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## **Seeking EoI - Flu vaccinations for Birmingham Christmas Shelter**



**The LPC has been approached by Birmingham Christmas Shelter for support to provide one off-site flu vaccination session for their homeless guests and volunteers this Christmas.**

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*Message from Birmingham Christmas Shelter*

### **Why Support Is Needed**

We see about 150 to 200 guests on each of the 4 days we are open. While several will have had flu vaccinations, it is likely that 50% will not. Given their rough sleeping lifestyle they are at particular risk and we have had a death over Christmas of a guest from severe pneumonia and influenza. However, in addition to the vulnerability of our guests, we are also concerned about the risks to our volunteers.

About 50 volunteers will be working as health and social care workers with our homeless guests on each shift this Christmas. In the past we have advised them to have both Covid and Flu vaccinations as many of our volunteers pick up infections from our guests. As you know, free Covid vaccinations are severely restricted this year so we are advising our volunteers to protect themselves against influenza. However, many will not have been able to get one.

### **What Birmingham Christmas Shelter Is Requesting**

- At least one 2 hour flu vaccination session.
- The afternoon of the 24th December would be the most appropriate.
- Please confirm how many people each worker can vaccinate during this period, we will arrange an appropriate booking list.

### **Facilities Birmingham Christmas Shelter Will Provide**

- A room to administer injections.
- Sharps boxes for clinical waste.
- A volunteer chaperone for the service provider.

### **Off Site Flu Vaccination Requirements**

Contractors must ensure:

- *Where vaccinations are undertaken off the pharmacy premises, the pharmacy contractor must ensure there is an on-site pharmacist or pharmacy technician responsible for the delivery of the advanced service (or delivering the vaccination service themselves) and that vaccinators:*
- *are delivering vaccines in accordance with the Inactivated influenza vaccine Patient Group Direction or the National protocol for inactivated influenza vaccine, as appropriate;*
- *have professional indemnity that covers off-site vaccinations;*
- *continue to adhere to all professional standards relating to vaccinations;*
- *follow appropriate cold-chain storage measures;*
- *ensure that the setting used to administer the vaccinations is appropriate (including ensuring Patient confidentiality as appropriate); and*
- *appropriately dispose of any clinical waste or personal protective equipment used during the vaccination process.*

**Expressions of Interest - Contact Birmingham Christmas Shelter Directly.**

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