

## EMAIL FROM JESS MCGREGOR, CAMDEN DIRECTOR OF ADULT SOCIAL CARE

### **Re VCS and vaccinations (under the social care workforce eligibility definition)**

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Dear VCS partner,

I am emailing as Camden's lead for vaccination of the frontline social care workforce in the borough. This email sets out key information on eligibility for vaccination under this priority cohort, information on a Q&A session where you can find out more, and an email address to contact us in relation to any queries.

### **Who is eligible under the social care workforce definition**

The DHSC published a SOP (Standard Operating Procedures) for Vaccination. This sets out the national eligibility criteria for the covid-19 vaccination priority roll out. Any individual who meets the criteria (as quoted below) should be able to access the vaccine.

*The definition is: 'All **frontline social care workers** directly working with people clinically vulnerable to COVID-19 who need **care and support** irrespective of where they work (for example in people's own homes, day centres, care homes for working age adults or supported housing); whether they care for **clinically vulnerable adults or children**; or who they are employed by (for example local government, NHS private sector or third sector employees)'*

However, the following groups are excluded from the criteria (in line with the national guidance):

- Social care workers working with children who are not clinically extremely vulnerable to COVID-19. (The list of clinically extremely vulnerable (CEV) groups can be found [here](#). It covers those on the Shielded Patient List or with specific conditions which are listed.
- Administrative, ancillary or management staff who do not have any direct contact with clients.
- Unpaid carers (who are covered in priority group six – plans are underway for the rollout of vaccinations to this group).

This definition doesn't necessarily apply to the service or setting they work in but whether they are delivering direct social care to clinically vulnerable adults and clinically extremely vulnerable children-

### **How you can find out more and how you can contact us**

If any vcs organisation thinks it has staff who meet the criteria they should contact [socialcarevaccinationinfo@camden.gov.uk](mailto:socialcarevaccinationinfo@camden.gov.uk)

I will be hosting a **webinar talk and Q&A on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February at 9.30am** about the vaccination roll out under the social care workforce priority group. Leads in VCS organisations are encouraged to attend, and can join on Tuesday by [clicking this link](#).. I hope you will be able to attend.

The 9 JCVI priority cohorts for the roll out of the vaccinations are listed below.

## JCVI Phase 1 Vaccination Groups

*Direct prevention of mortality and supporting the NHS & Social Care system*

JCVI advises that the first priorities for the COVID-19 vaccination programme should be **the prevention of mortality and the maintenance of the health and social care systems**. As the risk of mortality from COVID-19 increases with age, prioritisation is primarily based on age. The order of priority for each group in the population corresponds with data on the number of individuals who would need to be vaccinated to prevent one death.

1. residents in a care home for older adults and their carers
2. all those 80 years of age and over and **frontline health and social care workers**
3. all those 75 years of age and over
4. all those 70 years of age and over and clinically extremely vulnerable individuals
5. all those 65 years of age and over
6. all individuals aged 16 years to 64 years with underlying health conditions which put them at higher risk of serious disease and mortality
7. all those 60 years of age and over
8. all those 55 years of age and over
9. all those 50 years of age and over

It is estimated that taken together, **these groups represent around 99% of preventable mortality** from COVID-19

If you have any queries about eligibility for priority 2 (social care workforce vaccination), please contact [socialcarevaccinationinfo@camden.gov.uk](mailto:socialcarevaccinationinfo@camden.gov.uk)

Best wishes,

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