

PREVENT INFLUENZA: VACCINATIONS

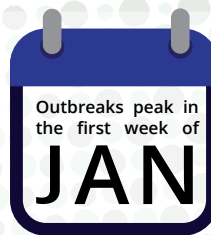
Immunisation should be provided to healthcare and social care workers in direct contact with clients.

Employers responsibilities:

- Responsible for ensuring arrangements are in place to vaccinate their care services and social care workers who have direct client contact
- Employers should promote the benefits of vaccinations to front line workers by giving staff balanced and factually correct information - please refer to our myth busting sheet overleaf
- Help staff understand that if they refuse to be vaccinated they put themselves, their families and the people they care for at unnecessary risk

The UK alone saw
16,000
deaths from **FLU**

94%
65+ years old



2017 / 2018 FIGURES

Care Home fatality rates regularly exceed **5%**

But in some cases have increased to

55%
during an outbreak

3,500

cases of flu in the UK admitted to

ICU, with a **24%**
fatality rate

1,650

flu outbreaks occurred in the UK



69

Hertfordshire care homes had an outbreak

HOW YOUR STAFF CAN BE VACCINATED:

Social care staff can now be provided with a FREE flu vaccination if they are directly involved in the care of patients or clients.

These are available from their registered GP or any participating community pharmacy

To find a participating pharmacy visit <https://beta.nhs.uk/find-a-pharmacy>.

Best practice is to contact the pharmacy or surgery in advance.

Proof of role will be required.

Please find letter template available on www.hcpa.info/flu for you to provide to your staff

Ask your staff to have the letter signed by the GP or Pharmacist to show proof of vaccination so that this can be recorded by the home.

Tip: why not contact your local pharmacy and agree quotas of time that they can allocate to vaccinating groups of care staff on pharmacy premises in a time efficient and convenient way.