



Update from the Consortium of Lancashire & Cumbria LMCs

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Happy New Year

From all at the LMC, we wish you a Happy New Year! As we enter a new year the LMC will as always endeavour to be there to help when we can. The current situation with COVID-19 is changing rapidly and as we make our way through the first few weeks of this new year we will be bringing you the latest information as we have it, this can be found on our website [here](#). Below are some topics that arose over the last week or so.

COVID-19 vaccination programme SOP

The [COVID-19 vaccination programme SOP](#) has been updated and now includes information about the use of the 6th dose in a vial and the details practices will need to start vaccinating care home residents. Earlier this week NHSE/I delivered vaccine through some wave 1-3 local vaccination sites to care home residents and their staff, starting with larger care homes. A letter has been sent to waves 1-3 sites with further details.

Practices can order packs of 75 doses to take straight into their care homes. All the NHSE/I guidance about the CVP can be accessed [here](#).

Increased fee for COVID-19 vaccination for care home residents and staff

In order to increase the speed in which care home residents can be provided with protection from COVID-19, NHSE/I has agreed to increase the payment to support the additional time and resource needed to deliver the COVID vaccine to care home residents in the care home setting. There will now be a supplement of £10 per dose on top of the current £12.58 Item of Service fee, for COVID vaccines delivered in a care home setting. The supplement will be payable on completion of the second dose for all vaccines administered between 14 December 2020 and 31 January 2021. Where exceptional circumstances (as defined in the enhanced service specification) mean that only one dose was able to be delivered, and this dose was delivered on or before 10 January 2021, the supplement will be payable on the first dose only. Further detail of the reporting and payment arrangements will follow shortly.

6th dose of the COVID-19 vaccine

MHRA have produced further information on the 6th dose of the COVID vaccine and how this can be used. Consumables to support the use of the additional dose will be sent directly to designated sites and added to second dose deliveries. Healthcare professionals must always use the correct volume of diluent, and after dilution must aim to secure five full 0.3ml doses of this Pfizer-BioNTech COVID vaccine in line with the manufacturer's instructions and as outlined in the [Information for Healthcare Professionals](#). After that has been done, there may be potential for a sixth full dose with some vials due to variances in fill volume and the syringe/needle hold up volume combinations used. This should be subject to health care professional judgement on a case by case basis.

The manufacturer has stressed care should be taken to ensure a full 0.3 mL dose will be administered to the patient from the same vial. Where a full 0.3 mL dose cannot be extracted the contents should





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be discarded. The vaccine does not contain a preservative so it is best practice for all doses to be used as soon as possible after dilution, although all doses from a single prepared vial must be administered within 6 hours of the time of dilution.

Providing vaccinations to patients registered at practices not participating in the enhanced service

NHSEI have written to local commissioners setting out further information on the contractual options and processes that can be deployed to support vaccination of the registered patients of non-participating practices; and across all care homes, even if the lead PCN grouping for the care home has not signed up via its member practices to the COVID-19 Vaccination Programme Enhanced Service or is signed up but has not yet mobilised to commence vaccination. They have also produced a template letter to be used by CCGs.

Home delivery of medicines service commissioned

The Community Pharmacy Home Delivery Service and the Dispensing Doctor Home Delivery Service has again been commissioned in accordance with the home delivery of medicines and appliances during the COVID-19 outbreak: service specifications and guidance for all patients on the Shielded Patient List living in tier 4 areas from 21 December 2020 until 18 January 2021. All pharmacies and dispensing doctors in England will again be required to ensure patients on the Shielded Patient List receive their medicines at home.

COVID vaccination delivery for CEV patients in Tier 4

BMA GPC have stated that patients who are [Clinically Extremely Vulnerable \(CEV\)](#) should be encouraged to attend practice vaccination sites. It may be necessary to enable family and/or carers of those who are CEV to be allowed to come along to sites but may be asked to wait outside (if possible). If patients are unable to attend the site their COVID-19 vaccination will need to be organised later in the programme.

CQC DNACPR review

CQC have been commissioned by DHSC to review Do Not Attempt Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (DNACPR) decisions during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. This included reviews in 7 CCG areas. They have now published their methodology which can be seen [here](#).

