



To: Third and Independent Health and Social Care Providers and Representatives

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Planning Leads

Operational Leads

**Re: Independent Health and Social Care new frontline workers Vaccination Access**

14<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Dear Colleagues

Following communication of 28<sup>th</sup> January 2021, I write to thank you for all your hard work and efforts to ensure that the workforce across the Health and Social Care Sector in Scotland are vaccinated.

I also want to take the opportunity to refresh you of the agreed processes for scheduling vaccination of the frontline health and social care workforce, particularly those new to the service since the commencement of the COVID-19 Vaccination Programme (those not already vaccinated as part of the JCVI priority group, or within their age range).

For clarity front line health and social care workers that should be prioritised for vaccination are those that provide direct personal care to those most at risk of COVID-19 disease and its complications; the elderly, those with particular chronic medical conditions which increase their risk from COVID, and children with severe neuro-disabilities and complex needs.

I provide at Appendix A updated contact details for Health and Social Care providers, organisations and individuals to use to put forward eligible staff to be scheduled for vaccination in their local health board. These are updated from previous letter issued from Paul Hawkins on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2021 which remains to provide the correct advice and guidance on the process to be followed to put forward Health and Social Care staff for vaccination. At Appendix C of that letter you will find Guidance for Bank, Agency, Locum and Health and Social Care Students on Placements. This has now changed and should continue to be used in practice.

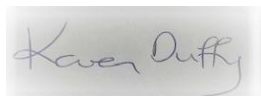
We continue to progress at pace with 2<sup>nd</sup> doses for all citizens. This has not been brought forward to the optimal time of 8th week Post 1<sup>st</sup> dose following recent JCVI changes. People can find out where they should be on their vaccine journey at this link. [Self-help guide: Coronavirus vaccination journey | NHS inform](#)

Health Boards are also all starting to offer a range of Drop-In clinics for anyone who may still need a 1<sup>st</sup> dose or who wants to bring forward their second dose. Health Boards advertise these on their social media pages on Facebook and Twitter. They will usually say what vaccine type these clinics are – and these are most AstraZeneca at this point.

I hope that this provides a useful refresh to assist you all to support this priority workforce group to be put forward and scheduled for COVID-19 vaccination in their local health board.

Thank you again for your motivation, support and encouragements to aid a whole population vaccination approach to COVID-19.

Yours sincerely



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## **Appendix A**



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## **Appendix B**



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