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To all Community Pharmacies in the Wessex area

Dear Colleague,

Amended service specification and PGD now live wef 20/11/2017 for the Flu Advanced Service.

As you will be aware NHS England has been working to extend the “Advanced Service” for Seasonal Influenza to social care workers. The amendment to the service is now live.

We have now published the amended service specification and patient Group Direction (PGD) here;

https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/community-pharmacy-seasonal-influenza-vaccine-service-201718/?utm_source=PSNC+Newsletter&utm_campaign=1878f29c51-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2017_11_15&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_b5ca69e1d1-1878f29c51-48585253

This adds care home and domiciliary care workers (referred to as social care workers) within the target groups. Community pharmacy contractors are now able to vaccinate this cohort as part of the service in accordance with the updated service specification and PGD.

The new cohort includes all health and social care staff aged 18 and over, that are employed by a registered residential care/nursing home or registered domiciliary care provider who are directly involved in the care of vulnerable patients/clients who are at increased risk from exposure to influenza, i.e. those patients/clients in a clinical risk group or aged 65 years and over.

Contractors who will be vaccinating care home and domiciliary care workers must read and sign the new PGD, which also requires a signature from an authorising manager. The preceding PGD (published in August 2017) does not include the care home and domiciliary care workers group and will therefore not cover this cohort of patients.

For more information, including PSNC resources and FAQs, please visit <http://psnc.org.uk/our-news/vaccination-of-social-care-workers-can-commence/> and or <http://psnc.org.uk/services-commissioning/advanced-services/flu-vaccination-service/care-home-workers-and-domiciliary-care-workers/>

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

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