

To: All Community Pharmacies, Dental Practices and Optometry Practices in West Yorkshire and Craven

Cc: Community Pharmacy West Yorkshire, Local Dental Committees, Local Optical Committees

15th January 2021

Dear Colleague

COVID-19 vaccination for primary care contractors - sent on behalf of WY&H Health and Care Partnership

The West Yorkshire Vaccination Programme is currently working to offer vaccinations to all frontline health and care staff, in line with the recommendations from the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI).

This includes staff and locum staff working for independent contractors and this letter is to confirm that **your organisation is on our list of providers whose frontline staff will be eligible for vaccination in this first phase.**

Local teams/CCGs in Bradford and Craven, Calderdale, Kirklees, Leeds and Wakefield are currently developing plans to ensure that all eligible health and care staff receive an invite to receive their vaccinations as soon as possible. The majority of these will be at the vaccination hubs in local hospitals, which are responsible for delivering vaccinations for all health and care workers.

We are aiming to complete first vaccinations to all frontline staff over the next few weeks. **You will be contacted by one of our vaccination hubs when it is your organisation's turn to receive the vaccine.** We would be very grateful if you would wait to be contacted rather than contacting your local or regional NHS. This will help us to reach as many staff as possible, as quickly as possible.

Please note that vaccine supplies are arriving at different times for each area so the timing of invitations for staff in the same group will vary according to the supplies made available to their local area. If you have not been contacted, it does not mean you have been missed; all organisations will be contacted over the next few weeks as vaccine supplies become available.

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Please could you reassure your staff and locum staff that arrangements are in place, that they don't need to do anything at this time, and that we will be working with you, as their employer, to ensure that they will receive their vaccinations as soon as we can within the coming weeks.

For general information about the vaccine, please visit
www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/coronavirus-vaccine

Yours sincerely

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