

## **Vaccinations for health and social care staff: Joint Committee on Vaccination Immunisation (JCVI) priority group 2**

This document has been prepared to provide clarity around the vaccination plans for frontline health and social care staff in response to recent queries.

### **1) Who is in the leading priority groups?**

The national Priority 1 group includes those aged over 80, care home residents and staff. In Wigan Borough most of this cohort have received the first dose of the vaccination. Additional sessions for the small number of staff and residents who have not yet received their vaccines are now being planned and delivered.

Priority 2 includes those **members of the health and social care workforce who have close personal contact with clinically vulnerable people**. This applies to CQC and non-CQC registered services, across public, independent and community and voluntary sectors and includes personal assistants funded via direct payments.

This does not currently include:

- Unpaid carers
- Social care workers supporting younger people with no underlying health conditions.
- Staff providing back office or administrative support.

Wigan Council is working closely with Wigan Borough Clinical Commissioning Group and local hospital colleagues to ensure all eligible staff can be vaccinated by mid-February.

### **2) What do I need to do?**

Please be patient while we work through the details; as you can imagine, this is a big logistical exercise. If you are eligible, we will contact you via your employer – please talk to your manager if you are an eligible frontline health and social care worker and have not yet been offered the vaccine.

You can prepare by finding your NHS number and keeping it handy. You'll find this on a prescription, on an NHS card or, as a last resort, you can contact your GP to request it. You will need this to book your specific slot. You will also need to take your ID badge with you to receive the vaccine.

### **3) If I am eligible where will I go for the jab?**

The appointment slots will be via the Wigan, Wrightington and Leigh (WWL) hospital hubs at Leigh Infirmary or the Armed Forces HQ in Wigan town centre. Some slots will also be available at Manchester's mass vaccination centre at the Etihad Tennis Centre. This is in addition to the local offer, so don't worry if you can't travel to Manchester.

You must book a slot before arriving at the centre. Those without an appointment will not be able to have their vaccination.

**4) What do I do if I'm self-employed/a sole trader/independent practitioner/employ health and social care workers and have not heard anything yet?**

If you have not yet heard any details about the vaccine for you or your staff please email [j.willmott@wigan.gov.uk](mailto:j.willmott@wigan.gov.uk)

Please include evidence that you are a member of the eligible health and social care workforce.

<b>For the <u>healthcare</u> workforce this includes, but is not limited to:</b>	<b>For the <u>social care</u> workforce this includes, but is not limited to:</b>	<b>For the <u>voluntary sector</u> workforce:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff working on the vaccination programme</li> <li>• Staff who have frequent face-to-face contact with patients and who are directly involved in patient care in either secondary or primary care, mental health, urgent and emergency care and community settings</li> <li>• Those working in independent, voluntary and non-standard healthcare settings such as hospices, and community-based mental health or addiction services</li> <li>• Laboratory, pathology and mortuary staff</li> <li>• Those working for a sub-contracted provider of facilities services such as portering or cleaning</li> <li>• Temporary, locum or 'bank' staff, including those working in the COVID-19 vaccination programme, students, trainees and volunteers who are working with patients</li> </ul>	<p>Frontline social care workers directly working with vulnerable people who need care and support irrespective of where they work (for example in hospital, people's own homes, residential and nursing homes, day centres, or supported housing); or who they are employed by (for example local government, NHS, independent sector or third sector)</p>	<p>In addition to the JCVI strongly support the prioritisation of frontline staff working in the Voluntary Sector to ensure we protect this vital staff group. For details of how to contact appropriate VCSE bodies please refer to your respective VCSE infrastructure body</p>