



Update from the Consortium of Lancashire & Cumbria LMCs

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Ordering additional adult flu vaccine stock

[DHSC has written to practices](#) to confirm the process by which they will be able to access the additional adult flu vaccine stock secured to support the expanded vaccination programme this season.

GP practices are now invited to begin ordering or pre-ordering the following vaccines:

- Flucelvax[®] Tetra (Seqirus) for 18-64 years
- Adjuvanted Trivalent Influenza Vaccine (Seqirus) for over 65s
- Quadrivalent Influvac[®] sub-unit Tetra (Mylan) for 18-64 year olds

If any of you have a provisional order with Sanofi for QIVe, please contact them to confirm this, before placing another order for QIVe for this cohort.

On placing an order, practices will be asked by manufacturers to verify that stock is being ordered for NHS eligible patients or frontline social care workers, where there is a genuine shortage for this cohort. Orders should only be placed where you have a shortfall in supply for existing eligible patients at this stage.

Further instruction on timing of extension of eligibility to all 50 to 64 year olds will follow and stock should not be ordered for this cohort at this stage.

Influenza immunisation FAQs

NHSE/I have now produced a set of FAQs relating to the influenza immunisation programme and can be found [here](#). They have also issued guidance, which is attached, on how practices and CCGs can make use of the additional £15.4m made available to local systems and primary care providers to cover reasonable additional costs (over and above the usual fee structures) associated with this year's extended flu programme. **(Attached)**

BMA Pensions newsletter

The BMA's pension committee has been at the forefront of fighting to maximise your pension benefits. Please see the first quarterly newsletter [here](#). The newsletter provides an update you on what actions the committee is taking on a range of issues, and also provides access to educational resources, blogs and information on how to access BMA support regarding your pension.



CQRS system supplier change

NHSE/I is overseeing a programme to ensure the CQRS system supports efficient GP incentive-based payments. As part of this work NHSE/I is working with NHS CSUs to bring the running and development of the CQRS system in-house from 1 November 2020 and to introduce a new centrally funded system (CQRS Local) to support locally commissioned schemes by April 2021. These changes aim to streamline processes and reduce the administrative errors in GP payments as called for in GPCE's [Saving General Practice](#).

A structured transition from the existing supplier is in place to ensure the continued provision of the CQRS system from November with minimal interruption for end users. How users access and use the CQRS system is not changing and no action is required from practices or commissioners.

From 1 November the new number for the CQRS service desk will be **0330 124 4039**, although the email address remains support@cqrs.co.uk

While the system itself will look and feel the same a new [CQRS welcome page](#) is now live providing direct links to the CQRS system and online training modules, guidance and news updates.

AXA and PCNs Scheme

Practices will be aware that, for a number of years, the LMC has facilitated access to an insurance-based indemnity scheme underwritten by AXA, as protection against any financial costs that might arise out of Employment Tribunal claims. We are pleased the advice that this facility has now been extended to PCNs with premiums based on the following population bandings:

- Up to 4000 patients – £300 (exc Insurance Premium Tax);
- 4000 -8000 patients – £450 (exc Insurance Premium Tax);
- 8000 -10,000 patients – £600 (exc Insurance Premium Tax);
- 10,000 & above – £750 (exc Insurance Premium Tax);

If interested any PCN should contact, in first instance, Stevie Simpkin – stevie.simpkin@nwlmc.org

LMC Website

Keep your eyes peeled for our brand-new website launching this weekend!

