

Community Pharmacy: Helping locum pharmacists to get their vaccination

The Pharmacists' Defence Association has established a [new portal](#) to ensure that locum pharmacists are put forward for priority vaccination as frontline health and social care workers.

Pharmacist locums are being invited to register with the portal so that their details can be shared with the relevant CCGs so that locums can be contacted and called for vaccination alongside other frontline health and social care workers. This is to ensure this workforce is not missed. Locums and agencies concerned that locums may not have been picked up through other routes can use the portal to guarantee these frontline workers are captured.

The NHSE&I letter and associated standard operating procedure [Operational guidance: vaccination of frontline health and social care workers](#), makes it clear that hospital hubs vaccinating frontline health and social care workers should work with CCGs which are responsible for collating information on eligible staff in all other healthcare settings, including primary care and independent providers in their systems. Pharmacy employers should be working with CCGs to identify their frontline health care staff for priority vaccination.

The JCVI has prioritised all NHS frontline health workers for the next cohort to receive their Covid-19 vaccination. The PDA has agreed with NHS England that it will co-ordinate the process for self-employed locum pharmacists, as this group has traditionally found it more difficult to access single employer led systems. The portal is available at no cost to all locums whether PDA members or not as part of the PDA's commitment to support efforts to overcome the pandemic.

This portal is being promoted by the NHS in England for use by all locum pharmacists working (and wishing to be vaccinated) in England and helps to ensure that none are missed out of this important Covid-19 vaccination programme.

Your data will be passed to the respective CCG vaccination operations centre. When they have finalised their plans, they will be in contact to offer you an appointment for your vaccination.

The PDA will not retain this data or use it for any purposes other than for passing on to the respective CCG as stated on this registration page. Locums registering with this service, do so on the basis that they give consent for their data to be passed and to be handled by the respective CCG for purposes of arranging their Covid-19 vaccination. All data collected through this process will be erased from PDA's systems after 9 months.

[Register your details](#)