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Dear Colleagues,

Next phase – Sussex COVID-19 Vaccination Programme

We are writing to you to update you on the next phase of the Sussex Covid-19 Vaccination Programme.

As set out by the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI), the **primary objective of an autumn COVID-19 booster programme is to reduce the occurrence of serious COVID-19 disease**. Following interim guidance published by the JCVI, NHS England and Improvement (NHSEI) wrote to all Integrated Care Systems (ICSs) in England to set out the basic principles for phase 3 to support local planning.

This advice suggests the COVID-19 booster vaccines should be offered in two stages from September, starting with those most at risk from serious disease and that the seasonal flu vaccine should be offered alongside the third booster dose of the COVID-19 vaccine wherever possible (refer to the annex for people eligible in the different stages).

NHSEI sent letters to all General Practices and Community Pharmacies as possible contractors setting out the specifications of the contractual terms they would need to sign up to, to deliver this.

Last Wednesday (28 July) was the closing date for expressions of interest from General Practices and Community Pharmacies. Across Sussex almost all of our General Practices and a number of Community Pharmacies would like to be involved in the delivery of the autumn booster campaign which starts in early September.

Over the next fortnight we will be working with our providers to plan the most appropriate delivery models that will both facilitate access to those eligible and support our providers to do this sustainably. Given the lessons learnt about vaccine uptake during phases 1 and 2 we believe that the delivery model of this programme will vary across Sussex. As the best outcomes will be achieved by hyper local

delivery and communications we are suggesting holding a 'one-off' briefing for all Districts and Boroughs across East Sussex.

In this briefing – that will last no longer than 1 hour – we will:

- Update you on the national programme;
- Give you an overview of the proposed delivery models in each district and borough level;
- Answer any questions you may have.

This briefing has been organised for:

Tuesday 31st August at 3:00pm

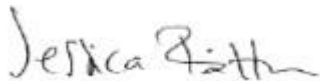
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We hope that having conversations earlier on in the programme will allow us to be aligned of the next phase of this campaign; enabling us to support our population with any queries or concerns.

Kind regards,



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