

## SPPG Guidance: Eligible Cohorts

### Pharmacy Seasonal Influenza Vaccination Programme – 2025/26

Community pharmacies will support the Seasonal Influenza Vaccination Programme by offering the influenza vaccine to those aged 18 years and over in the following groups:

- those aged 65 years and over  
(including those aged 65 by 31 March 2026)
- those aged 18 years to 64 years in a clinical at-risk group  
(as defined in Table 19.4 (Flu) of the [Green Book](#))
- residents and staff in RQIA registered care homes
- immunosuppressed (as defined in Table 19.4 (Flu) of the [Green Book](#)) and close contacts of immunocompromised individuals
- carers
- pregnant women
- All Health & Social Care Workers (HSCWs)\*
- High-risk poultry and avian animal health workers [HSS\(MD\) 43/2024](#)

\*Includes all staff who are employed directly by HSC organisations and those employed as and by independent contractors such as general practitioners (GPs), dentists, pharmacists and ophthalmic practitioners. This includes non-clinical ancillary staff who may have social contact with patients but are not directly involved in patient care.

### Vaccines available for the 2025/26 Seasonal Influenza Vaccination programme

<b>65 years and over.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>aIV</b></li> </ul> <b>Seqirus Adjuvanted Trivalent Influenza Vaccine</b>	<b>Under 65 years in an eligible cohort</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>IIVc</b></li> </ul> <b>Seqirus Cell-Based Trivalent Influenza Vaccine</b>
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**Note:** Offer IIVc if aIV is contraindicated e.g. egg allergy.