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Dear Colleague,

New Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire (BNSSG) Flu and COVID-19 Booster Vaccination Award Scheme for Care Providers

We would like to invite you to participate in BNSSG's new Flu and COVID-19 Booster Vaccination Award Scheme for care providers.

Run in partnership with the Integrated Care Board, and Care and Support West, the new award scheme recognises and rewards care providers who achieve high levels of both flu and COVID-19 booster vaccine uptake.

The scheme is open to all health and social care staff directly involved in providing care.

The award scheme

The award scheme runs from Tuesday **20 September 2022 to Tuesday 14 March 2023**. It is graded into four categories - Platinum, Gold, Silver, and Bronze.

Awards will be given based on the percentage of staff in receipt of a flu and COVID-19 booster vaccine as below. You must achieve the level required in both Flu and COVID-19 booster to achieve an award

Award Level	Flu Vaccine Uptake	COVID-19 Booster Uptake
Platinum	>61 per cent	>86 per cent
Gold	51-60 per cent	76-85 per cent
Silver	46-50 per cent	71-75 per cent
Bronze	40-45 per cent	60-70 per cent



The award presentations will take place in October 2023 at The Annual Care and Support West Care Awards, celebrating the hard work and dedication of care professionals in the South West. The event will be held at Ashton Gate Stadium, Bristol, BS3 2EJ.

Under the Regulations of the Health and Social Care Act 2022, it is now mandatory for Health and Social Care Providers to share information about flu and COVID-19 booster vaccination uptake related to their setting. This will be done via [Capacity Tracker](#) and needs to be inputted by the 14th of every month (or the next working day if the 14th is on a weekend or public holiday). Support and information on how to use the Capacity Tracker can be found [here](#). We will use the information on Capacity Tracker to calculate flu and COVID-19 booster vaccination uptake and issue awards, therefore you must ensure you record your vaccination uptake information accurately. **Your final submission should be on Tuesday 14 March 2023.**

Why is there a new award scheme?

All frontline health and social care workers should have [the flu](#) and [COVID-19 booster](#) vaccination to help protect themselves and the people they care for. Providers are being encouraged to promote and facilitate vaccination to all their staff. They can do this either through their own occupational schemes or by requesting the free vaccination from their GP practice or any community pharmacy.

Flu and COVID-19 are one of the main reasons for hospitalisations from the care sector during Winter. Protecting individuals and populations through immunisation programmes is a highly successful public health intervention that saves many lives each year. Flu kills an average of 8,000 people in England every year, and COVID-19 has caused the deaths of over 160,000 people in England over the past 26 months and continues to cause sickness in many people. Vaccination remains the best protection for everyone.

We wish you much success in the new awards scheme and thank you for helping to protect your staff and the people you care for.

Yours sincerely,



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