come forward in bigger numbers now that Eid has passed.

There is a sizeable unvaccinated cohort representing around a quarter of the eligible population.

## **Recommendation**

That readers of this document consider any further steps that might accelerate uptake across all age groups but particularly those aged 30-49 where most of the work now needs to focus..

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