

Core brief

**Message from Jane Grant, Chief Executive
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As you will be aware, the public flu vaccination programme is now underway. It is important to remember that this is a completely new pathway, which has been carried out to ensure we can effectively adhere to COVID guidelines, such as social distancing in clinics and vaccination centres. As such, the teams are doing all they can to be responsive to issues and ensure we can give every support to members of the public. I understand that despite some concerns, a number of which have played out in the media, the majority of feedback received at our vaccination centres has been positive, with some teams even receiving chocolates from members of the public as a thank you for the excellent service!

This is a real testament to the support you are giving individual members of the public and I am delighted to hear that our staff are working together to deliver a quality service under complex circumstances. From all those staff members who have stepped up to act as vaccinators, our GPs and community pharmacists, the corporate transport team who have literally been going the extra mile to make sure each centre has enough vaccine at the right time and all other colleagues who have been part of the delivery programme, thank you.

As we are heading into winter, I would strongly encourage you all to take the opportunity to be vaccinated. You can do this through peer vaccination if you work in a clinical area or via Occupational Health if you work in a non-clinical area. Please remember to register first. If you need any further information, please visit the staff flu information pages on our [website](#).

The staff flu vaccination programme has now been rolled out across all of our sites and with over 1000 of our colleagues already coming forward to be peer vaccinators, we are in a strong position to ensure all of our staff have the opportunity to be vaccinated.

Getting your flu vaccination is the single most effective way of preventing flu and will protect you for up to 12 months, so please consider taking this important step to protect yourself, your patients and your families this winter.

Thank you.

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