

## Advice from the NHS and Medicines Regulatory Authority

Thorough review of AstraZeneca concluded:

- In the UK there have been 79 cases of blood clots in the 20.2 million people who have had the AstraZeneca vaccine; one patient out of 256 000 has been affected to date
- This is the same risk as being murdered in the next 12 months or by driving 250 miles
- The risk of death from Covid are considerably higher – 1 in 8 of aged 80+ and 1 in 200 in young adults
- The NHS and Elm Tree Surgery encourage everyone to have the AstraZeneca vaccine as its benefits far, far outweigh and risks
- If you have had previous blood clots or if you know you have low platelets, please talk to your usual GP
- The current evidence does not suggest that the AstraZeneca vaccine causes blood clots in people without low platelet counts
- If you have had one AstraZeneca vaccine, you should have the second – there have been no reports of clots after the second vaccine
- The NHS does not allow people to choose their covid vaccine brand