About this bulletin
To minimise the number of emails sent to practices, NHS England and NHS Improvement – South West is using this weekly bulletin as its main method of communicating with practice managers covering the 350 practices in Bristol, Somerset, North Somerset, South Gloucestershire, Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly. The bulletins contain important information for practice managers, which might include requests for information and deadlines affecting payments, as well as updates on issues relating to GP contracts. We recognise that CCGs with delegated authority may also issue information to practices regarding their areas of specific responsibility, however, the bulletin remains relevant to the practices in those areas in terms of the public health areas for which NHS England and Improvement remain responsible.

Copies of the bulletins and attachments are available on our website: https://www.england.nhs.uk/south/info-professional/medical/dcis/gp-bulletin/

If you have any questions or wish to provide feedback, please contact the Primary Care Team: england.primarycaremedical@nhs.net

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Vaccines for the 2020/21 children’s flu programme supplied by PHE - Fluenz® Tetra (LAIV) now available to order

Dear Colleagues

Fluenz® Tetra (LAIV) is now available to order by providers of the children’s flu programme in England via ImmForm.

First deliveries for Fluenz® Tetra will be made on your normal scheduled delivery day, beginning on Wednesday 2 September.

Ordering of inactivated vaccine, for children in clinical risk groups for whom LAIV is unsuitable, is currently expected to commence in early September. The most up to date information on the availability of all children’s flu vaccines provided by PHE is available on the ImmForm news page so please check this information regularly.

LAI V ordering information for General Practice

Ordering controls are in place for Fluenz® Tetra to enable PHE to balance supply with demand. As in previous years, ordering controls for general practices are tailored to each practice and work by allocating an amount of vaccine based on the number of registered eligible patients. Each GP practice has initially been allocated sufficient vaccine to vaccinate at least 50% of their eligible children (all 2 and 3 year olds, plus children in clinical risk groups from age 4 to <18 years). Increases to the allocations will be applied as soon a sufficient stock becomes available to do so and we expect to be able to allocate sufficient vaccine for GPs to vaccinate at least 70% of their eligible cohort (as above) by early October. Further amendments to these allocations will be made in response to demand and vaccine availability, and requests for extra vaccine will be considered on a case by case basis throughout.

LAI V ordering information for school-age providers

A default ordering cap of 300 packs (3000 doses) per week, per ImmForm account will be in place for school providers.

- Where this cap is insufficient and a provider needs a larger weekly volume of vaccine to deliver the programme (for example where a provider covers a large area using a single account), a higher weekly cap can be requested via the PHE Vaccine Operations team by emailing vaccinesupply@phe.gov.uk. These requests may take a few days to action and should therefore be made well in advance of need.

- For one-off larger orders during the ordering period, requests should be made via helpdesk@immform.org.uk in good time before the order cut-off.

Inactivated flu vaccine ordering

PHE also supplies an egg-based Quadrivalent Influenza Vaccine (split virion, inactivated) which is suitable for all children from six months to less than 18 years old.

- This vaccine will have an initial order cap of 20 doses per week.
• This vaccine should be ordered for all eligible children aged less than 9 years who are contraindicated for, or too young to receive Fluenz® Tetra AND are in a clinical risk group.

• Full details of the vaccine arrangements for children in clinical risk groups aged 9 years and over who are contraindicated for Fluenz® Tetra can be found in the flu letter published Thursday 14 May 2020.

Supply of inactivated flu vaccine for children who object to LAIV due to the porcine gelatine content
A supply of inactivated influenza vaccine is expected to be made available to NHS providers of the children’s flu programme, for children who object to the porcine gelatine content of Fluenz® Tetra (LAIV), from November. Arrangements for this supply have not yet been finalised and further details will be communicated as soon as they are available. Until then, the limited supply of Quadrivalent Influenza Vaccine (split virion, inactivated) that is available to order through ImmForm must be prioritised for children in clinical risk groups aged 6 months to less than 9 years.

Kind regards
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New [flu] PGD authorised for NHS medical practices in the South West of England
Dear practice managers and colleagues

Your team can now download a new PGD that has been authorised for the vaccination of patients registered with NHS medical practices in the South West of England. https://www.england.nhs.uk/south/info-professional/pgd/south-west/downloads/

A new PGD has been authorised for a range of registered healthcare professionals to use:

1. Inactivated Influenza PGD V08.00 - valid from 1 September 2020

   Administration of inactivated influenza vaccine to individuals in accordance with the national influenza immunisation programme.

   Inactivated Influenza PGD V7.00 updated as follows:

   • Extend the characteristics of staff to include all registered practitioners legally able to work under PGD
   • Include household contacts of those on the NHS Shielded Patient List, health and social care workers employed through Direct Payments or Personal Health Budgets and, subject to vaccine supply, extension of the programme to
individuals from 50 years of age and children in routine age cohorts unable to receive LAIV

- Update the table of recommended inactivated influenza vaccines for the 2020/21 season
- Update supplies section
- Remove reference to Fluad® brand which will not be supplied to UK this season and remove black triangle from Fluarix® Tetra
- Remove reference to barium sulphate which is no longer listed in the adjuvanted trivalent influenza influenza vaccine SPC as a residue of the manufacturing process
- Update additional information section
- Include minor rewording, layout and formatting changes for clarity and consistency with other PHE PGDs

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