

NHS COVID'19 booster programme (Phase 3)

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Phase 3 Boosters: Key Messages



Indications for booster programme

[Interim JCVI advice](#) issued on 30/06/21:

- Potential COVID-19 booster campaign in Autumn with additional dose to vulnerable groups to maintain high levels of protection. If recommended, current draft guidance:

Stage 1: To be offered a COVID-19 booster vaccine and the annual influenza vaccine as soon as possible from September 2021	Stage 2: To be offered a COVID-19 booster vaccine as soon as practicable after Stage 1, with equal emphasis on deployment of the influenza vaccine where eligible
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adults aged 16 years and over who are immunosuppressed• Those living in residential care homes for older adults• All adults aged 70 years or over• Adults aged 16 years and over who are considered clinically extremely vulnerable• Frontline health and social care workers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All adults aged 50 years and over• Adults aged 16 to 49 years who are in an influenza or COVID-19 at-risk group. (Refer to the Green Book for details of at-risk groups). This will include residents within non-older adult care homes.• Adult household contacts of immunosuppressed individuals

- Final guidance from the JCVI will be issued following publication of the results from the CovBoost study, which is expected at the end of August/start of September.
- The final guidance is expected to include detail on which Covid vaccine should be administered (the same vaccine as 1st and 2nd dose, or different), and how the boosters should be aligned with the flu programme in terms of co-administration.

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Preparation for phase 3

- From September, the focus of the vaccination programme will shift towards a potential COVID-19 booster programme ([JCVI interim advice](#) to run alongside the seasonal flu programme*. However, this should not delay provision of the COVID-19 booster dose to care home residents following issue of JCVI updated guidance.
- The NHS wrote to health systems in July and advised boosters are expected to be delivered between 6th September and 15th December (over 15 weeks) authority and time frames are subject to final confirmation following publication of the JCVI guidance.
- The 'evergreen offer' will be in place to enable all adults yet to receive a first dose, or to complete their second dose, to do so.
 - We would encourage care home staff to start the consenting process of residents immediately in advance of the booster vaccination (see [Chapter 2 of the Green Book](#)).
 - We expect the delivery model for care homes will take place via a roving model from PCN led sites as per dose 1 and dose 2 visits.
 - We have requested the delivery model includes vaccination of staff in all care homes not just older adult care homes; this would promote access to workplace-based vaccinations for an additional 90k staff.
 - We expect local commissioners to arrange for coverage from alternative providers where there is any gap in PCN coverage in terms of Phase 3. We would expect that this will be in place from the start of the booster programme in terms of equity of access by all patient groups.
 - We expect the guidance to include clinical details about when the booster vaccination is due.

*The [national flu letter](#) highlights concerns about levels of population immunity to Flu given low numbers of infection last winter suggests that "early evidence... supports the delivery of both vaccines at the same time where appropriate".

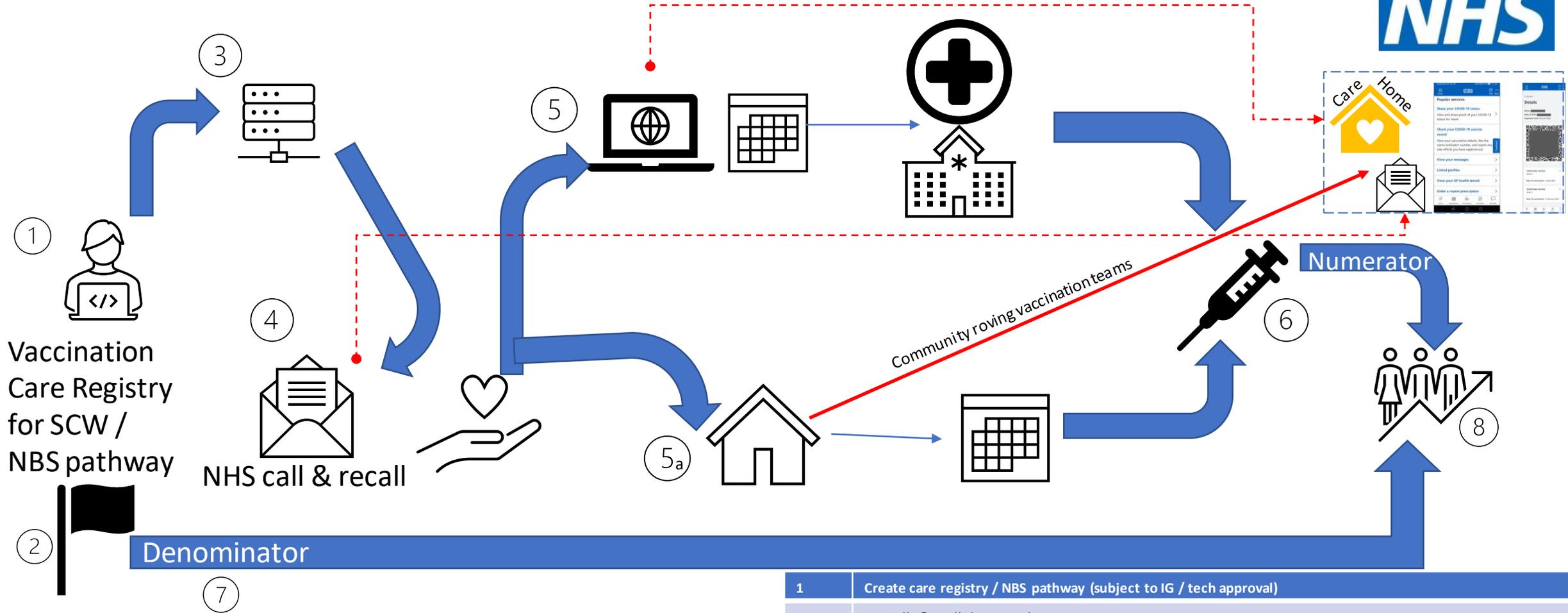
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The evergreen offer and Vaccination as a Condition for Deployment

- The regulations around making vaccines a condition of deployment for those working in CQC registered care homes were approved through parliament on the 22 July 2021. We are now in a period of grace before they come into force on 11 November 2021. [Draft regulations can be found here.](#)
 - This means that those staff not vaccinated will need to have had their first dose by 16 September in order to ensure two doses by 11 November, unless medical exemptions apply. There are a range of circumstances in which an exemption may be granted which will reflect the [Green Book on Immunisation against infectious disease, chapter 14a](#) and clinical advice from the Joint Committee of Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI). Guidance on certification is currently being developed.
 - Booster doses for staff are not currently included in the regulations, but managers are strongly advised to encourage workers to take up booster vaccines if eligible; provision for booster vaccines may be added to the regulations in the future.
 - A copy of the current DHSC stakeholder Q&A document is available [VCOD - Google Drive](#)
 - NHSEI Guidance on Vaccinations for NHS Staff Entering Care Homes has been published on 20th August. This requires care home staff to refuse entry to anybody who cannot evidence that they have had two doses of a Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) approved COVID-19 vaccine, or that they come within a specified exemption. This applies to all Care Quality Commission (CQC) regulated care homes providing nursing or personal care in England. The letter and supporting FAQs can be found in the following [link](#)

Phase 3 Boosters: Care group in focus: Social Care Workers



1	Create care registry / NBS pathway (subject to IG / tech approval)
2	Digitally flag all the records
3	Identify those due a booster (process subject to final JCVI clinical advice)
4	Call those SCW staff due for a booster
5	Allow to book online via NBS – vaccinated at site such as VCs Community Pharmacies, some HH and PCNs
5a	NHS Call and recall letter used in primary care to access C-19 via PCN and Flu jab – vaccinated at PCNs
6	Data on those vaccinated collated to provide numerator
7	Data from care registry provides denominator
8	Numerator / denominator = %Uptake