Influenza Vaccination for Winter 2013/2014

**Children and adults in clinical risk groups:**
- Chronic respiratory disease
- Chronic liver disease
- Chronic neurological disease
- Immunosuppression

See Green Book Table 19.5 for additional guidance

**All people aged 65 and over**
- Chronic heart disease
- Chronic kidney disease
- Diabetes
- All pregnant women (at any stage of pregnancy)

**Other***
- Health and social care workers
- People in long-stay residential care homes or other long-stay facilities
- Carers
- Household contacts of immunocompromised patients

**New**
- Children who are not in a clinical risk group and are either:
  - aged two or three years*
  - aged 4-11 years and participating in primary school pilots#

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Flowchart key

* All children aged two or three years (but not four years or older) on or before 1 Sept 2013.

** All those aged 65 years or older including all those aged 65 years on or before 1 March 2014.

*** Follow additional guidance from UK health departments.

# Children aged between 4-11 years attending schools participating in the pilot offer in Scotland. Since the offer of vaccination is mainly in a school setting (P1-P7 children) it is understood and permissible that this may result in the offer of vaccine to some children who are older than aged 11 (e.g. age 12 or 13) in this primary school setting.

† Cannot receive Fluenz® but should be offered inactivated influenza vaccine if; under age of two years; 18 years and older; have severe asthma (BTS SIGN step 4 or above); active wheezing at time of vaccination; egg allergy; certain immunodeficiencies; are receiving treatment with salicylates; or pregnant - see contraindications and precautions for full list.

§ If quadrivalent inactivated vaccine available, consider for children age 3 years and older only. If quadrivalent unavailable, offer suitable trivalent inactivated influenza vaccine. See Green Book Table 19.6 which lists the vaccines that can be used in young children - some are not suitable for young children.

A very small proportion of children aged under 9 taking part in the primary school pilots in Scotland may be unable to receive Fluenz® vaccine and would therefore need to be offered two doses of the inactivated (injectable) influenza vaccine. The reason for the offer of two doses of inactivated (injectable) rather than a single dose to these children is because the view of the JCVI is that the injectable vaccine, in terms of immunogenicity, is inferior to a single dose of the live vaccine (Fluenz®). Whilst the DES will facilitate payment of GPs for such individuals who are in groups at increased risk of complication (i.e. CMO defined risk groups) no such national arrangement is in place for children who are not in a clinical risk group. It is anticipated that in the main this will be children with egg allergy who are contraindicated to receive Fluenz®.

In such instances, NHS Boards should make other arrangements to offer a second dose to these small number of children including the option of a LES arrangement.

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