

LMC Update July 8th 2021

COVID-19 Vaccination Autumn / Winter (Phase 3) planning

NHS England has published guidance on planning for the prospective COVID-19 vaccine booster campaign in the autumn or winter. This follows the JCVI publication of their [interim guidance on booster vaccinations](#) which states:

Any potential COVID-19 booster programme should be offered in two stages:

Stage 1. *The following persons should be offered a third dose COVID-19 booster vaccine and the annual influenza vaccine, as soon as possible from September 2021:*

- *adults aged 16 years and over who are immunosuppressed;*
- *those living in residential care homes for older adults;*
- *all adults aged 70 years or over;*
- *adults aged 16 years and over who are considered clinically extremely vulnerable; frontline health and social care workers.*

Stage 2. *The following persons should be offered a third dose COVID-19 booster vaccine as soon as practicable after Stage 1, with equal emphasis on deployment of the influenza vaccine where eligible:*

- *all adults aged 50 years and over*
- *adults aged 16 – 49 years who are in an influenza or COVID-19 at-risk group. (please refer to the Green Book for details of at-risk groups)*
- *adult household contacts of immunosuppressed individuals*

Read the NHS [COVID-19 Vaccination Autumn/Winter \(phase 3\) planning document](#) for more information including information on delivery model; workforce; estates; and financial resources.

As the timing of the booster programme will coincide with the Flu vaccine programme the JCVI suggests that, where possible, a synergistic approach is taken to support delivery and maximise uptake of both vaccines. NHS England will be writing to general practices and community pharmacies with details of the service specifications, and we will publish more information when we have it.

Updated standard operating procedure for LVS deployment

NHS England have updated the [Standard Operating Procedure for LVS Deployment in Community Settings](#) (log in for Future NHS platform required). Please note that this is currently draft and will be published in final form soon.

New PCSE Pay and Pension System Update

The BMA have reported a high volume of issues being raised about the new online portal for pay and pensions, and this has been reflected in queries raised with the LMC locally.

The issues are wide-ranging and involve both historical migrated data and current data. Some GPs are reporting that data is incorrect, some of it being missing and still more just being unclear to users. This is affecting GPs' pension data in many instances, locum and solo performers being particularly affected, and there have also been early issues with

some payment runs to practices. PCSE has advised that all of this is being addressed urgently but we need to see more evidence that this is happening.

The BMA, along with the Institute of General Practice Management, have [written to the Chief Commercial Officer of NHS England](#) to raise their concerns and demand urgent action to ensure that GPs and practices are able to use the system as intended as we approach a critical time for many users.

GP engagement with the new system remains low according to reported data, so GPs are urged to log in and check their records as a priority and to [inform PCSE](#) of any errors. Please also make use of [PCSE's guidance materials](#), as a significant number of calls and emails to PCSE are being answered with information from the guidance.

Free Cricket Tickets for NHS Staff

The England & Wales Cricket Board are offering 10,000 free tickets this summer for their new competition, 'The Hundred', to celebrate the NHS' 73rd Birthday, and as a thank you to all NHS staff. Colleagues can sign up using their NHS mail address and enter a ballot for up to six tickets for a match over the summer, via Blue Light Tickets.

Find out more and enter the ballot here: <https://bluelighttickets.co.uk/event/180>. **Ballot closes at 10pm Monday 12th July 2021.** Please note this offer is for internal channels only and shouldn't be shared via social media.