

**To all Practices in the Surrey & Sussex LMC Confederation**

28<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Dear Colleagues

**NHS England reimbursement for reasonable additional costs for flu delivery.**

I am writing to highlight the reasonable additional costs reimbursement guidance from NHS England in relation to the exceptional costs of this seasons flu delivery. NHS England has allocated £12.2 million to be distributed across England; I enclose the full guidance with this letter, but colleagues should note in particular:

- Reimbursement is only available towards venue hires (including signage) and temporary external shelters, and additional fridge/cold storage. (Para.5)
- Staff costs, routine vaccination consumables, PPE, and communications and advertising are excluded from claims (Para 6)
- Claims should relate to costs incurred from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020 although costs incurred between 1<sup>st</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> September may be considered (Para 7)
- CCG authorisation is needed for re-imburement of costs from 1<sup>st</sup> October and therefore practices should submit requests, with quotations.

The LMC is working with local CCGs to ensure a transparent and hopefully prompt authorisation process; practices should receive a communication from their CCG imminently.

Clearly as colleagues will appreciate this is not a substantial sum, but the LMC would encourage all practices to seek claim authorisation if they can identify any costs associated with their flu delivery programme as described in Para 5 of the guidance as otherwise this potential reimbursement to General Practice may be lost.

The LMC would also like to remind practices of the additional information available in the LMC flu toolkit and sent to all practices on 23.10.20 and practices should note the LMC advice guidance on QOF and the Investment and Impact Fund (sent on 22.09.20) which contains information on flu vaccination target payments.

NHS England has also published an FAQ document on this year's flu programme, available at:  
[https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/B0196\\_Primary\\_care\\_flu\\_FAQs\\_23\\_Oct-2020.pdf](https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/B0196_Primary_care_flu_FAQs_23_Oct-2020.pdf)

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Best wishes

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