

To: PCN Sites that began vaccinating during week commencing 14 December

Cc: Clinical Commissioning Groups, NHSEI Regions

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Dear colleagues

## **Local Vaccination Services (LVS) sites beginning COVID-19 Vaccination in Care Homes**

This week we have seen primary care teams across the country rise to the challenge of offering COVID-19 vaccinations to some of their most vulnerable patients safely and at speed. Thank you to you and all of your teams for this incredible achievement.

During the last week, the first care home residents have been vaccinated, and supervised walk throughs of the care home vaccination model have been underway, which included GP led pack down of vaccine to take in to care homes. It has been successful for the care homes and the LVS sites involved. Care home residents have welcomed the opportunity to receive the vaccine.

Over the next few days we will initiate the delivery of the vaccine through local vaccination services to care home residents and their staff, starting with larger care homes. The roll out will begin **during week commencing 21 December** through Wave 1, Wave 2 and Wave 3 LVS sites, followed in short order by LVS sites in later waves.

To support sites with their local preparations, this letter sets out the key actions required:

### **Standard Operating Procedure**

We have updated the [Standard Operating Procedure for vaccination deployment in community settings](#) to include information about providing vaccinations in care homes. You should start working through this document and ensure compliance with all areas of the guidance.

### **Workforce**

To deliver the vaccine to care homes, LVS teams will need to operate additional roving teams to reach care home residents. For some sites, this will require additional workforce capacity to support this operation guided by local clinical leadership assessment. Where additional workforce capacity is required, LVSS should work with their local STP to determine a suitable solution, which could include providing staff to back-fill where required.

### **Vaccine ordering**

You will be contacted regarding opportunities to order additional vaccine.

## Consent

All patients who are able to give informed consent are required to do so, in order to receive the vaccination. Those being vaccinated should be able to understand, retain, or communicate:

- the anticipated benefits of vaccination in the simplest of terms,
- the likely side effects from vaccination and any individual risks they may run should be addressed, and
- the disbenefits of not consenting to the vaccination.

Chapter 2 of the Green Book [insert link] states consent must be obtained before administration of all vaccines. The guidance in this chapter is based both on the current legal position and the standards expected of health professionals by their regulatory bodies. The SOP sets out a process for obtaining informed, shared consent.

Informed consent should be recorded (this is a required field on the Pinnacle Point of Care system). The patient should be provided with written information about the vaccination.

**To support the rapid roll out of the vaccine, PCN sites should now begin activities to consent Care Home residents.**

## Roving Supply Inventory List

LVS sites will be supplied with equipment identified in the 'Roving Supply Inventory List' (SIL). The equipment will be provided free of charge and deliveries will be scheduled between 21 – 23 December. In recognition that some sites may be ready to begin vaccination earlier, sites are encouraged to utilise existing equipment that is already available locally where appropriate.

A support pack, including a checklist will be published shortly.

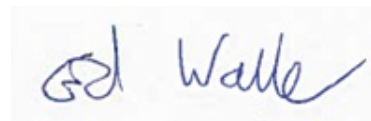
We will be hosting a webinar for colleagues on Tuesday 22nd December at 1.30pm to describe the process in detail. To register for the webinar use this link

<https://www.events.england.nhs.uk/events/covid-19-vaccinations-webinar-for-pcns>

Many thanks



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