

Dear care provider colleagues,

RE: 2020-21 Seasonal flu vaccine for social care and hospice workers

The [Joint Flu Letter](#) published on 5 August 2020 by the Department of Health and Social Care, NHS England and Improvement and Public Health England clearly sets out the eligibility for a free flu vaccination for the care workforce including social care and hospice workers.

We can confirm the staff that can be vaccinated free of charge in a GP Surgery or Pharmacy are:

- **Social care workers** - Health & social care staff, employed by a registered residential setting/nursing home or registered domiciliary care provider, who are directly involved in the care of vulnerable patients/clients*
- **Social or health care staff** e.g. Personal Assistants, employed through Direct Payment and/or Personal Health Budgets to deliver domiciliary care to patients and service users.
- **Hospice workers** - Health and care staff, employed by a voluntary managed hospice provider, who are directly involved in the care of vulnerable patients/clients.

*Vulnerable means those patients/clients in a clinical risk group for flu or who are aged 65 years and over.

In order to book and receive a free flu vaccine, please make an appointment at your local GP surgery you are registered at, or book an appointment online at any local pharmacy.

Alternatively, care workers in residential or nursing home settings, may be offered a vaccination at their place of work by the community pharmacist however it may be sensible for our care colleagues to proactively seek out a free flu vaccination at the earliest opportunity.

I would like to advise that when you make contact with your GP surgery or pharmacy, please ensure you state you are a care worker eligible to receive a vaccination through this scheme.

You must bring this letter and evidence of your employment from the care provider or organisation you work for (such as a payslip and/or identification badge) when you attend your appointment. This letter can be printed out or shown electronically.

Thank you for all of your hard work and everything that you are doing to keep our residents and colleagues safe, in particular taking up the offer of a free flu vaccination.

For more information, please contact Irene Karrouze, Care provider Quality Improvement Nurse for NHS Norfolk and Waveney CCG i.karrouze@nhs.net

Yours sincerely,



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