

NHS Flu Season 2017/18

Request for Flu vaccinations in Care Homes

The flu season continues to rumble on and on this season compared to previous years. There have been far more instances of people contracting flu this year, with the incidence of the 'Aussie flu' reaching a peak throughout January.

This national picture has been reflected locally, where we have seen our community pharmacies managing a steady flow of flu vaccinations throughout the month. Of course, the risk is always greater for the elderly, particularly those living in care homes, so NHS England South (Wessex) are now seeking your help to vaccinate more of this cohort across our geography.

NHS England South (Wessex) are seeking expressions of interest from community pharmacies to provide flu vaccinations to patients in care homes under the NHS Influenza Vaccination Advanced Service.

There have been outbreaks of influenza identified at several care homes where vaccination needs to occur promptly. Details are on our CPSC website news page ([link here](#)), which also contains a further link to the NHS England letter seeking expressions of interest.

Please direct any queries you have to england.wessexpharmacy@nhs.net

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