

PRIMARY CARE SUPPORT

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Dear Colleague

Winter Vaccination Programme Update - Vaccination Update and additional local clinics

Thank you for your ongoing support to the vaccination programme in providing advice and information to patients, encouraging uptake and working with HSCP teams to support the identification of patients who require a home visit for vaccination.

The current Covid booster and flu programmes are progressing at pace with good uptake.

Everyone over 70 was invited to attend a local community clinic by the beginning of November, and completion for this cohort is currently running around 80%. While this is a good uptake and will increase further as people continue to attend, we continue to look at ways to maximise uptake in this particular priority group heading into the winter. Across Scotland, Boards have been asked to look at whether any additional initiatives can be put in place to ensure as many people as possible are vaccinated before Christmas.

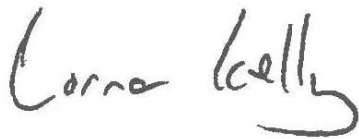
When we wrote to you in August, we confirmed that flu and Covid vaccination would not be delivered through practices this winter. The Board continues to have responsibility for delivery of these vaccinations and has put arrangements in place to meet this commitment. However as part of that we continue to consider where any additional local initiatives are required, particularly in areas where uptake has been lower; this includes the use of the mobile vaccination clinics which have been deployed in additional areas over the past couple of weeks. We are also seeking to explore whether any GP practices would be in a position to support this by delivering vaccination to a small number of patients who have not yet taken up the national offer of an appointment. We recognise the current pressure on practices and there is no expectation that all practices will now be in a position to contribute to vaccine delivery. We will continue to put in place other initiatives to support vaccine uptake where required, but in discussion with GP Subcommittee colleagues have agreed to also offer this to GP practices who wish to participate at this stage.

We are therefore seeking expressions of interest from practices who would wish to deliver vaccination as below:

- To invite and provide Covid booster and flu vaccination for any patients **over 70** who have not yet been vaccinated. Patient lists and search tools can be provided for practices to identify patients.
- This would be using the Moderna vaccine which would be supplied to practices for this purpose. The booster is a half dose of Moderna so 20 doses can be obtained from one vial. SOPs and additional information on this vaccine will be shared with those practices taking part
- To record this using the national Vaccine Management Tool
- Payment for vaccination would be at the agreed item of service fee of £12.58 per vaccination under the terms of the COVID-19 Vaccination DES
- Vaccination to take place by 19 December 2021

Please confirm to GMS.ContractTeam@ggc.scot.nhs.uk by **Friday 19 November** if you wish to take part in this, and we will confirm further details including vaccine delivery with participating practices.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lorna Kelly". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Lorna Kelly
Interim Director, Primary Care