

# NHS Flu Season 2018/19

There's been an update to the previous communication in October about the shortages of Adrenaline Auto-injectors (AAI). PSNC has a new webpage with all the necessary links for you to read and brief your team on what to do.

- [Adrenaline 150mcg updated URGENT actions required from 6th November 2018 and update on 300mcg recommendations](#)

This week's key actions are:

1. In North Hampshire, stock of the aTIV (>65) vaccine has become very low for several GP practices. It is estimated that there will be an overall shortage of about 2 000 vaccines; so, some pharmacies in the area may see increased demand. More stock due 16<sup>th</sup> Nov. If you are able to offer large scale delivery, it would be good to contact [almakilgarriff@nhs.net](mailto:almakilgarriff@nhs.net)
2. A Public Health leaflet is available for those over 65: [PHE leaflet](#)
3. Stock of QIV for under 65s is still plentiful, so encourage the whole team to remain proactive for these patients.

I've had a look at our performance this year for the period October '18 YTD which demonstrates the very tough start versus 2017. Top line this is how we are doing (based on PharmOutcomes data only – hence not recording all pharmacies activities)

Sept '18 v Sept '17	-58.9%	9,342 v 22,752			
Oct '18 v Oct '17	+11.5%	22,845 v 20,494	Oct '18 YTD	-25.6%	32,187 v 43,246

*There was a significant +70.4% in 2017 v 2016, so overall, we are still up on the 2016 figure (25,386), however I do expect the November figures this year to be mighty versus the drop-off we usually experience in this month.*

**It's still all to play for. A 20,000 vaccine November will more than bring us back on line. Keep up the great work now that the final allocations of aTIV have been released.**



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