

Flu Issue 3

South East Region

Updates for week ending 16/09/22

Autumn-Winter Communications Materials and Toolkit

Links to the above were circulated in the NHS England Primary Care Bulletin on 8 September 2022. General communications materials are available on the Futures platform. If you don't have an account, you can request them via the link below.

FutureNHS Collaboration Communications Materials

Health and Social Care communications resources are available here:

Health and Social Care Workers Winter | Campaign Resource Centre (phe.gov.uk)

Flu posters

Posters showing the different types of flu vaccines available for the 2022 to 2023 flu season and the clinical risk groups that they apply to are available for download at the following.

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1102575/UKHSA-12402-flu-vaccination-A3-poster-2022-2023.pdf

The Flu poster for children's vaccine can be found here https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/which-flu-vaccine-should-children-have

Recommended vaccines for the 2022/23 flu season

Practices are reminded that the contractual requirements for the NHS flu vaccination programme state that to receive payment for flu vaccination and reimbursement of flu vaccine, providers will need to use the specific flu vaccines recommended in the NHSE guidance.

At this stage in the season, practices should be using the recommended first line vaccines appropriate for the cohort. Practices should plan their clinics around their available vaccine supply to ensure that patients receive the recommended vaccines as per table below:

Those aged 65 years and over	At-risk adults, including pregnant women, aged 18 to less than 65 years	50 to 64 year olds NOT in a clinical at-risk group
Reimbursed vaccines		
 aQIV / QIVr QIVc (only where aQIV or QIVr is not available) 	 QIVc / QIVr QIVe (only where QIVc or QIVr is not available) 	 QIVe QIVc / QIVr (these should only be offered where it does not divert stock from clinical at-risk groups and those age 65 years and over)



For more information please see:

<u>B1868_Reimbursable-vaccines-and-eligible-cohorts-for-the-2022-23-NHS-Seasonal-Influenza-flu-Vaccination-Progra.pdf</u> (england.nhs.uk)

Flu vaccine supply

Sanofi Pasteur, manufacturer of the Supemtek ▼ recombinant Quadrivalent Influenza Vaccine (QIVr) vaccine have provided an update regarding their delivery schedules.

The first smaller of volume orders of QIVr will be delivered to practices at the end of September. The second larger volume of orders, that were due to be delivered week ending 28th October 2022, will now be brought forward for delivery to practices week ending 7th October 2022.

Sanofi Pasteur will contact practices directly to advise them of their individual orders.

Flu Immunisation Programme: National call for 2 and 3 year olds

The national call will direct parents/ guardians to General Practices for their 2 and 3 year olds flu vaccinations. Please see the dates below for each call method:

- SMS (where a valid mobile number is available): 21 September 2022. SMS/email volumes evenly across 9am-6pm.
- E-mails (where an e-mail address is available): 21 September 2022.
- Letters (where a mobile number is not available or where an SMS fails to deliver) are expected to be sent out 23 September 2022.

If you have any feedback or queries relating to this communication, please contact:

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