

Action for contractors: please report your flu vac stocks levels on Wednesday

PSNC is asking pharmacy contractors to provide information on their flu vaccination stock levels at close of business on **Wednesday 12th December**.

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This can be done by counting stock and then completing a short survey by Friday 14th December, and it will help NHS England and local partners to ensure that as many vaccines as possible get administered to eligible patients.

## Why should I participate?

Providing this information will allow NHS England and local partners to identify which pharmacies still have stock of vaccine available, enabling this information to be shared with pharmacies, general practices and patients. This should help maximise the use of all available vaccines and minimise waste for community pharmacy contractors.

## Do I have to compete the survey?

No, completing the survey is voluntary but participating will help to ensure that as many people as possible are vaccinated and unused stock in pharmacies is minimised.

## What do I need to do?

If you wish to take part:

- 1. Count your stock of adjuvanted trivalent inactivated vaccine (Fluad) and quadrivalent vaccines at close of business on Wednesday 12th December.
- 2. Complete the survey with your stock information by Friday 14th December. The survey can be found on PharmOutcomes (under Services) or in Sonar (for London contractors).

Data will be shared by PharmOutcomes/Sonar with NHS England and Public Health England to inform CCGs, the public, other community pharmacies and GP practices about the availability of flu vaccines.

If a contractor has not used PharmOutcomes before, log in details can be obtained by sending a message to the <u>PharmOutcomes helpdesk</u>; contractors will need to provide details of the pharmacy, contact information and an email address to issue the login details to.

## How long will it take?

Once you have counted your vaccine stock, the survey only has two questions, so it should not take more than a minute or two to complete.

PSNC would like to thank all contractors that take part in this exercise.

