

Vaccine stock issues:

1. **Zostavax**
2. **Repevax**
3. **Pneumovax 23 (PPV23)**

1. **Zostavax** held in GP practices may have expired subsequent to the suspension of the routine programme earlier this year due to COVID-19. This temporary suspension was reversed from 1st September 2020 see CMO Letter SGHD/CM(2020) 21 ([attached](#)).

When re-ordering please consider the quantity of stock required carefully as replacement vaccine from the PDC is short dated and current stocks expire May and July 2021 respectively.

Please return any expired stock to the PDC with a vaccine return form

2. Responsibility for the administration of **Repevax** to pregnant women is now undertaken by maternity services in NHS GGC. Unwanted vaccine should be returned to PDC for destruction accompanied by vaccine returns form. Any practices with a significant quantity of vaccine remaining (more than 20 doses) should contact PharmacyPublicHealth@ggc.scot.nhs.uk

GP practices can request uplift of vaccines via email: vaccines@ggc.scot.nhs.uk

3. **Pneumovax 23 (PPV23)** Supplies of Pneumovax[®] 23 pre-filled syringes (PFS) are very limited until January 2021, due to increased demand.

Please see PHE Vaccine Supply Notification letter - VSN/2020/001 - which details ongoing shortages with PPV23 and how to prioritise available supply

Note that there is no change to the current ordering arrangements for PPV23 in Scotland.

If a prescription for PPV23 is unable to be fulfilled and the patient meets the high risk criteria requiring vaccination, PDC may be able to supply in these exceptional circumstances.

Please request on your standard vaccine order form highlighting the reason you require this exceptional route of supply.