Seasonal Influenza Vaccination Programme 2025-2026

The Seasonal Influenza vaccination programme runs from 1 October 2025 to 31 March 2026. For each valid vaccination delivered during this time, an Item of Service (IoS) payment may be claimed along with reimbursement of the cost of the vaccine.

**Programme dates**

As stated in the National Flu Immunisation Programme letter, flu vaccinations:

* Pregnant women and all eligible children will start from **1st September 2025.** For school aged cohorts, vaccination in schools should be completed by **12 December 2025** with further catch-up opportunities as appropriate.
* All other adult flu cohorts will start from **1 October 2025** and will run until the **31 March 2026.**Although, we anticipate that the majority of vaccinations should be completed by the end of **November 2025** to provide the best possible protection going into winter.
* The COVID-19 programme will run from **1 October 2025 to 31 Jan 2026**. However, the majority of COVID-19 vaccinations should be completed by **19 December 2025**.

The start date for adult flu vaccinations aligns to COVID-19 vaccinations to support co-administration of flu and COVID-19 wherever possible and provide the best possible protection as we head in to winter.

Payment for flu and COVID-19 vaccinations will only be made if they are administered from the service commencement date(s), as announced and authorised by the commissioner.

Claiming Item of Service fees – GP Practices and PCN Groupings

GP practices or PCN groupings are entitled to claim an Item of Service (IoS) fee of £10.06 for each influenza vaccination they administer.

Influenza vaccination events should be recorded in a practices GP IT clinical system.

Where an influenza vaccination is co-administered with a COVID vaccination this can be recorded on either the GP IT System or Point of Care System (POC).

Practices with access to both systems should ensure vaccination events are recorded in only one of these. Single system recording is imperative to avoid duplication in clinical records and payment.

Which system practices should use is dependent upon how the vaccines were delivered.

**How to claim in different scenarios:**

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|  | **GP Practice** | | **PCN grouping COVID-19 Collaboration** |
| **Vaccine Delivery** | **Individual GP Practice** | **Flu Delivered under a Collaboration Agreement between GP Practices** | **Coadministration Only** |
| **Vaccine Stock** | Purchase own stock and administered by the practice. | Stock provided by practices to the flu clinic | Stock provided by GP practices who are part of the PCN grouping agreement and administered to registered patients with one of the member practices. |
| **Recording of Vaccination events** | Vaccination events must be recorded in the GP IT clinical system | Vaccination events must be recorded in the GP IT clinical system | Vaccination events must be recorded in the Point of Care system |
| **Claiming IOS fees** | Extracted from the GP IT system via GPES and payment calculated by CQRS | Extracted from the GP IT system via GPES and payment calculated by CQRS | Vaccination records will flow from Point of Care system to MYS. |
| **Claiming Reimbursement** | Reimbursement claimed monthly on FP34 Appendix form via NHSBSA | Reimbursement claimed monthly on FP34 Appendix form by the practice that provided the stock, via NHSBSA | Reimbursement claimed on FP34D/PD by the practice that has provided the vaccine. \* |

\* The host practice cannot claim vaccination reimbursement on behalf of all practices in the PCN grouping

Practices should submit claims to the Commissioner for payment monthly, wherever possible.

**GP IT System**

Payments are calculated from records in the GP IT System. The General Practice Extraction Service (GPES) will collect the relevant clinical information each month, using the defined clinical codes within the GPES Business Rules, from patients recorded as being vaccinated against influenza during the reporting period. This information is passed to the Calculating Quality Reporting Service (CQRS) accordingly and the relevant payments made to the practice monthly.

**Point of Care**

Payments will only be made to the host practice and are calculated from records within the PCN groupings Point of Care system these are then transferred to NHSBSA’s Manage Your Service (MYS). Transfers conclude on the last calendar day of the month.

Claims for payment should be submitted via the MYS portal provided by the NHSBSA by the 5th day of the month following the month in which the chargeable activity was provided. Later submissions will be accepted but only if made within three months of the date by which the claim should have been submitted. Any claims submitted after the three months period has passed will not be paid.

E.g. Vaccinations administered and recorded in the Point of Care system in October will be available to declare in MYS in the following November, December, January and up to and including the 5th day of February. Claims will be unavailable to declare from 6th February onwards as this is outside of the grace period.

**Things to remember:**

* Vaccination events should only be entered into the Point of Care system where the influenza and COVID vaccinations have been co-administered and should be entered into one system only – either the GP IT Clinical System or the Point of Care System – to avoid duplication in patient records or payment.
* IoS fees should be claimed within three months of administering the vaccination.
* Vaccinations recorded on a Point of Care System may show on the GP IT System as having been delivered by another provider.
* Influenza reimbursement claims can only be submitted by individual practices and not by a PCN grouping.
* Accurate records of all vaccines administered, and movement of stock should be kept to support any claims for Item of Service fees, reimbursement and Personal Administration fees.

Claiming Reimbursement – GP Practices

Practices should continue to claim for locally procured influenza vaccine costs and personal administration fees using the High Volume Vaccine form (FP34D/PD Appendix). Influenza reimbursement claims can only be submitted by individual practices and not by a PCN grouping.

Practices administering influenza vaccinations under a collaboration agreement must agree how the collaborating practices will individually claim reimbursement, and any associated personal administration (PA) fee, for any administered influenza vaccines they have contributed.

**Completing the FP34D/PD Appendix**

When filling in the FP34 Appendix form please remember to supply all the required information. Incorrect or incomplete claims will cause a delay to your payment.

It is recommended that you use the full brand name and manufacturer of the vaccine as some manufacturers make more than one influenza vaccine.

The FP34 Appendix form should be returned to NHS Prescription Services by no later than the fifth day of the month, together with the correct FP34 submission document.

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| **Do** use the brand name and manufacturer:   * Vaxigrip (Sanofi) * Adjuvanted Trivalent Influenza Vaccine Seqirus (CSL Seqirus UK) * Cell-based Trivalent Influenza Vaccine Seqirus (CSL Seqirus UK) * Influenza TIV MYL (Viatris) * Supemtek TIVr (Sanofi) | **Do not** use generic terms like:   * **Influenza vaccine** – this is not enough information to identify the vaccine given and some manufacturers make more than one flu vaccine. * **Influenza vaccine, batch number 123456** – this is not enough information to identify the vaccine given. * **‘Supplier name’ Trivalent, e.g. Seqirus Trivalent or Sanofi Trivalent** - some manufactures make more than one flu vaccine, this is not enough information to identify the vaccine given. * **Under 65** or **Over 65** - some manufacturers make more than one vaccine that may fit this description. |

**Example of a FP34 Appendix Form completed correctly**

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|  | Name of Doctor | Doctor Index Number | Prescribed Vaccine Order | Endorsement of Manufacturer and/or Brand | Endorsement of Presentation / Pack Endorsement | Patient Dosage | Total number of doses administered in the month |
| **ü** | Dr Jones | 123456 | Vaxigrip | Sanofi | 10 | 0.5ml | 250 |
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| **ü** | Dr Smith | 987654 | Adjuvanted Trivalent Influenza Vaccine Seqirus | CSL Seqirus UK | 10 | 0.5ml | 100 |
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| **ü** | Dr Smith | 987654 | Cell-based Trivalent Influenza Vaccine Seqirus | CSL Seqirus UK | 10 | 0.5ml | 100 |
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Post Payment Verification (PPV)

GP practices and PCN groupings must keep clear and up to date records on the administration and movement of influenza vaccines to support any claims made for IoS fees, reimbursement, or Personal Administration fees. Your records should include details of:

* Vaccines retained from the previous flu season
* Vaccines ordered and received
* Item of service fees claimed
* Vaccine reimbursement claimed (including historic claims made within this flu season)
* Vaccines returned for a refund
* Vaccines destroyed or wasted
* Vaccines redistributed
* Vaccines retained for future use

Keeping these records is important to enable accurate and timely submission of reimbursement claims. This information may be requested as part of post payment verification activities during or following the influenza season.

Community Pharmacy

Claiming Item of Service fees – Community Pharmacy

Pharmacy contractors administering seasonal influenza vaccinations are entitled to claim an Item of Service fee of £9.58 for each vaccination administered.

Vaccination events must be recorded in a Point of Care system and payments for this service must be made via the NHSBSA’s MYS platform.

Claims for payments for this advanced service must be made via the NHSBSA’s MYS platform. Claims for payment should be submitted by the 5th of the month following the month the activity was provided, and no later than three months from the claim period for the chargeable activity provided (the usual grace period). Claims which relate to work completed more than three months after the claim period in question, will not be paid and the pharmacy contractor will not receive any payment for the administration of those vaccinations.

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Claiming Reimbursement

Pharmacy contractors will be reimbursed for the cost of the vaccine administered. This should be claimed using the MYS platform.

Post Payment Verification

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* Vaccines ordered and received
* Item of service fees claimed
* Vaccine reimbursement claimed
* Vaccines returned for a refund
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