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UK National Screening Committee survey

The UK National Screening Committee (UK NSC) is asking people to complete a short survey to evaluate its [web pages](#) and blog. This is to help identify improvements they can make in providing clear, concise, accessible online information about the work of the committee.

If you engage with UK NSC work, you can [respond to the UK NSC web pages survey here](#). The survey should only take around 10 minutes to complete and the closing date for responses is midnight on Sunday 10th December.

VACCINATIONS:

Vaccine ordering from manufacturers and claiming costs back from the ICB

There will be instances when patients will need to receive vaccines that are not included or not in line within [The complete routine immunisation schedule](#), due to following [immunisation against infectious disease \(The Green Book\)](#) guidance or clinical advice.

In these scenarios, vaccine from Immform is unable to be used. The vaccine must be ordered and purchased directly from the manufacturer. An FP10 prescription can be written and then submitted to the NHSBSA for recharge. If you are a dispensing practice, then you will be able to order and cross charge through the practice pharmacy, or alternatively the FP10 goes to the local community pharmacy and then the vaccine can be collected and taken to the surgery to administer. The personal administration payment will come from your local ICB.

Patient flags for vaccination

We are aware that patients who are eligible to receive vaccinations, may have a flag added to their records. Whilst flags on patient records are helpful to identify individuals with a certain condition or risk factor, vaccinators should be aware that these flags are not infallible and can often be outdated and may not have been recently reviewed. Therefore, along with questions to assess if the flag is still appropriate and the patient is still eligible for vaccination, the vaccinator is responsible for adding a note to the vaccination event, to state the conversation and responses received, which verify that vaccination is required. The level of detail required must be enough to show that the JCVI and/or Green Book guidance is being adhered to.

Green Book Update: Influenza Chapter 19

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<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/influenza-the-green-book-chapter-19>

Chapter revisions include:

- Updated advice on coadministration, seasonal timing of vaccination, and trivalent vaccines
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If you have any questions or wish to provide feedback, please contact the SW Vaccination and Screening Team at 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 Bulletin will not be circulated.**