

To: **All contracted CPFV pharmacies - regional**

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Dear Colleague

RE: URGENT UPDATE - COMMUNITY PHARMACY SEASONAL FLU VACCINATION (CPFV) SERVICE

No Central Stock of Quadrivalent Inactivated Vaccine (QIVc) for CPFV service until further notice.

Further to our recent correspondence (19th October 2020), we write to inform contractors that there is currently no central stock of QIVc available for the CPFV service from Movianto NI. No further orders can be placed at this time.

Additional supplies of seasonal influenza vaccine are due to become available for ordering from mid to late November. In the interim vaccination services may have to be temporarily paused, or run at a reduced volume.

The HSCB, PHA and DoH are continuing to work closely with Movianto NI to ensure minimal disruption to the service. As there is no longer any central stock of QIVc, the following actions are required:

Action for pharmacy contractors

- Those pharmacies with remaining stock should continue to vaccinate HSCWs, **giving priority to frontline HSCWs (i.e. those with direct patient facing role).**
- If booked appointments need to be delayed/ rearranged, please contact the patient to notify them of the service delays due to supply shortages and remind them of any alternative vaccination services they can avail of.
- Manage future demand for the service by advising HSCWs that the pharmacy is awaiting further supply and will be in contact to arrange appointments in due course.

Please Note: Only central stock supplied by Movianto NI can be used for the CPFV service. Private stock cannot be used at any time to deliver this service. Pharmacies should ensure any remaining CPFV service stock is segregated from private stock.

We apologise for this inconvenience and aim to update on vaccine supply as soon as possible.

For any queries please contact: Chris Blayney (chris.blayney@hscni.net) or Greg Miller (greg.miller@hscni.net)

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joe Brogan', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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