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Dear Colleagues,

Vaccination of Frontline Health and Social Care Workforce

National guidance was released on Thursday 7 January 2021 regarding the [vaccination of frontline health and care workers](#). Health and care staff have now been prioritised for the COVID-19 vaccine. This letter is to provide an update in on how vaccinations will be delivered across Greater Manchester for our pharmacy, dental and optical practices.

From mid-January, NHS Trusts will be established as 'hospital hubs' with a responsibility for COVID-19 vaccine delivery for all individuals within JVC1 cohort 2b, as set out in the Public Health England Green Book 2. These hospital hubs will be the default provider for vaccinations for all health and care workers, with local arrangements in place for local vaccination sites (PCN/community pharmacy sites) and the Mass Vaccination Centre (Etihad Campus).

Colleagues across the whole Greater Manchester system are working closely to co-ordinate capacity across hospital hubs, local vaccination sites and the Mass Vaccination Centre to ensure that all health and social care workers receive their vaccination as soon as possible.

In the coming days there will be an exercise to collate details of all providers, so vaccination sites can have the most up to date list of staff. This may have already commenced in your area. Sharing this information will ensure that appropriate health and care staff are vaccinated in a timely manner.

Staff will be invited to book their vaccination at a local hospital hub, local vaccination site or the mass vaccination site, ensuring providers have a choice of location.

You will have already seen communications regarding the Mass Vaccination Centre. Please note that these slots are currently limited as the site continues to mobilise, but capacity will increase week on week (details attached). Further dates will be released in due course.

PCNs are still working extremely hard to prioritise care homes and the over 80s, however you may be contacted by your local PCN or pharmacy site if vaccines become available. We would want to make sure that all available vaccinations can be directed towards health and care staff.

Thank you for your patience. Further details will follow shortly. While this process is being finalised, we ask that you do not contact General Practice directly to enquire about vaccination dates.

Yours faithfully



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