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**To:**

**General Practice
Community Pharmacies
Accountable Officers, CCGs**

Dear Colleague

**Re: Vaccine ordering for 2018-19 influenza season**

This letter advises GPs and Community Pharmacists on influenza vaccine for the 2018/19 season.

We are currently reviewing the clinical evidence, including advice from the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) and cost-effectiveness data from PHE in respect of influenza vaccines for 65 year olds and over and those in at risk groups who are under 65 years old.

We will provide definitive guidance to general practice and community pharmacies on influenza vaccine for the 2018/19 season on Monday 5th February. **No further orders for influenza vaccine should be made and no provisional orders should be converted to confirmed orders** until this national guidance is issued for adoption.

Where CCGs hold leadership responsibility for influenza vaccine they will need to adhere to this position.

Yours sincerely

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