

To

Third and Independent Sector Healthcare

21st January 2021

Dear Independent Health and Social Care Providers and Representatives

RE: Independent Health and Social Care frontline workers Vaccination Access

I am writing today to inform you of the work that is being progressed to enable Independent Health or Social Care patient-facing, frontline workers to access COVID-19 vaccinations in Scotland. This concerns those who are initially eligible as meeting the CMO's [list](#), which is illustrative but not exhaustive. This list is drawn from the [Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation \(JCVI\) Priority Group 2 definitions](#), which defines patient-facing frontline workers.

This is the biggest logistical exercise in the history of vaccination and we are providing the vaccine to people on a clinical prioritisation basis as set out by the JCVI.

This wide group of Third and Independent sector health and social care staff are equally highly valued for their work and contribution to the pandemic and we want to reassure this workforce that processes for enabling access to vaccination for eligible individuals are being clarified.

To support these valued Third and Independent Sector Health and Social Care Staff to access vaccinations, the Scottish Government Flu Vaccination and Covid Vaccination Programme has established a Short Life Working Group (SLWG). This group are currently scoping options with Health Boards to understand and make clear the points of access and process by which those eligible staff in the independent and third sector can access vaccination. The SLWG group will communicate these to you again on, or before, Tuesday 26th January, 2021.

In the meantime, we ask that you share this interim communication with your members, staff and key stakeholders to keep them as informed as possible, and to reassure them that every step is being taken to make access to vaccination as streamlined and uncomplicated as possible for this group.

Many thanks in advance for your support with these communications

With best wishes,



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