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**PRESS RELEASE FROM COMMUNITY PHARMACY WALES**

**Stunning success in delivering flu vaccine demonstrates community pharmacist capacity to deliver Covid-19 vaccines**

Community Pharmacy Wales today publishes figures demonstrating their success in delivering the highest number of flu vaccines in Wales in a community pharmacy setting.

	<b>19/20</b>	<b>20/21</b>
Sept	1652	16464
Oct	38914	45687
Nov	16225	11475
Dec	4965	14615
Jan	1405	3359
Feb	442	739
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>63,603</b>	<b>92,339</b>

Commenting on these figures, Director of Contractor Services at Community Pharmacy Wales Judy Thomas said:

“These figures show an incredible **44% increase** in the number of flu vaccines administered in a community pharmacy setting in Wales during the current flu season. It also means the network has so far delivered around **12% of the total flu vaccination programme** for the first time, smashing through the 10% target we had been quietly thinking was possible.

“This enormous boost is a remarkable achievement especially considering the challenges of flu vaccine supply in November and the ongoing increased pressure on the network during the pandemic.

“In congratulating 595 of 713 community pharmacy teams across Wales in breaking records for flu vaccination deployment, I am more convinced than ever of the potential of community pharmacy to make a major contribution

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to Wales' Covid-19 vaccine programme. While recognising this vaccination programme will be complex and challenging, community pharmacy teams are eager to maximise our contribution to the roll out of the vaccine. Community Pharmacy Wales is **disappointed that to date the number of community pharmacies actually engaged to deliver Covid vaccines remains in single figures across Wales**, but we are confident a significant gear change is imminent."

**Ends**

## **NOTES**

These vaccination rate figures are compiled by NHS Wales from actual data returns from community pharmacy. A further data release on March 2021 figures will be made by the middle of next month.

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