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Vaccine Management System (VMS) software Version 2.0 update

Dear Colleague,

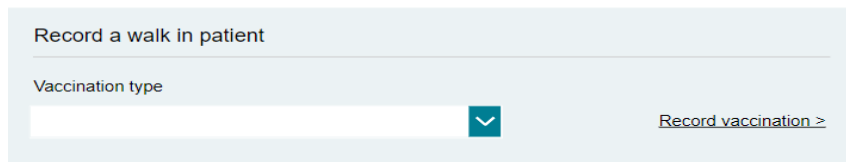
The VMS has been updated following feedback from providers to improve operational use. The changes to the system are now live and apply to all providers.

Main updates to VMS

The main changes to the VMS software are:


- Record a walk in patient
- Record a historical vaccination at this location
- Recording the clinical assessment
- Autofill of vaccination details
- School ID number (for information only)

Record a walk in patient



Record a walk in patient

Vaccination type




[Record vaccination >](#)

This allows a vaccination to be recorded for an individual who attends a pharmacy without having booked an appointment.

Record a historical vaccination at this location

Record a historical vaccination at this location

Only use this when you are entering vaccination details that have already been recorded on paper. It should not be used for recording vaccinations given by another provider.

Vaccine type 

[Record a historical vaccination >](#)

This allows a vaccination to be recorded on VMS which assumes the patient has been vaccinated previously and there is not a need to create an appointment or check ID. This can only be used to record vaccinations administered by your pharmacy. It cannot be used to record vaccinations by another provider.

Recording the clinical assessment

There is now the option to record the clinical assessment:

- on VMS or
- confirm it has been undertaken and recorded elsewhere

Clinical assessment

Where will you record the clinical assessment?

Record on VMS

Record elsewhere, NOT on VMS

[Save and continue](#) [Cancel and return to patient record](#)

If the clinical assessment is not recorded on VMS then the paper record should be retained securely within the pharmacy for a period of eight years, after the conclusion of the vaccination or for eight years after death.

Autofill of vaccination details

To enable more efficient data entry VMS will now retain the vaccination details of the previous vaccine entry i.e. either COVID or flu vaccine.

To utilise the autofill option pharmacies should check the tick box “use previous flu/COVID vaccine details”. The autofill function will populate or unpopulate the autofill data by toggling the tick box. **Please note** if the autofill function is ticked you cannot manually overwrite the autofill data. You must uncheck the tick box to manually select vaccination details.

Vaccination record

Use previous " details entered

Date of vaccination

Vaccine administered

Batch number

The vaccination details will auto-fill from the last record (COVID or flu vaccine) and reset on a daily basis. **Please Note!** If a Moderna COVID-19 booster was the last recorded vaccination the autofill will present the booster vaccination details for the next record.

The following details will be autofilled if the autofill function is ticked:

- Date of vaccination
- Batch number
- Expiry date
- Name of vaccinator
- Vaccine administered

It is extremely important that staff ensure the autofill vaccination details are the correct selection for the current patient.

School ID number for individuals under 16 years old (for information only)

As the flu and Covid-19 vaccination programmes are rolled out in schools the VMS will display a data field to enter the school ID for individuals under 16 years old. The school ID is the individual's allocated DENI number. As pharmacies are not vaccinating this cohort of patients this is for information purposes only.

Department of Educate Northern Ireland number

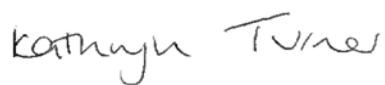
Enter DENI number (optional)
For example, 123-1234. [Search for DENI number](#)

DENI can only contain text with no special characters (Limit 20 characters)

The HSCB continues to work with Kainos to develop and improve the VMS and will notify pharmacies of future updates as they become available

If you have any queries in relation to the VMS, please contact either:
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Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathryn Turner". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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