

Dear Contractor

We are mindful that the media is full of news about COVID-19 vaccinations and I wanted to assure you that Community Pharmacy North Yorkshire is involved with all the local decision makers within North Yorkshire and York around discussions about the roll out of a vaccination programme in our footprint. These being NHS England Yorkshire and Humber, the Humber Coast and Vale Integrated Care System (ICS) and the Clinical Commissioning Groups. We are around the table, representing you, our contractors. We are also in close contact with our neighbouring LPCs in the Humber and West Yorkshire.

Nationally you will have seen the roll out of the NHS Covid-19 vaccination programme being offered in some hospitals started on the 8<sup>th</sup> December, with the vaccine being available more widely, and at other locations, as soon as possible.

This is the biggest vaccine mobilisation in history, and the situation is changing sometimes on a daily basis as new news and developments become known. To this end, I know you would like specifics yet right now we are not able to give you certainties as things change so very quickly. When we do have information we shall share this with you. Please also keep an eye on the PSNC COVID hub for national updates <https://psnc.org.uk/the-healthcare-landscape/covid19/>

In terms of patients, they too are asking for more information about the vaccine, mainly how do they get an appointment for a vaccination. We have been asked by the NHS to share this guidance with you, so that if asked you can advise your patients accordingly on the process. Patients are being asked not to contact the NHS until they get their letter.

*“When it is the right time people will receive an invitation to come forward, for most people they will be advised by a letter, either from their GP or the national NHS. This letter will include all the information they will need to book an appointment, including their NHS number. They are being asked not to contact NHS (Pharmacy/GP etc.) to get an appointment until they receive their letter.”*

Information on the vaccine is available on the NHS.UK website. <https://www.nhs.uk/>

Please be assured that we are representing you each and every step of the way.

Kind Regards

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CEO

