**TEMPLATE LPCs to stakeholders (e.g. directors of public health)**

Dear *[name of contact]*,

As you are aware community pharmacy teams across England are offering NHS flu vaccinations to eligible patients as part of the NHS national flu immunisation programme. In many cases, pharmacies are also offering COVID-19 booster vaccinations.

Community pharmacy teams can also vaccinate social care workers (care 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 home and domiciliary care workers encompasses all health and social care staff (aged 18 years and over) that are employed by a registered care 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.

All care 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://cpe.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).

The patient’s GP practice will still be notified in the usual way when a care worker has been vaccinated.

We would like 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.