

## Collaborative working meetings – Seasonal Influenza

With the collaborative working arrangements now in place it may be worthwhile speaking to your local GP surgery about your influenza vaccination arrangements for the coming season

Community Pharmacy Wales have worked alongside GPC Wales to produce some short guidance on how to work together to deliver this service to your patients. This Guidance embraces the principles of prudent healthcare by promoting NHS Flu Vaccination Services as a vehicle for persuading the patient of the need for them to adopt a more pro-active approach to self-care; and acknowledges the need to respect patient choice about how, when and whether they access such services.

- The CPW/ GPC Wales Memorandum of Understanding. This has been prepared alongside GP colleagues to facilitate delivery of the Influenza vaccination service across Wales:

<http://www.cpwales.org.uk/getattachment/Services-and-commissioning/Enhanced-Services/Seasonal-Influenza-Vaccination-Service/CPW-GPC-Wales-Memorandum-of-Understanding-2017.pdf.aspx?lang=en-GB>

In particular you may wish to let the GP surgery know:

- You will encourage patients with appointments to keep them
- You will only vaccinate over 65s who are not intending to visit the surgery
- You will target the under 65 at risk groups who do not usually access the seasonal influenza vaccination service
- Ask the GP practice when their clinics are – you may wish to offer to display posters
- Tell the practice that you will send vaccination lists to them – ask if there is someone in particular they would like you to address the information to
- Let them know how many pharmacists can offer the service who work you – if there are particular days you will/ will not be offering
- Discuss the inclusion/ exclusion groups within the PGD
- Discuss communication about vaccine supplies (2-way)
- Discuss what other vaccines the GP will be offering to over 65s at the same time (to reinforce the message to patients)
- Some LHBs will support pharmacies to set up flu clinics in nursing or care homes that do not receive flu vaccination visits from their GPs or district nurses. Have GP practices identified any locally that you can support?

Further information on the seasonal influenza vaccination service is available at:

<http://www.cpwales.org.uk/Services-and-commissioning/Enhanced-Services/Seasonal-Influenza-Vaccination-Service.aspx>