

FAQ on FLU FUNDING STREAMS -



STAFF	ACTIONS:		Payment	Comment
If a Practice vaccinates its own NHS registered staff using its own vaccine	Straightforward – and practice will receive payment	The LMC does not recommend practice staff are registered as patients.	£10.06	
If a practice vaccinates its own staff that are NHS registered with another practice	Staff should firstly be encouraged to get vaccinated at their own practice, on the basis that they are front line workers or meet the eligibility criteria	The member of staff should notify his/her registered practice that they have been vaccinated.	There is no payment for this vaccination, either for the vaccine or for delivery – the cost must be absorbed by the employing GP practice.	<p>If staff are unable to get an appointment or get vaccinated through their own NHS registered practice, their employing practice may decide to vaccinate them in the interest of maintaining a healthy and protected workforce.</p> <p>The LMC does not recommend practice staff are registered as temporary patient (TR) and a payment cannot be claimed.</p> <p>NB. Please read S&S LMCs letter 23rd September 2019 for full details before proceeding.</p>
If a practice vaccinates other practices patients (e.g. care home under PCN arrangements) using its own vaccine	Would need to have a PCN arrangement in place to carry out this work.	There is not an obvious/natural mechanism in place for this; such patients or, someone on their behalf, should inform their own NHS registered practice.	Depends on the local arrangements	

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CARE HOMES	ACTIONS:		Payment	Comment
If a practice vaccinates Care Home staff who are also NHS registered patients on its own practice list	Straight forward but the registered care home worker should be coded as such on the GP system as a key worker to ensure payment if they are not immediately eligible.		£10.06	Codes for 2020/21 are yet to be released: we recommend practices check the NHS Digital Website regularly for confirmation of the codes. It is likely that the code for this cohort will be 'Needs Influenza Vaccination' SNOMED 185903001 (previously (9OX4))
If a practice vaccinates Care Home Staff are not on their own NHS registered list	The care home staff should in the first instance, refer to their own registered practice, or the Care Homes Occupational Health scheme.		N/A	These are effectively non-registered patients. However, they are eligible as key workers.
If a pharmacist uses their own vaccines to vaccinate Care Home residents and staff	Payment is entirely to the community pharmacy. Pharmacist must inform the registered practices of the people vaccinated.		The fee per vaccination will remain at £9.58 per vaccination. In addition, £0.50 per vaccination will be paid, funded from the Pharmacy Transition Fund, for this year only.	They will need to gain patient/carer consent. This additional funding is to cover the additional costs for Covid related complexities.

VACCINES	ACTIONS:		Payment	Comment
Can Pharmacists use vaccines belonging to the GP practice	This would be allowed see comments	A 1:1 swap arrangement is a matter for individual practice discussion.	Financial flows would need to be determined	<p>New NHS Guidance from NHS England & Improvement summarises this process allows for this.</p> <p>The cold chain needs to be maintained if any vaccines are moved.</p>
Can a GP practice buy or borrow vaccine stock from the pharmacist?	It can be supplied – see comment and link		Regulations require the supply to be made on a not for profit basis (e.g. cost only)	<p>Community Pharmacies are already able to transfer medicines to other healthcare providers without a wholesalers licence under specific circumstances, and should refer to the relevant guidance at https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/repeal-of-wholesale-dealer-licence-exemption-for-pharmacists.</p> <p><i>Note – unlikely to have stock available to transfer</i></p>
Can a GP practice buy or borrow vaccine stock from a neighbouring practice?	This is quite a normal practice; mostly to borrow and pay back in the form of replacement vaccines to avoid any financial exchanges.		Regulations require the supply to be made on a not for profit basis (e.g. cost only)	<p>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/repeal-of-wholesale-dealer-licence-exemption-for-pharmacists.</p>
Joint incentives between GP practice and community pharmacy	<p>NHS England & Improvement has introduced a joint incentive for community pharmacy and general practice at a PCN level. The incentives have a joint outcome but the funding for this incentive is in two separate contractual arrangements for each contractual group.</p> <p>The main aim of the joint incentive is to collectively reduce the risk of harm from the influenza virus for all patients aged 65 and over and to reduce pressure on the NHS during the winter. This will be funded through the PCN Impact and Investment Fund (IIF) – PR01, and the Pharmacy Quality Scheme (PQS) domain 4 PCN prevention respectively. Participating pharmacies and GP practices will be rewarded for achieving at or above a specified percentage point (70.1%-77%) for flu vaccination of patients aged 65 and over.</p>			