Dear Colleague/Practice Manager,

Thank you for all your hard work this flu season to ensure that eligible patients aged 65 years and over have been vaccinated with aTIV.

This email has three pieces of information, please take the time to read and then if you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact your local CCG flu lead.

1. Spare aTIV Stock

This year, in line with the phased delivery arrangement of aTIV, the final stock of aTIV was delivered in November. We have been asked by the National Flu Team to undertake a stock check of remaining aTIV doses with a view to being able to identify excess available stock locally to facilitate the transfer of aTIV to those practices who requires additional supply. The NHSE pharmacy contracting team will also conduct a similar stock take exercise with our local pharmacies as well. This will contribute to ensuring that your local health system has maximised the use of Fluad vaccines available.

We are therefore asking for your help. Please can you complete a stock check of your aTIV stock and complete the table below.

Please ensure this information is returned to your local CCG flu co-ordinator…INSERT NAME HERE.……………….. by 30th November 2018.

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| Practice code |  |
| Name of practice |  |
| Name of person completing this table |  |
| Email address |  |
| Please complete one of the following: | |
| Number of additional aTIV vaccines required | For Housebound/care home -  For over 75s -  For 65-74s –  **Total -** |
| OR | |
| Number of surplus aTIV vaccines |  |
| Any other comments | |

1. Return of vaccine to manufacturer

Please be aware that vaccine returned to the manufacturer cannot be used so is effectively taken out of circulation. The process outlined above will ensure that as much vaccine as possible is made available for use within the local system. Please do not return unwanted stocks of aTIV until you have informed your local CCG flu lead that you have excess stock, so that it can be re-distributed to other local practices. Practices have until February to return unused stock to manufacturers.

1. Initial Guidance for 19/20 Flu Season

Attached is initial guidance published on 20th November 2018 The letter is intended to give providers of seasonal flu immunisation and other stakeholders, preliminary information on the recommended vaccines for the 2019/20 seasonal flu vaccination programme.