



To: General Practice, England
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Dear colleagues,

Urgent appeal from Bruce Keogh and Helen Stokes-Lampard re: Influenza vaccination

With Flu levels continuing to rise, we are writing to ask for your help in ensuring that all your practices' remaining stocks of vaccinations are used to immunise eligible patients in the next two weeks.

We appreciate the very real pressures you are under, but we only have a couple of weeks left to maximise the impact of the vaccine programme and nationally there are still over 3 million patients in target groups that could benefit from immunisation.

Some practices are already running successful 'Flu Clinics' and vaccinating patients as part of their routine GP appointments.

Many patients in target groups will be booked in for appointments in the coming fortnight, and we are asking you to ensure that all eligible patients already scheduled to attend your practices are offered the flu jab.

Thank you again to you and your teams for all your dedication and hard work, and for going above and beyond to keep our patients well this winter.

Yours sincerely,

Professor Sir Bruce Keogh

Professor Helen Stokes-Lampard

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