



Community Pharmacy COVID-19 Vaccination Services 2021-22

Aims

To aid delivery of the COVID-19 vaccination programme as per correspondence from the Chief Medical Officer HSS(MD)82/2020 - Deployment of the Pfizer BioNTech COVID-19 mRNA vaccine in Northern Ireland dated 07 December 2020

To comply with updated JCVI advice on COVID-19 vaccines dosing schedules as per correspondence from the Chief Medical Officer HSS(MD)94/2020. Dated 31 December 2020.

To provide more opportunities and improve convenience for eligible patients to access COVID-19 vaccinations

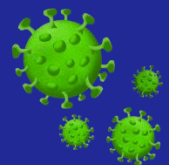
To lower the public health impact of COVID-19 morbidity and mortality especially for vulnerable people.

To reduce COVID-19-related illness, GP consultations, unplanned hospital admissions and deaths.



Two potential types of Community Pharmacy COVID-19 Vaccination Service

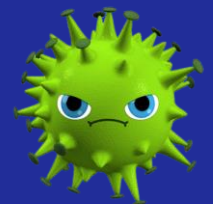
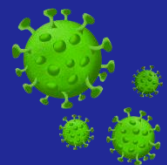
- Mass Vaccination Service (Pfizer Vaccine) commissioned as a Locally Required Service
Service 1
- CPCV Service (Astra Zeneca Vaccine) commissioned as an Additional Service
Service 2





Community Pharmacy COVID-19 Mass Vaccination Service **Service 1**

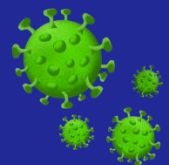
- Expression of Interest Issued (25/1/21)
- Contractor **MUST** be able to meet all designated requirements including:
 - Provision of 1000 vaccinations per week
 - Open 8am – 8pm 7days per week
- Application and Assessment Process
- Governance of cold chain [1000 vaccines/6 days]
- HSCB commissioned Locally Required Service





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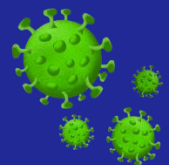
- Likely to identify a small number of sites
- Manage a high volume of specific patient cohorts for double vaccination
- Report daily into vaccine management system
- Manage vaccines to minimise vaccine wastage
- Adapt for new licenced vaccines as they present





Community Pharmacy COVID-19 Vaccination Service **Service 2**

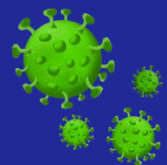
- Service currently in development
- Based on CPFV Service
- Commissioned as an Additional Service across the CP network
- Start date dependent on vaccine availability





Contractor considerations for delivering a COVID-19 vaccination service **Service 2**

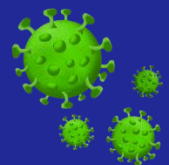
- **Additional Training** for vaccinators
- **Pharmacy premises**
- **Appointment booking system** to vaccinate 8 individuals in 6 hour period
- **Capacity** to vaccinate same 8 individuals in 12 weeks time
- **Waiting/Reserve list** able to be operated - list of patients able to attend a short notice to fill any last minute cancellations





COVID-19 vaccinator training - for all vaccinators.

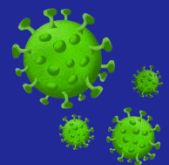
- **Competency Assessment Tool - [COVID-19 vaccinator competency assessment tool](#)**
- **2 Education modules - [the e-Learning for Health](#) :**
 - ❖ **Core Knowledge for COVID-19 vaccinators**
 - ❖ **COVID-19 vaccine AstraZeneca**
- **Basic Life Support (BLS) and anaphylaxis training within the last year**





Pharmacy premises considerations

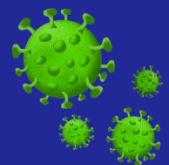
- Consultation room or distinct area that ensures patient confidentiality
- Clear signage to direct patients
- Handwashing available
- Waiting area/Observation area allowing social distancing
- Disposal of clinical waste





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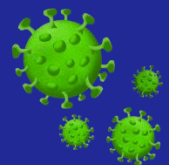
- Ensure there is **sufficient fridge capacity** for vaccines and there is an area suitable for vaccine preparation.
- Ensure there is sufficient secure storage space for the **vaccine consumables**
- **Access** if service is offered on specific day(s), during normal hours or extended hours
- Ensure all staff wearing **appropriate PPE**





AZ vaccine considerations

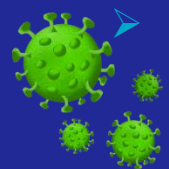
- AZ vaccine is a multi-dose vial
- Vaccinators must be competent in aseptic technique
- AZ vaccine likely to be provided in:
 - 80 dose packs (ten 4 ml vials with 8 doses per vial)
- AZ vaccine does not contain preservative, any **unused vaccine must be discarded if not used within 6 hours**
- **Key to ensure wastage is minimised**





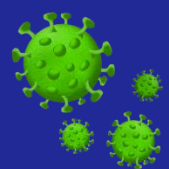
Appointment Booking System considerations (online or telephone)

- Booking system needs to ensure **8 individuals are booked per session (day)**
- Each vial once opened lasts 6 hours, consider **front loading appointments (into first 2-3 hours) in case of DNAs** to allow individuals on waiting/reserve list to be called at short notice.
- Need to operate a **waiting/reserve list** of patients that can be called at short notice
- **Recall system in place - 12 weeks time for 2nd dose**



Recording Vaccinations

- Currently being finalised
- Likely to be an electronic form (similar to Flu e-record)
- This will link to the regional COVID Vaccine Management System
- Likely that records must be entered on the same day of the vaccination
- The submission of the vaccination record will be used for payment purposes





Any Questions ?

