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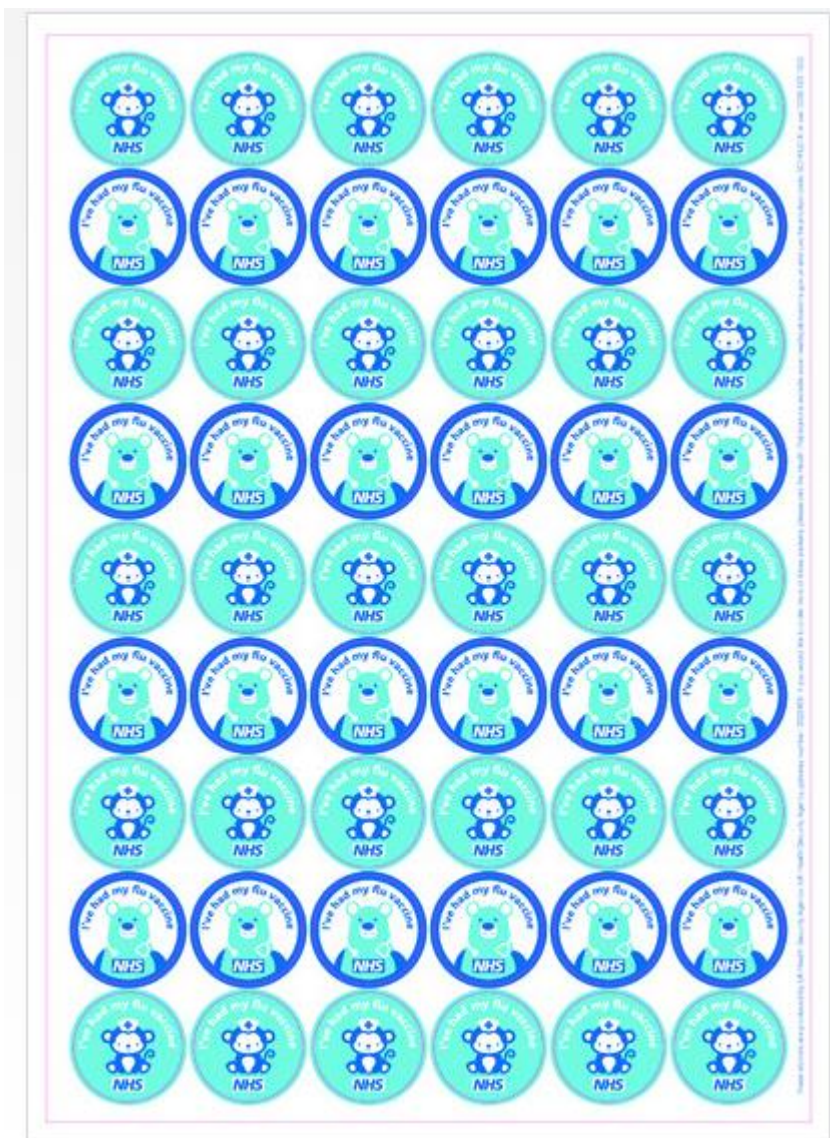
ICARS Newsletter 21.10.2022

Please find this week's ICARS newsletter attached to this email.

Resources and information to support the flu vaccination programme

Stickers for children:

We are delighted to announce as of 10th October specific flu stickers are now live for this season. These stickers are for healthcare practitioners to give to children aged 2 to 11 years who have received a flu vaccine either at their GP practice or at primary school. There are 72 stickers per sheet and here is a screen shot of what the sticker sheets look like:



They are available from the health publications website here:

<https://www.healthpublications.gov.uk/ViewArticle.html?sp=Sflustickersforchildrenaged2to11years>

Note that on the annual flu collection page <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/flu-vaccination-leaflets-and-posters> you have to scroll down the page to find the link (see screen shot below):



[Protect yourself against flu – information for those in secondary school \(print version\)](#)

Ref: UKHSA gateway number 2022240
PDF, 244 KB, 8 pages

This file may not be suitable for users of assistive technology.

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[5 reasons to vaccinate your child against flu poster for secondary schools](#)

Ref: UKHSA gateway number 2021109
PDF, 777 KB, 1 page

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Details

Information and promotional resources for the 2022 to 2023 annual flu vaccination programme.

Protect your child against flu – information for parents and carers of children in primary school or pre-school leaflet

Paper copies of this leaflet are available to order for free or download in the following languages:

[English](#), [Albanian](#), [Arabic](#), [Bengali](#), [Bulgarian](#), [Chinese \(simplified\)](#), [Chinese \(traditional, Cantonese\)](#), [Estonian](#), [Farsi](#), [French](#), [Greek](#), [Gujarati](#), [Hindi](#), [Latvian](#), [Lithuanian](#), [Panjabi](#), [Pashto](#), [Polish](#), [Portuguese](#), [Romanian](#), [Romany](#), [Russian](#), [Somali](#), [Spanish](#), [Taqaloq](#), [Turkish](#), [Twi](#), [Ukrainian](#), [Urdu](#) and [Yiddish](#).

An [English large print](#) version is available to order.

A [Braille version](#) of this leaflet is available to order.

A British Sign Language video of this leaflet is available to [view](#).

This British Sign Language video is also available to or [download](#).

An [audio version](#) is available to download.

Stickers

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Fatwa (2022/23)

We are sharing this Fatwa for information purposes only - and would like to stress that there are many different branches of Islam; so a Fatwa issued by British Fatwa Council / Karimia Institute will not be followed by all Muslims, or indeed by all followers of the particular branch of Islam.

As raised on previous NIN meetings - the following link is to a Fatwa that was issued last season (2021/22) by the British Fatwa Council / Karimia Institute <https://www.britishfatwacouncil.org/fatwa-on-flu-vaccine-containing-porcine-gelatine/> and concludes the nasal flu vaccine containing porcine gelatine is permissible for use. We are aware that this organisation have issued another Fatwa for this current season (2022/23), but we cannot find a link to this seasons - and only have it as a PDF (attached).

Vaccine Update flu special 2022-2023

For anyone who has missed the email this seasons flu special is now available here: <https://www.healthpublications.gov.uk/ViewArticle.html?sp=Svaccineupdateissue332october2022fluspecialedition> (also attached as a PDF).

It is available on .gov.uk here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/vaccine-update-issue-332-october-2022-flu-special-edition>

Flu vaccination for school aged children in at risk category

As usual, **all primary school aged children** will be eligible for flu vaccinations in school and all primary schools in the south west will be visited once by the school aged immunisation team prior to 15th December. School aged immunisation teams will also offer community clinics, primarily to offer an opportunity of vaccination for those who were absent from school on the day of the school visit, were not able to be vaccinated on the day, or those educated outside of school, and wanting to opt in.

As usual, those **children in a clinical 'at risk' category** are eligible for one or two doses and these children have the option to be vaccinated at the GP surgery or at school. We would like to highlight to you the importance of vaccinating this cohort early in the season and not delaying if their school visit is one of the later ones in the schedule e.g. November / December.

GP practices will be notified of immunisations given in school via NIVs however it is important to explain to parents that they don't need to take up the offer at the other setting if they have completed the course.

Practices as the 'front door' of the NHS are asked to please note that parents enquiring about flu vaccination for children not in an at risk category, may not have received an invitation from the school immunisation provider, for instance those educated at home or school-refusing. These families can be directed to contact the local school immunisation team who will offer them an appointment at a community clinic. The school immunisation teams make significant efforts to reach this population but we welcome your support with this pathway.

School immunisation teams are able to offer injectable vaccines to any children whose families have concerns about the porcine gelatine content of the LAIV.

You will have noted that secondary school children in years 7,8 and 9 will also be offered vaccination in school, in line with the amended national flu programme notification released on 21 July (the same update as the inclusion of the 50-64 year olds).

Please be aware there has been some delay to supply of LAIV and as a result this cohort will be vaccinated later and in most areas at least some of this cohort will not receive vaccination in school until January. Please do not delay offering flu vaccination to any children in an 'at risk' category of secondary school age.

The safest thing to do is to invite all your clinical at risk children promptly. We anticipate most practices will already have started call/recall for this cohort and will be recording and reporting immms given so that there is minimal chance of duplicate vaccination across settings.

Important Information: Healthy Adults 50-64 Year Old Payments

We have noted that a number of GP practices have reported activity submitted to CQRS this month **against indicator SFLU015 (Healthy Adults 50-64)**

You will be aware that this cohort was not due to be vaccinated until after 15th October, in line with the annual flu programme letter amendment issued on 21 July and the Enhanced Service Specification that you have signed up to deliver.

We did not expect the extraction to include vaccinations given prior to 15th October and we note that it is possible some of these doses may have been given to individuals for a different reason and have just been miscoded.

If you have not yet declared your CQRS submission, in light of the GP contract, could you please check and remove incorrect activity from your claim before declaring.

We do recognise the pressures that primary care is currently under, and note that this cohort would have been vaccinated at some point in the programme. We will therefore, pay item of service fees for vaccinations given to 50-64 year olds earlier than 15th October on this occasion.

Please note that the reason for delaying this cohort was to ensure that higher-risk groups had priority access to the available vaccine first, particularly in light of the likelihood of flu circulating early in the season this year.

This year we asked that 2-3 year olds and pregnant women were prioritised, for example. According to the data currently available these groups do not appear to have been prioritised as numbers vaccinated during September / early October are low and lower than at this time last year.

Your continued support with the programme is very much appreciated, especially in these challenging times, but could you please ensure that you are delivering the flu programme in line with the detailed guidance and contractual requirements, and wherever possible prioritise the highest risk cohorts for early vaccination.

Updated Manual Amendment Request Form for BaNES, Swindon, Wiltshire (BSW), Gloucestershire and Dorset Practices- Version 12

Please find attached the updated CQRS manual amendment request form – version 12 for the **BaNES, Swindon, Wiltshire, Gloucestershire, and Dorset** areas only.

This form includes all the 2022/23 vaccinations services. Upon receipt of this notification please use this new version for all future manual amendment requests. The form should be submitted with the appropriate supporting information to the SW Public Health Team mailbox- phcontractssouthwest@nhs.net

BNSSG, Somerset, Devon and Kernow GP practices – please continue to use CQRS Data Amendment Request Form v4, and submit request to the SW Primary Care Team mailbox- england.primarycaremedical@nhs.net

Further supporting information:

Information and guidance documents for each of the available services can be found here: <https://welcome.cqrs.nhs.uk/service-information/>

Details of these services, including the live collections timetable can be found on the GP Collections website: <https://digital.nhs.uk/GP-collections>

Training materials and job aids for CQRS can be found here: <https://academy.midlandsandlancashirecsu.nhs.uk/cqrs-national-training/training-materials/>

Information about the 2022/23 contract changes can be found on the NHS England website: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/gp/gpfpv/investment/gp-contract/>

NHS Digital has updated the business rules for the Enhanced Services (ES), Vaccination and Immunisation (V&I) and core contract components for 2022-23. This page will be updated as further ES (V&I) core contract business rules become available.

[Enhanced services \(ES\), Vaccination and Immunisation \(V&I\) and core contract components \(CC\) business rules 2022-2023 - NHS Digital](#)

Further Information

Back issues of these bulletins and attachments are available on the NHSEI website [here](#).

If you have any questions or wish to provide feedback, please contact the Integrated Public Health Team at england.swscreeningandimms@nhs.net