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Dear Manager

### COVID-19 Vaccination for frontline health and social care staff in Fife

Frontline health and social care staff are at increased personal risk of exposure to infection with COVID-19 and of transmitting that infection to susceptible and vulnerable individuals in health and social care settings. For this reason, frontline health and social care staff are a priority group for the COVID vaccination.

Please find attached a template letter which you can distribute to your staff, explaining how they can make an appointment for COVID vaccination in Fife.

Who in my staff group should get the vaccine?

- Social care staff directly involved in the care of individuals supported by your organisation
- Social care staff involved directly in delivering social care such that they and vulnerable individuals are at increased risk of exposure
- Frontline healthcare staff involved in providing personal care or who have social contact with individuals supported by your organisation

The groups above include those working in independent, voluntary and non-standard healthcare settings. It includes, for example, staff providing support in community-based mental health or addiction services, staff in residential care for adults or children, staff providing housing support services, personal assistants providing personal and/or social care as well as social work and social care staff who have face-to-face contact in the course of their duties. This covers staff in all services – Children's Services, Criminal Justice, Adult/Older Peoples Services and Mental Health Officers as well as any staff working in public protection.

Care Inspectorate staff who are required to visit care homes and other registered services are also included as are young people age 16-18 years, who are employed in, studying or in training for health and social care work.



Staff in all of the above groups should be offered the vaccination.

Further information

- Information leaflets for social care workers are available at: <http://www.publichealthscotland.scot/covidvaccinesscw>
- For general enquiries relating to the NHS Fife COVID Vaccination programme email [fife.covid19-pmo@nhs.scot](mailto:fife.covid19-pmo@nhs.scot) (this should not be issued to staff members, and should not be used for rescheduling appointments)
- Information for the general public: [www.nhsinform.scot/covid19vaccine](http://www.nhsinform.scot/covid19vaccine) or call 0800 030 8013 (available 8am–8pm, 7 days a week).

We strongly recommend that all staff included in the groups above arrange to have the vaccine as soon as it is offered. By encouraging your staff to get vaccinated, we can all do our part in making sure those in our care are safe and protected.

Yours faithfully



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