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Vaccine Update

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Flu vaccination programme – 2026 to 2027

Since the publication of **issue 375 • Aug 2026** (The Flu vaccination programme – 2026 to 2027) on 8 September 2026 several resources to support the flu immunisation programme have been published. This additional Vaccine update is designed to accompany the original edition that is available at [weblink 1](#).

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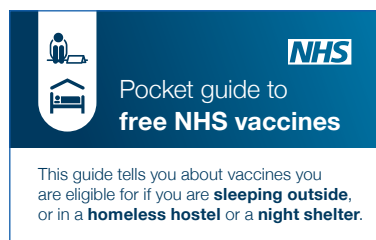
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People Experiencing Homelessness (PEH)

Public health promotional materials to support seasonal flu and pneumococcal vaccination for rough sleepers and those using homeless hostels or night-shelters, are now available on [.GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk) (weblink 2), including a poster, flyer and pocket guide.



People experiencing homelessness pocket guide to vaccines

Available in English. Copies can be downloaded and or ordered using product code: **126546ADEN001** (weblink 3).

This is a pocket guide to vaccines for people experiencing homelessness. It offers information on the flu, pneumococcal and other vaccines offered to eligible people. Anyone living in tents, hostels, vans or sleeping outside is entitled to a flu and pneumococcal vaccine this winter. All stakeholders, charities and outreach teams can order stock of these guides to give out.



People experiencing homelessness guide to vaccines leaflet

Available in English. Copies can be downloaded and or ordered using product code: **126546AEEN001** (weblink 4).

This guide is for people experiencing homelessness and explains about the vaccines offered to them. There is also a poster and a pocket guide which can also be ordered. All hostels, outreach teams, stakeholders and charities can order as many copies of all three resources needed to promote the offer of flu and pneumococcal vaccines this winter and the need to catch up on all routine or selective vaccines they may have missed or be eligible for due to circumstances.



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Have your free NHS vaccines to help you stay well this winter

If you are experiencing homelessness and sleeping outside or staying in a homeless hostel or a night shelter, you are at higher risk from infections like flu.

Help protect yourself and others
Vaccines are free and have a good safety record. They help to stop serious illness and some causes of cancer.

A FREE flu vaccine is available
The best time to have this is by the end of November, before flu typically starts to spread widely in December. But you can still have a flu vaccine later.

Other free vaccines
Your GP practice can also offer:

- Pneumonia vaccine
- missed childhood vaccines
- other vaccines depending on your health and situation

Your right to NHS treatment

- everyone in the UK can register with a GP
- no ID, proof of address or immigration status needed

Not sure about having your vaccines? Worried about injections or jabs?
Ask for information, and share any concerns you have with your doctor, health worker or your outreach team to help you decide. You can take someone with you when you go for a vaccination.

Groundswell
The UK Health Security Agency looks after public health. They worked with the NHS and Groundswell Homeless Health Charity to make this poster. We all want to help improve the health of people who are homeless sleeping outside or using shelters and hostels.

Have your vaccines at a pharmacy, GP practice or from an outreach team who offer vaccinations.

immunisation
helping to protect everyone, at every age

People experiencing homelessness vaccines poster

Available in English. Copies can be downloaded and or ordered using product code: **126546ACEN001** (weblink 5).

This poster is aimed at those experiencing homelessness who are living in hostels, vans, in tents or sleeping outside. It should be displayed in all hostels, shelters and accommodation for people who often sleep outside. It should also be displayed in areas where people live in tents, on the streets or in vans to promote the availability of the flu and pneumococcal vaccines.



A multi-agency toolkit for planning and delivery of vaccinations to people experiencing homelessness is **available from weblink 9**



Focus on pregnant women



The '5 reasons to have your flu vaccine during pregnancy poster' is now available on [.GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk) (weblink 6). Available in English. Copies can be downloaded and or ordered using product code: **218467TEN001**

This 5 reasons to have your flu vaccine poster can be ordered to be displayed in all maternity, GP, pharmacy or suitable locations to promote the annual flu vaccine.

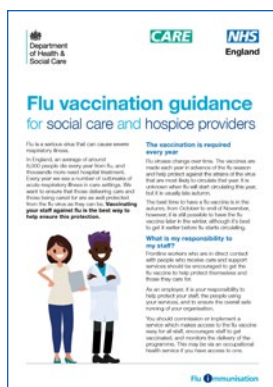
Focus on frontline health and social care workers

The [adult social care guides](#) and [new social care poster](#) have now been published (weblink 7) and includes guidance and resources for social care workers and carers, hospice providers, personal care assistants, and the 'The 5 reasons to get vaccinated' poster.

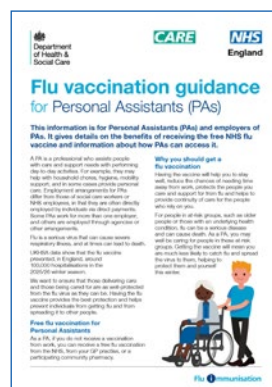
You can view, download, or order printed copies of these leaflets for free from Find Public Health Resources using the product codes:



Social care workers and carers:
218467REN001



Social care and hospice providers:
218467SEN001



Personal care assistants:
218467QEN001



Poster:
218467PEN001

Any provider, local authority, NHS organisation, charity, outreach VSCE, social care worker, personal care assistant or care home provider who wishes to promote and improve uptake of vaccination can use this free service. You can register Find Public Health Resources to place orders up to 500 of each item. You can also call 0300 123 1002 or if you want larger quantities of any item, you can email publichealthresources@ukhsa.gov.uk

Adult flu supply leaflet 2026 to 2027



The 'Why do I have to wait for my flu vaccination?' leaflet is now available on [.GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk) (weblink 8). Available in English. You can view, download, or order printed copies of these leaflets for free from Find Public Health Resources using the product code: **218467VEN001**.

A new leaflet has been published to explain this year's adult flu vaccine supply situation (there are not expected to be any issues with supply for the children's flu vaccination programme) and answer common questions.



Weblinks

- Weblink 1 <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/vaccine-update-issue-375-flu-special-2026/vaccine-update-issue-375-flu-special-2026>
- Weblink 2 <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/vaccination-resources-for-people-experiencing-homelessness-peh>
- Weblink 3 <https://find-public-health-resources.service.gov.uk/People%20experiencing%20homelessness%20pocket%20guide%20to%20vaccines/126546ADEN001>
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- Weblink 5 <https://find-public-health-resources.service.gov.uk/People%20experiencing%20homelessness%20vaccines%20poster%20/126546ACEN001>
- Weblink 6 <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/5-reasons-to-have-your-flu-vaccine-when-pregnant-poster>
- Weblink 7 <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/flu-immunisation-for-social-care-staff>
- Weblink 8 <https://find-public-health-resources.service.gov.uk/Why%20do%20I%20have%20to%20wait%20for%20my%20flu%20vaccine%20-%20flu%20supply%20leaflet/218467VEN001>
- Weblink 9 <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/supporting-vaccination-of-people-experiencing-homelessness>