**TEMPLATE LPCs to umbrella local care provider support organisations**

Dear *[name of contact for provider support organisation]*,

I am *[insert job title]* at *[insert LPC name].*

This year community pharmacy teams across England are offering NHS flu jabs to eligible patients/clients as part of the NHS national flu immunisation programme. All community pharmacy teams can also vaccinate social care workers (care home, nursing home and domiciliary care workers) and hospice workers. This is to boost the uptake of flu vaccinations to respond to pressures on frontline services this winter.

The definition of care /nursing home and domiciliary care workers encompasses all *health and social care staff (aged 18 years and over) that are employed by a registered residential care/nursing home or registered domiciliary care provider who are directly involved in the care of vulnerable patients/clients who are at increased risk from exposure to influenza, meaning those patients/clients in a clinical risk group or aged 65 years and over.*

The definition of hospice workers encompasses *all health and care staff (aged 18 years and over) that are employed by a voluntary managed hospice provider, who are directly involved in the care of vulnerable patients who are at increased risk from exposure to influenza, meaning those patients in a clinical risk group or aged 65 years and over.*

In [*insert location*], [*insert number of pharmacies*] pharmacies are offering NHS flu jabs and have already had a strong uptake from existing eligible patients.

The pharmacy service aims to make it easier than ever to get a flu jab and increase the number of at risk people across the country being protected from ill health over the winter months.

All care/nursing home, domiciliary care and hospice workers would need to do is attend their local pharmacy and request an NHS flu vaccination and provide some form of evidence such as a staff ID badge, payslip or there is a [template letter](https://psnc.org.uk/services-commissioning/advanced-services/flu-vaccination-service/flu-vaccination-promoting-the-service-to-patients/) available that could be put on the organisation’s letterhead and give to eligible staff to get their free flu vaccination at a community pharmacy of their [choice](https://www.nhs.uk/service-search/Pharmacy/LocationSearch/10).

Pharmacists use the same vaccination as those offered by GPs and they will notify the person’s GP practice when they have vaccinated them.

We would be happy to work with you to raise awareness amongst all relevant organisations in [*insert location]* about the flu vaccination service and the importance of getting the flu jab.

Please do get in touch if you have any questions.