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Dear Patient

The Partners of The Glebe Surgery have been having in depth discussions about how best to maintain patient and staff safety as the national lockdown eases. As I am sure you are aware, the infection rates of Covid-19 delta variant are currently rising and infection rates in our patients are reflecting this. Although not enforceable in law after the 19 July 2021, we would greatly appreciate it if patients entering The Glebe Surgery would continue to wear a mask, pay careful attention to hand hygiene and socially distance as appropriate. The reason we have come to this decision is that as a healthcare facility we are dealing with many patients who are clinically vulnerable and by keeping Covid-19 infection away from the surgery, we have the potential to save lives. We will continuously monitor infection rates and national guidance, and change our policy accordingly.

We intend on maintaining our triage first before face-to-face consultations. We wish to assure you that any patient who requires a face-to-face-clinical assessment will be seen. The triage service allows us to get a picture of a patient's problem and if they require subsequent clinical face-to-face evaluation this can be done efficiently, thus reducing the time a patient is required to be in The Glebe Surgery building and therefore, minimises their risk of Covid-19 infection.

The Glebe Surgery Partners and Staff would greatly appreciate your help in our endeavour to eradicate Covid-19.

I would also like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for all the patients and volunteers who have helped make our Covid-19 vaccination service so successful. We have now administered over 32,000 vaccinations, which includes nearly 18,000 first doses and 15,000-second doses.

Currently, we have not been made aware that there will be any new first dose vaccines being delivered to us after 19 July 2021 and would therefore encourage any patients who wish to have their first dose Covid-19 vaccine living in the areas covered by The Glebe Surgery, Billingshurst Surgery, Steyning Medical Centre or Henfield Medical Centre, to contact the surgery and book an appointment, or attend our last planned Walk-In Clinic taking place on Friday 9 July 2021, Wednesday 14 July 2021, Friday 16 July 2021 and Monday 19 July 2021 between 5pm and 8 pm.

The Partners and Staff of The Glebe Surgery wish you well and encourage you to stay safe.

Yours sincerely

Dr Keir Newsom