



Media Release

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Over-50s asked to prioritise having vaccine at allotted time wherever possible

Islanders in the over-50s vaccine group are being asked to please prioritise attending their vaccination over other commitments.

The request comes after the Vaccination Call Centre reported people in this age group seeking to choose their own vaccination time slot.

When islanders contact the VCC they will be offered next available slots. If they are offered a time that they genuinely cannot make, the team can offer alternatives based on slot availability rather than the individual themselves requesting a specific time and date.

About 700 people in the over-50 group are having their first vaccine dose today, which shows the scale of the booking team's challenge if large numbers seek specific slots, increasing the time taken to make bookings when the call centre is already dealing with high volumes of calls.

As such islanders are requested to please, wherever possible, prioritise receiving their vaccine at the offered time.