

NHS England South (South East)
Position Statement on Influenza Vaccine for 2018/19 Season –
updated 5th February 2018 following issue of NHSE letter

Commissioning Position
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The advice from NHSE national team should be taken into account when placing orders for flu vaccines • General Practice and Community Pharmacies should offer quadrivalent influenza vaccine to eligible patients in at risk groups under the age of 65. • General Practice and Community Pharmacies should offer the adjuvanted trivalent vaccine (Fluad®) to patients aged 65 and over • The prescribing of TIV vaccines for any cohort is not advised for patients registered with a GP in NHS England South (South East) or those patients resident in Kent, Surrey, Sussex but not currently registered with a GP. • Prescribing of quadrivalent influenza vaccine is not advised for use in patients aged 65 and over registered with a GP in NHS England South (South East) or those patients resident in Kent, Surrey, Sussex but not currently registered with a GP.
Summary of evidence
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please refer to national NHS E letter Gateway reference 07648 dated 5th February 2018.
Financial Implications
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National funding is now available for aTIV vaccines for those aged 65 and over and for QIV vaccines for those aged under 65 in at risk groups for the 2018/19 season and claims should be made in the usual way