



Flu vaccine gave significant protection to older adults last winter

PHE's latest [annual influenza report for the UK](#), covering the winter of 2018/19, published this week, records low-to-moderate levels of flu activity in the community – although the impact on secondary care in terms of hospitalisations and ICU admissions was high. The annual report also shows that, overall, the flu vaccine offered to those eligible for immunisation reduced the likelihood of visiting a GP because of flu by approximately 44%; also that the adjuvanted vaccine – given to the majority of adults aged 65-and-over for the first time – was estimated to have provided approximately 60% protection against the flu strains circulating during the 2018/19 season. More children took up the offer of the flu vaccine than ever before, with around 3 million being vaccinated.

Please also read the latest [Vaccine update: issue 294 May 2019](#) for more detailed information from PHE

- some very special vaccine heroes
- PHE research - results of attitudinal survey
- healthcare worker flu vaccination programme
- MMR and MenACWY vaccination before the holiday season begins
- protecting young babies against pertussis by vaccinating pregnant women
- vaccine supply - centrally supplied
- vaccine supply - non-centrally supplied
- latest vaccination uptake figures, for shingles and the pertussis maternal vaccination programme
- the EU Falsified Medicines Directive (FMD) and Delegated Regulation