



The Rt Hon Steve Barclay MP
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Dear Secretary of State

Following our recent correspondence of 10th August 2023 on the changes to the vaccination programme for flu, we wish to seek your support in ensuring interested partners are able to discuss with DHSC, UKHSA and NHS England how the 2024/25 winter vaccination programme is optimally implemented, well ahead of the start of the season.

Whilst we welcomed your intervention to allow pre-booked September flu vaccinations to go ahead this year, we are concerned that with planning and ordering already underway for next winter by many across both primary care and industry, we want to avoid last minute unnecessary changes that cause confusion, disrupt deployment and potentially impact vaccine uptake rates.

We would like to ensure that all key parties can contribute to the planning of the 2024/25 winter vaccination programme at an appropriately early stage and we hope you will be supportive of that.

We stand ready to commence these discussions in the coming weeks with officials at DHSC, UKHSA and NHS England. We would be grateful for your support in achieving this and would be happy to meet with you to discuss further how we can work together to make the 2024/25 winter vaccination programme a success.

Yours sincerely

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