## FREE PNEUMOCOCCAL VACCINATIONS

PNEUMOCOCCAL – Eligibility: All patients aged 65yrs and over. Patients aged 64 and under who have Chronic Respiratory Diseases such as COPD, Bronchitis, Cystic Fibrosis etc, Chronic Heart, Kidney & Liver Diseases, Diabetes (diet controlled patients not eligible), Immunosuppression & Asplenia or dysfunction of the spleen and only patients with severe Asthma who require frequent/repeated use of systemic steroids).

## **Additional Information for Patients**

## **Protection from Pneumococcal Infections**

A pneumococcal infection can affect anyone but some people are at a higher risk of serious illness should they become infected and are therefore eligible for a free NHS pneumococcal vaccination.

The pneumococcal vaccination is not given annually like the Flu vaccine and will provide protection for life although a small number of patients may require a five-yearly vaccination depending on their underlying health problem.

CONTACT RECEPTION TO BOOK AN APPOINTMENT.