NHS Flu Season 2017/18

Although the Service Spec and PGD for this year have not been released yet, there is still plenty of preparation that can be done now in order to ensure each pharmacy is ready for the GO when details are finally released:

What to start this week: 3 weeks to go ...

- 1. Review and refresh your knowledge with this quick slide presentation (note this was for 2016/17).
- 2. Consider & review the training requirements for the team their understanding of the service and who's eligible.
- Ensure clinical waste contract is set up if not already in place.
- 4. Ensure necessary equipment & supplies i.e. spill kit, anaphylaxis pack, clinical waste bin.
- 5. Review & update / develop support documentation i.e. anaphylaxis telephone card, chaperone policy, needle stick injury procedure, infection control guidance procedures.
- 6. Prepare leaflets and information resources for promoting to patients to boost recruitment.

The following leaflets are available to print for each high risk eligible condition:

Chronic kidney disease **Diabetes** Heart disease Liver disease Neurological disease **Pregnancy** Respiratory conditions

Clarification on who's eligible will be in the Service Spec, Annexe A 2017/18 To help you identify patients now, here is last years' Service Specification for guidance use only.

Although not yet confirmed, please note the 2 key changes to the service that will occur this year. Details are on this PSNC link

We also suggest that you watch the PSNC video by Rosie Taylor in which she explains everything our teams need to know

