Since the 4\textsuperscript{th} November some community pharmacies in NHSGGC have been offering seasonal flu vaccination on the NHS. This is an opportunistic service, dependent on the capacity of individual pharmacies, and is only available to unvaccinated eligible patients (18-64yrs in a risk group and those over 65yrs) who are resident in NHSGGC and have not made an appointment to receive their vaccine from their GP surgery.

**Community Pharmacy – NHS seasonal flu vaccination**

In an attempt to ensure supplies are equitable throughout Scotland, all GP practices were allocated a maximum amount of vaccine that could be ordered via the Movianto on-line ordering platform and based on their reported uptake last season. When a practice attempts to raise an order that exceeds their quota they will be alerted that the order cannot be placed. At this point the GP Practice should contact Movianto by email or telephone requesting authorisation from the health board which may result in a delay of up to 24 hours. GP practices will receive an emailed authorisation for the excess request and will be able to place an order thereafter. Any enquiries regarding the process should be directed to the OM Movianto customer service team in the first instance on 01234 248 623 or email flu.scotland@owens-minor.com

There was a UK-wide issue affecting the supply of the child flu vaccine, Fluenz\textsuperscript{®} Tetra. The child flu-vaccine supply was prioritised for children aged between 2-5 years old (aged 2 on September 1\textsuperscript{st} 2019 and not yet in school) and those aged 5-18 years with underlying health conditions as these children are at greatest risk from the flu virus. Please note that Fluenz\textsuperscript{®} vaccine supplies are now back to normal.

Flu vaccinations in some primary schools (either for the whole school or specific year groups) were postponed as a result of this vaccine supply issue. However, additional supplies have now been received and the school vaccination programme resumed on 25\textsuperscript{th} November. GP practices may still receive requests from parents for mop-up vaccination for children who either missed school vaccination or are unable to attend the rescheduled vaccination clinics planned for the postponed groups.

There is a national DES for vaccinating children who fall into the categories above and practices are asked to arrange their vaccination on request from parents. If additional vaccine is required, the PDC will issue a supply via the usual ordering process. Practices will be reimbursed for this service.

**PGDs – recent updates**

Immunisation staff should note the recent updated PGDs for use in NHSGGC. All PGDs are on the [PHPU website](#) and are listed in 4 sections: Routine Childhood and Teenage; Adult and Travel (inc children); Flu; Pregnant women.

The updated PGD list shows the latest expected expiry dates and version numbers of PGDs currently in use. Please note that PGDs may be reviewed and amended before their expected expiry date to reflect clinical or operational changes.
PPV23 – limited supplies until January 2020

There will be limited supplies of PPV23 vaccines until the next delivery which is expected in January 2020. This will affect both the PPV23 vials and PNEUMOVAX 23 pre-filled syringes. Practices should therefore plan to prioritise PV23 vaccination according to the recommendations – see the recent Scottish Vaccine Update insertion for more details.

Vaccination record requests – email Child Health

Please note that the PHPU does not hold individual vaccination records, these are held at Child Health, Templeton. General Practice staff should email Child Health on behalf of the person requesting their vaccination history. Some primary vaccination records go back as far as 1984 for those born in GGC, however, there are no records held for those born before ‘84.

The email addresses for child health are ChildHealth.Screening@ggc.scot.nhs.uk for childhood vaccination history and School.Screening@ggc.scot.nhs.uk for school vaccination history (these are more recent records).

Cold chain learning module – location change

The NHS GGC Cold Chain learning module provides practical advice on management of vaccines and maintenance of the cold chain. It’s an invaluable resource for anyone whose role involves handling vaccines and monitoring the cold chain. The course is available on LearnPro http://nhs.learnprouk.com/ or the LearnPro community platform https://community.learnprouk.com.

Previously the module was listed under the Pharmacy tab in LearnPro. However, as part of improvement work, the site has been re-organised and the module is now listed under the CPD tab.

BCG appointment system – change to the process

There has been a recent change to the BCG appointing system. There is now a dedicated generic inbox to which referrals should be sent. The BCG referral form is available on line on the PHPU website and on completion should be emailed to Bcg.Phpu@ggc.scot.nhs.uk

NB Staff are asked to check if the child has resided in a high-risk country for 3 months or more in which case a Mantoux test will be required. Please note that this is only carried out at the Woodside clinic so it’s important that children are appointed to the appropriate clinic. The situation where a parent has taken leave from work, undertaken a long, and sometimes expensive, journey to a BCG clinic only to be informed that the child needs to be appointed to another clinic for Mantoux has to be avoided.

Health visitors will also be notified of this change on the TASK message that’s sent from Child Health with the list of unvaccinated BCG-eligible children.

If you would like to comment on any aspect of this newsletter please contact Marie Laurie on 0141 201 4917 marie.laurie@ggc.scot.nhs.uk