

To: All Community Optometry Contractors

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DATE 11 January 2021

Dear Colleague

COVID VACCINATION – COMMUNITY OPTOMETRY STAFF

The Department of Health has confirmed that Community optometry staff are a designated healthcare worker group that can avail of COVID vaccination.

Appointments with HSC Trusts to provide vaccination for community optometry staff are now available to book with immediate effect.

The process for booking is via an online booking arrangement for sites in the Western, Northern, Southern and South Eastern Trusts via: <https://vaccinations.covid-19.hscni.net/>

This link should not be shared beyond the optometry practice. The optometry contractor is responsible for ensuring only their staff are booking onto this system. You may also include locums who offer services to your practice.

In order to access an appointment, contractors should facilitate staff to book online via the secure HSC link.

Staff can book their vaccination at venues in any site in the Western, Northern, Southern and South Eastern Trust areas that have availability and which is most convenient for them to attend.

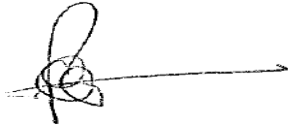
We will issue further details in due course in relation to appointment availability at the Belfast Trust site, however, we have been advised that due to the current volume of demand for vaccination at the Belfast Trust site that there may be some delay before spaces will become available.

The booking form refers to Health and Care Number – while it is preferable that staff can provide this if possible, if this is not known the field can remain blank.

The booking form also refers to Staff Number – please insert the practice code at this field.

When a staff member attends for their vaccination, please provide them with a copy of the attached stamped verification letter and advise the staff member that they should also carry a form of photographic identification.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'R' followed by a horizontal line that ends in an arrowhead.

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COVID Vaccination Leads, HSC Trusts

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To whom it may concern

HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE KEY WORKER (COMMUNITY OPTOMETRY)

This letter confirms that the following individual is an employee/locum of the above named Community Optometry Practice and is therefore a designated Key Health and Social Care worker and is eligible for COVID vaccination

Name:

Yours sincerely,

(Optometry Contractor)