

# NHS Flu Season 2018/19

Learning Disabilities fall into the 'Chronic Neurological disease' clinical risk category eligible for a free NHS vaccination. Have you a plan in your pharmacy to cover those with LD in your locality? Have you contacted local support centres or groups? Are you informing parents or carers? Here are two templates that can be adapted to mail-out as required:

- [Umbrella local care provider support organisations](#)
- [Local charity support groups](#)

This week's key actions are:

1. **KEEP the flu focus** during this month, as interest will be high following the commencement of NHS advertising, so hopefully lots of people will now be requesting the service.
2. Offer as many 'While you wait' vaccinations as you can, but if too busy at that time then book in an appointment at the most convenient time for the patient and your workload profile.
3. If stocks of the aTIV vaccine for over 65s are low, plan appointments for later in the month after you have received your second delivery instalment. Stock of QIV for under 65s is plentiful, so encourage the whole team to be proactive in identifying these patients.
4. Ensure the [@flufreewessex](#) twitter site is on your website and shared whenever possible.
5. Continue with your recruiting / bookings and mention the [@flufreewessex](#) in conversations with ALL your patients.



# Influenza



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