

To: All GP Practices NHSGGC
Cc: HSCP Clinical Directors
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Dear colleague

Influenza DES

Please see attached *PCA(M)(2020)14 - Influenza and Pneumococcal DES* – which sets out minimum expectations and payment arrangements for practices participating in the Directed Enhanced Service.

The DES sets out minimum expected time commitment and other requirements to support the organization and recording of flu vaccination. It is for the practice and Board to agree when and how this time commitment will be contributed.

The DES sets out national arrangements which can apply when no other local arrangement has been agreed. Within NHSGGC, there was an existing proposed arrangement agreed with the Local Medical Committee and set out in the letter of 13 August. This proposed arrangement is for the practice commitment to be fulfilled by organizing and delivering flu vaccination to the 18-64 at risk cohort. This would be *instead of* the Influenza Sessional Commitment set out in the DES. Funding will be on the basis of the average of the last 3 years payments. This would apply whether a practice delivers the 18-64 cohort within their own practice or, by agreement, in an HSCP venue.

Where a practice is not able to deliver vaccination to the 18-64 at risk population, vaccinator time provided by the practice will be based on the Average Number of Vaccinations (ANV) and associated Influenza Sessional Commitment (ISC) as set out in the DES. This will be based on the three year average of number of vaccinations delivered to the adult cohorts for at risk 18-64 and over 65s. Practices will be able to estimate this themselves based on previous year's vaccination numbers; figures for the ANV and associated ISC will also be provided to each practice shortly and shared with HSCPs to inform planning.

Please confirm to your HSCP as soon as possible, and in line with locally requested deadlines, how you intend to meet the minimum requirement for this year.

Funding for practices who meet the commitments as described above will be on the basis of the 3 year average of historical payments. This will include the payments for all flu cohorts including those where delivery has already transferred, in line with existing agreements. This includes 18-64 at risk, over 65, pneumococcal, childhood and pregnant women.

Ordering of Flu Vaccine

HSCPs will order flu vaccine for the Over 65 age cohort, therefore, you do not need to bulk order vaccine supply for this cohort. You may wish to order a small supply of aTIV to facilitate any opportunistic vaccination of older adults. We suggest 1 box of 10.

There has been no change around delivery to housebound and care home residents. The same processes are in place as last year. Those GPs who would normally order flu supply for their housebound cohorts, including care home residents, should continue with these arrangements and order sufficient vaccine to support delivery to these patients.

Practices who are directly delivering vaccination to their 18-64 at risk cohort should order vaccine accordingly. If arrangements for delivery to this cohort are still to be finalised, please do not order vaccine until these are fully understood.


There is no requirement to order any Fluenz. All childhood seasonal flu immunisations - 2-5 year old, primary school, and 'at risk' children, including mop-up - will be delivered by the HSCP childhood teams. All pregnant women, including those at risk will be offered vaccination via Maternity Services and there is no requirement for practices to order vaccine for this group.

We appreciate and are grateful for the huge amount of work which has been taking place in each practice and HSCP area to plan for this at an uncertain time.

Yours sincerely



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On behalf of the NHSGGC Adult Flu Planning Group