

Flu Issue 8

South East Region

Updates for week ending 21 October 2022

Guidance for submitting September seasonal flu extracts

Further to last week's flu issue, an email has been sent to all practices with further details on the issues affecting the seasonal flu extracts and setting out actions to be taken. If you have not received that email, check with your practice manager and then contact us directly.

QIVe Administration for People Aged 65 and over

Further to our message in flu issue update 4 (23rd September), we have written to all GP practices and pharmacies reminding you that QIVe is not recommended for people aged 65 and over and, where this has been given in error, you must notify the patient and offer them the opportunity to receive the recommended vaccine (aQIV).

We know that at least some of the recorded use of QIVe is due to coding/pick-list errors. When recording vaccines given, please take care to select the right vaccine so as the correct code is applied. Errors may affect your flu payments, which are linked to giving the recommended vaccines.

Practices are also reminded that QIVe should be offered to those in clinical at risk groups only where QIVc or QIVr is not available e.g. you have run out of stock and there is none accessible elsewhere in the local system.

QIVe can be used for people aged 50-64 who are not in a clinical risk group.

South East Flu Vaccination Uptake Reports

The first regional vaccination uptake data reports for this season, showing uptake at practice, PCN and ICB level, are delayed.

The reports are designed to extract ImmForm data from an NHS England data repository. Since this is the first week that the data is flowing, the National Team is checking the data quality before its release. Our analysts expect to have access to the data in the next few days, at which point we will communicate a revised timeline for release. We have been assured this should only occur for the first week and that subsequent data should be made available to us without delay.

Vaccine Update Flu special

UKHSA has issued its annual Flu special Vaccine Update. If you do not receive this directly, it is available at the link below. It is a handy guide to the flu season and contains a wealth of information and links to resources.

[UKHSA_12485_Vaccine_Update_332_September_2022_Flu_special_03_Final.pdf](#)

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