

Publication of General practice enhanced service specification and sign up process to the COVID-19 and Adult Influenza Vaccination programmes: 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2027

Dear NWL GP Practice Colleagues,

We have already written to you to advise that the General practice enhanced service specifications for the 2026/27 COVID-19 and Influenza Seasonal Vaccination Programmes have been published, along with a letter for providers which summarises the key changes to the enhanced service specifications – **links to both documents are provided below**.

- **Service Specification**
- **Letter to General Practice providers**

Further to this communication, we have received few clarifying queries from GP practices. As such, please refer to the sign up guidance below confirming the necessary actions practice need to take depending on what they are intending to sign-up to / deliver during 2026-27.

STEP 1 - ALL PRACTICES TO COMPLETE

Regardless of which of the below scenarios your practice intends to sign-up for and **before** reviewing anything on CQRS, NHSE have requested that all practices submit the 'General Practice Seasonal Vaccination Programme 2026-27: System access and Requirements' form. This sets up vaccination systems access for COVID-19 vaccination supply and ordering on the Federated Data Platform (FDP) plus access to the National Booking System (NBS) for COVID-19, flu and RSV vaccinations.

STEP 2 - PICK ONE SCENARIO AND COMPLETE THE NECESSARY ACTIONS

Scenario 1 (for practices who intend to offer COVID-19 vaccinations to their eligible patients during the Spring 2026 AND Autumn 2026 COVID-19 vaccination campaigns)

ACTION REQUIRED NOW

- **Accept** the 'COVID-19 Vaccination Programme 2026-29' service offer on CQRS by **02 February 2026** in order to receive COVID-19 vaccine ahead of the Spring 2026 COVID-19 vaccination campaign go-live date of 13 April 2026.

NOTES

- Practices who sign-up to deliver COVID-19 vaccinations to their eligible patients for the Spring 2026 and Autumn 2026 COVID-19 vaccination campaigns are also agreeing to offer Adult flu vaccinations (separate sign-up via the 'usual' process later in the year) to their eligible patients during the respective campaign dates throughout 2026-27 i.e. there will be no need to re-submit for the Autumn 2026 COVID-19 vaccination campaign.
- Practices should complete the 'usual' Adult flu vaccination sign-up process when released later on in the year.

- Child flu vaccination sign-up remains the same process as in previous years and is not part of this service specification / process.

Scenario 2 (for practices who intend to offer COVID-19 vaccinations to their eligible patients ONLY during the Autumn 2026 COVID-19 vaccination campaign)

ACTION REQUIRED NOW

- **Reject** the 'COVID-19 Vaccination Programme 2026-29' service offer on CQRS by **02 February 2026**.

NOTES

- All practices who reject the 'COVID-19 Vaccination Programme 2026-29' service offer on CQRS at this point will be contacted during the summer, with the opportunity to reapply to participate in the Autumn 2026 COVID-19 vaccination campaign. This offer will be made available via CQRS and practices will be required to accept (or decline) the offer **by 31 July 2026**.
- Practices who sign-up to deliver COVID-19 vaccinations to their eligible patients for the Autumn 2026 COVID-19 vaccination campaign are also agreeing to offer Adult flu vaccinations (separate sign-up via the 'usual' process later in the year) to their eligible patients during the Autumn 2026 flu vaccination campaign.
- Practices should complete the 'usual' Adult flu vaccination sign-up process when released later on in the year.
- Child flu vaccination sign-up remains the same process as in previous years and is not part of this service specification / process.

Scenario 3 (for practices who intend to offer ONLY Adult flu vaccinations to their eligible patients during the Autumn 2026 flu vaccination campaigns i.e. NO COVID-19 VACCINATIONS)

ACTION REQUIRED NOW

- **Reject** the 'COVID-19 Vaccination Programme 2026-29' service offer on CQRS by **02 February 2026**.

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- All practices who reject the 'COVID-19 Vaccination Programme 2026-29' service offer on CQRS at this point will be contacted during the summer, with the opportunity to reapply to participate in the Autumn 2026 COVID-19 vaccination campaign. This offer will be made available via CQRS and practices will be required decline (or accept) the offer **by 31 July 2026**.
- Practices should complete the 'usual' Adult flu vaccination sign-up process when released later on in the year.
- Child flu vaccination sign-up remains the same process as in previous years and is not part of this service specification / process.

We are grateful for everything practices and PCNs are doing to support this year's flu and COVID-19 autumn/winter campaigns and we hope practices will be able to continue to support the seasonal vaccination services in 2026.

