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**To all Community Pharmacies in the Wessex area**

Dear colleague,

Guidance and a manual data collection form you can use for the 2018/19 Community Pharmacy mandatory national audit, looking at patients with diabetes and how they access influenza vaccination, has been published.

This audit is to be conducted over a one-week period (or longer, if necessary, to collect data from a minimum of 10 patients) between **24 October and 16 December 2018** (you may need to use more than one copy of the data collection form to collect data from all patients). More information on how to conduct this audit can be found in the guidance, which is available via this link: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/commissioning/primary-care/pharmacy/pharmacy-resources/>

As the national NHS England audit for 2018/19, this audit is for completion by all pharmacies, including those not operating the seasonal influenza vaccination advanced service in 2018/19. If the pharmacy is not offering the influenza service, or does not have sufficient stocks of vaccine at the time of the audit, please direct those who wish to be vaccinated to speak to their GP surgery or another pharmacy to access vaccination. Due to national supply issues with some vaccines, patients should be advised to call ahead to ensure their chosen provider has the recommended vaccine available.

Once you have collected the data, please visit the online portal at <https://pharmacy-flu2018.nhsdatacollection.org/> to submit your data. Please note that the portal will open on 22 October and close at midnight on **30 December 2018** – please ensure you have submitted your data before this date to ensure you are compliant with your contractual Terms of Service.

Further information can be found on the PSNC website via this link: <https://psnc.org.uk/contract-it/essential-service-clinical-governance/clinical-audit/national-clinical-audit-2018-19-flu-vaccination-for-people-with-diabetes/>

Kind regards

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