

## COVID-19 Vaccinations for Carers

Carers are one of the groups of people identified within Cohort 6 for priority vaccination.

All eligible carers will be contacted by the NHS when it's their turn to get the vaccine and will be given the information they need to book a vaccination. We are currently working from lists of 'known' carers to do this.

Not all carers will be eligible at this stage.

**Eligible carers are those that care for someone who is more at risk of death or serious illness if they contract COVID-19.**

**It does not include those that care for children unless the child has severe neuro-disabilities**

The following carers are currently being invited as a priority for vaccination as part of Cohort 6:

- Carers who are known to GPs and have a 'carers flag' on their primary care record. These carers will be invited for vaccination by their GP practice.
- Carers who are eligible to receive carers allowance. These carers will be invited to book a vaccination at one of the mass vaccination centres.
- Carers who are known to Local Authorities who are in receipt of support following a carers assessment. These carers will be invited to book a vaccination at one of the mass vaccination centres.

There are other unpaid carers who are a priority but are not known to the NHS or local authority. A new national process is being set up so that carers can self-declare to confirm they are caring for someone who is vulnerable to COVID-19 leading to a priority vaccine. We will communicate further about this when available.

It is important that people caring for someone who may be a vulnerable person but **not in relation to COVID-19** should wait to be contacted when their age group is invited for vaccination.

Everyone over 18 will be invited for a vaccination by July 2021. Please do not contact your GP or Local Authority to try and get a vaccine. You will be contacted when you are eligible. Also, please do not approach your GP for your name to be added as a carer, new notifications need to be through the national process.

By working through the population in this way means those most vulnerable to dying or being hospitalised as a result of contracting COVID-19 are vaccinated first.