

NHS Flu Season 2018/19

There's been another update to the last communication earlier in November regarding the shortages of Adrenaline Auto-injectors (AAI). From 29th November, the 150mcg auto-injectors will no longer be subject to additional validation processes.

PSNC has a new webpage with all the necessary links for you to read and brief your team on what to do:

[Adrenaline 150 microgram auto-injector validation process no longer required](#)

See also a new [NHS Protocol for dispensing AAI 150mcg](#)

This week's key actions are:

1. Keep up with the focus on all eligible people being asked whether they have had their flu vaccination yet. All aTIV stock for the over 65s has now been distributed, so it's key now to work hard throughout December to catch -up and then overtake the number of vaccinations performed in community pharmacy last year.
2. Thinking ahead to next year.... Public Health England have issued guidance on which vaccines have so far been approved for ordering for the 2019/20 season.

They are quoted saying **'ordering of these licensed vaccines should not be unnecessarily delayed'**

PSNC have provided an update on the information, which contains links to the official Gateway document:

<https://psnc.org.uk/our-news/flu-vaccine-ordering-for-2019-20/>

A quick look at our performance for November YTD demonstrates a later profile than in previous years (based on PharmOutcomes data only – hence not recording all pharmacies activities)

Oct '18 YTD v Oct '17 YTD	-25.6%	32,187 v 43,246	
Nov '18 YTD v Dec '17 YTD	-10.4%	45,168 v 50,424	(but now +4% on Oct '17 YTD)

It's still all to play for. A mighty 13,000 vaccines were delivered in November to bring us back on line.



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