

# South West Vaccination & Screening Team

## Section 7a Bulletin



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## ICARS Newsletter

Please find attached this week's ICARS newsletter and associated document.

## Human Medicines Regulation Consultation

The Human Medicines Regulations [[The Human Medicines \(Coronavirus and Influenza\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2020](#)] were amended to provide greater flexibilities for the movement and supply of certain type of vaccines, in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Department of Health and Social Care is now looking to ensure that the flexibilities established by those regulations are maintained for a further time-limited period to support the continuing supply, distribution and administration of COVID-19 and influenza vaccines as we transition out of the pandemic. Specifically, in the following provisions:

- regulation 3A
- regulation 19
- regulation 247A

An open consultation, **“supporting the delivery of COVID-19 and influenza vaccination”** was launched by the Department of Health & Social Care on the 7<sup>th</sup> of August and we want to encourage participation from our SW teams in responding to the proposals. Access to the open consultation is available here: [Supporting the delivery of COVID-19 and influenza vaccination - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#).

The aim of the proposal set out in the consultation is to enable the continued deployment of safe and effective COVID-19 and influenza vaccines to the pace and scale required, both now and in the future, whilst maintaining public safety.

## Further Information

If you have any questions or wish to provide feedback, please contact the SW Vaccination and Screening Team at [england.swvast@nhs.net](mailto:england.swvast@nhs.net). Back issues of these bulletins and attachments are available on the NHS England website [here](#). **Please note that if there are no items for your information a GP Bulletin will not be circulated.**