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The Pharmacy Manager
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Dear Colleague,

The COVID-19 and flu vaccination programme will begin in the coming weeks and Leeds LMC and Community Pharmacy West Yorkshire would like to encourage all healthcare professionals to work together to support a successful 2022/23 flu and COVID-19 vaccination campaign that delivers the best possible outcomes for our patients across these areas.

In light of the workload pressures facing the NHS it is more important than ever that we are working together to ensure patients are vaccinated. Pharmacy and General Practice have a key role to play in identifying and engaging eligible patients and vaccinating them to keep people from becoming seriously ill this winter.

We would encourage General Practices and pharmacies to talk to each other at all levels; ICB, PCN and practice level about the vaccination service they are planning to offer to understand each other's plans and work together locally in the interest of patients. Messaging, both verbal and written, to patients must not deter a patient from using a specific sector and should be accurate about the offer from specific sectors. It should be acknowledged that we each understand our own populations and are doing all we can to reduce health inequalities, in particular targeting harder to reach or under vaccinated populations which can help achieve an effective campaign.

Working together, practices and pharmacies can enable patient choice that helps to meet their needs and ensure all eligible people can receive their flu and COVID-19 vaccination as soon as possible from whichever provider is most convenient for them. Maximising uptake across all eligible groups may also help to reduce workload pressures during the winter. Please ensure that all your teams are aware that it is the patients' choice as to where they get their flu vaccination and do not seek to remove choice from patients.

The PCN Investment and Impact Fund again encourages uptake of flu immunisations for those 65 years and over and immunisations given by pharmacy will count towards this.

Yours faithfully,

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