

## For the attention of Community Pharmacies providing the Autumn 2023 Seasonal Influenza Community Pharmacy Vaccine Service (CPVS):

Update Nine: 14<sup>th</sup> Dec 2023

### Influenza Vaccination for High-Risk Avian Animal Workers

- High- risk avian animal workers (those undertaking bird culling or cleaning at confirmed avian influenza outbreak premises or handling live birds which are unwell) have been added to the list of eligible cohorts for the Flu CPVS.
- Please see the CMO letter issued 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023 linked [here](#) and the updated Green Book chapter linked [here](#) for more information.
- The Influenza PGD has also been updated to include this change and is available on both the [PCI](#) and [BSO](#) websites.
- VMS has been updated to include the option of 'Bird Culler' when selecting patient risk category, see below:

Is the patient a health and social care worker?

Yes  No

Select all that apply to patient (if any)

Care home resident

Family Carer

Household immunosuppressed

Foster Carer

At Risk

Immunosuppressed

Bird Culler

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Regards,

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