

## Groups included in the national flu immunisation programme

- All children aged two & three – DOB between 01.09.16 – 31.08.18

(Children aged four to eleven will be vaccinated under the school imms programme)

- 65 years or over (including those becoming age 65 years by 31 March 2021)

- Aged from six months to less than 65 years of age, in a clinical risk group such as those with:

- chronic (long-term) respiratory disease, such as severe asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) or bronchitis
- chronic heart disease, such as heart failure
- chronic kidney disease at stage three, four or five
- chronic liver disease
- chronic neurological disease, such as Parkinson's disease or motor neurone disease,
- learning disability
- diabetes
- splenic dysfunction or asplenia
- a weakened immune system due to disease (such as HIV/AIDS) or treatment (such as cancer treatment)
- morbidly obese (defined as BMI of 40 and above)

- Pregnant women

- Household contacts of those on the NHS Shielded Patient List

- Living in long-stay residential care homes or other long-stay care

**facilities** (This does not include, for instance, prisons, young offender institutions, university halls of residence, or boarding schools (except where children are of primary school age or secondary school Year 7).

- Carers

- **Health and social care staff** (employed by a registered residential care/nursing home, registered domiciliary care provider, Hospice who are directly involved in the care of vulnerable patients)

Additionally, flu vaccinations might be offered to patients aged 50-64, who are not in one of the at risk groups above in November/December time. However this will only be after vaccination of the highlighted groups has been completed.