

SCHEDULE 10
VARIATION NOTICE

This notice is a Variation Notice under Schedule 10 of this Agreement for the Provision of Public Health Services between [REDACTED] and North Yorkshire County Council dated [REDACTED].

Title **Pharmacy Winter Flu Vaccination Service**

Originator **North Yorkshire County Council**

Date **1 September 2016 – 29 February 2017**

Variation **To provide flu vaccination to eligible North Yorkshire County Council Social Care employees.**

Details The Pharmacy shall provide flu vaccination to North Yorkshire County Council Social Care employees that evidence eligibility by presenting with a voucher (with the 'About the Employee' and 'About the Manager' sections fully completed and signed) and their ID badge.

Upon receipt of evidence of eligibility, the Pharmacist shall administer a flu vaccination and complete the 'About the Pharmacy' and 'Pharmacy Office Use' sections of the voucher. The Pharmacy shall record the vaccination information (including employee payroll number) on PharmOutcomes. In order to receive payment, vaccination data must be uploaded onto PharmOutcomes by the final day of each month and the attached claim form must be completed and returned to publichealth.claims@northorks.gov.uk the 10th day of the following month. Fully completed vouchers must be returned at the end of each month to:

Victoria Waterson
Health Improvement Manager
North Yorkshire County Council
Public Health
County Hall
Northallerton
DL7 8DD

NO DIRECT PAYMENT SHALL BE TAKEN FROM THE COUNCIL EMPLOYEE.

The Green Book, 'Immunisation against infectious disease', provides guidance for health professionals on administering the flu vaccine. The influenza chapter (chapter 19) is updated regularly, sometimes during a flu season. It is important that all those involved in the flu programme are familiar with this chapter.

Any Pharmacist who provides this service shall provide it under their Declaration of Competence, having completed appropriate training, and hold a current private Patient Group Direction for Flu Immunisation; **please note the NHS service PGD cannot be used as it doesn't include this category of client. Copies**

of the relevant PGD must be sent to the address above.

Reason

Flu vaccination by injection is available every year to protect adults (and some children) at risk of flu and its complications.

Flu can be unpleasant, but if a person is otherwise healthy it will usually clear up on its own within a week. However, flu can be more severe in certain people, such as:

- anyone over the age of 65;
 - pregnant women;
 - children and adults with an underlying health condition (particularly long-term heart or respiratory disease);
 - children and adults with weakened immune systems.
- Anyone in these risk groups is more likely to develop potentially serious complications of flu, such as pneumonia.

Local authorities have a number of responsibilities relating to the winter flu plan including providing appropriate advocacy with key stakeholders and challenge to local arrangements to ensure access to flu vaccination and to improve its uptake by eligible populations. One of the ways local authorities can meet their responsibilities is to promote the uptake of flu vaccinations among those staff providing care for people in the at risk groups.

Frontline health and social care workers have a duty of care to protect their patients and service users from infection. This includes getting vaccinated against flu. The impact of flu on frail and vulnerable patients in communities, care homes, and in hospitals can be fatal. Every year North Yorkshire County Council offers flu vaccination to frontline Social Care employees to reduce the risk of staff and Service Users (the majority of whom fall into one of the above categories) catching and spreading the flu virus. However, uptake rates have been extremely low and there are a number of reasons for this.

One of the reasons has been a difficulty for Council staff to access vaccination across a large rural area like North Yorkshire. In the past, staff may have needed to travel significant distances in their own time (e.g. to hospital occupational health departments) or pay for them privately at a local pharmacy and then claim reimbursement from the Council. This system will make the process simpler for staff and it is anticipated that it will lead to an increase in uptake of flu vaccination from previous years.

Price Adjustments

The reimbursement arrangements of £13.74 per person will be paid on return of the claim form to the Council at Publichealth.claims@northyorks.gov.uk. Deadline dates for claims are in line with payments for other pharmacy services provided to the Council and are within the claim form.

Payment per vaccination matches the rate paid for the NHS FluJab Scheme.

Payment will not be made for any vaccinations carried out outside of the period of validity.

Outstanding Discussions None

Timetable N/A

Impact The aim of the service is to increase the uptake of flu vaccination amongst eligible Council Social Care employees to reduce the risk of staff and Service Users catching and spreading the flu virus.

Period of Validity 1 September 2016 – 29 February 2017

Signature.....

Print Name (block capitals)

**Signed on behalf of
NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

Date.....

Signature.....

Print Name (block capitals).....

**Signed on behalf of
PROVIDER**

Date.....

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