



# JCVI Cohort 2 COVID-19 vaccination for frontline social care workers

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# Eligibility

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# JCVI Cohort 2: Frontline social care worker SOP

## Scope and Eligibility

### All frontline social care workers in scope

This includes:

- Those working in long-stay residential and nursing care homes or other long-stay facilities where rapid spread is likely to following introduction of infection and cause high morbidity and mortality
- Social care staff directly involved in the care of their patients or clients
- Others involved directly in delivering social care such that they and vulnerable patients are at increased risk of exposure

### Scope

#### All frontline social care workers

Excluding those in cohort 1  
Those who work in CQC registered residential settings for older adults

### Eligibility

Working directly with people clinically vulnerable to COVID -19

### Eligible frontline social care workers

Staff who provide direct care closely and regularly to those who are clinically vulnerable to COVID-19.

**People clinically vulnerable to COVID-19** are included in any of the JCVI Cohorts 1-9 because these groups, taken together, represent around 99% of preventable mortality from COVID-19.

1. Residents/carers in a care home for older adults
2. all those >80 years of age 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. Individuals aged 16 years to 64 years with underlying health conditions which put them at higher risk of serious disease and mortality and unpaid carers
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

Further detail, including those included in Cohort 4 and 6  
JCVI guidance [here](#)  
PHE Green book details [here](#)  
PHE Poster [here](#)

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## Eligibility: Local Oversight

- Local Authority Directors of Adult Social Care have ultimate responsibility for confirming eligibility across staff groups within the local authority area
  - The LA DASS should work with Directors of Children's' Services to confirm eligibility within the childrens' workforce

*Cohort 2 should include:*

*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)*

Cohort 2 excludes:

- Administrative, ancillary or management staff who do not have any direct contact with adult clients or children.
- Unpaid carers (as included in cohort 6)

Cohort 2 excludes:

- Social care workers who work with children under the age of 16 EXCEPT for when the social care worker works with children who are **clinically extremely vulnerable (CEV)** to COVID\*

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## Eligibility: Examples



The table below offers advice to support the Local Authority Directors of Adult Social Care for making decisions on eligibility, noting that any decision should be based on there being clear evidence that the frontline social care workers are providing direct care closely and regularly to those who are clinically vulnerable to COVID-19.

	Frontline care worker	Works with which person/s clinically vulnerable to Covid-19	Cohort 2	Comment
Supported housing, extra care and supporting living workers, including on site ancillary*	Yes	Yes: People of senior age; underlying health conditions; learning disabilities	Yes	Review services to other groups on individual basis
Homeless services including rough sleepers / shelter and street support teams and active volunteers	Yes	Likely: People with CEV; underlying health conditions	Yes	
Office workers with social care providers with no face to face client contact	Yes	No	No	
Children and Family Social Workers	Yes	Possible: Children <16 with CEV; underlying health conditions	No	LA may review on individual service basis
Personal Assistants/Live in Carers	Yes	Yes: People of senior age; underlying health conditions (learning disabilities)	Yes	LA may review PAs for <16s on an individual basis
Women's Refuge workers, including volunteers on site ancillary staff*	Yes	Possible: People with CEV; underlying health conditions	No	LA may review on individual service basis
Telecare response services/ reablement / discharge support services	Yes	Yes: People of senior age; CEV; underlying health conditions;	Yes	
Hospices, including on site ancillary staff*	Yes	Yes: People of senior age; people with CEV; underlying health conditions	Yes	Likely to be within health cohort

*On site ancillary includes: staff who may have social contact with patients but are not directly involved in patient care. This group includes receptionists, ward clerks, porters and cleaners*

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## Definitions of CEV



There are 2 ways you may be identified as clinically extremely vulnerable:

1. You have one or more of conditions listed below, or
2. Your clinician or GP has added you to the Shielded Patient List because, based on their clinical judgement, they deem to you be at higher risk of serious illness if you catch the virus.

### People with the following conditions are automatically deemed clinically extremely vulnerable:

- solid organ transplant recipients
- people with specific cancers:
  - people with cancer who are undergoing active chemotherapy
  - people with lung cancer who are undergoing radical radiotherapy
  - people with cancers of the blood or bone marrow such as leukemia, lymphoma or myeloma who are at any stage of treatment
  - people having immunotherapy or other continuing antibody treatments for cancer
  - people having other targeted cancer treatments that can affect the immune system, such as protein kinase inhibitors or PARP inhibitors
  - people who have had bone marrow or stem cell transplants in the last 6 months or who are still taking immunosuppression drugs
- people with severe respiratory conditions including all cystic fibrosis, severe asthma and severe chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)
- people with rare diseases that significantly increase the risk of infections (such as severe combined immunodeficiency (SCID), homozygous sickle cell disease)
- people on immunosuppression therapies sufficient to significantly increase risk of infection
- problems with your spleen, for example splenectomy (having your spleen removed)
- adults with Down's syndrome
- adults on dialysis or with chronic kidney disease (stage 5)
- women who are pregnant with significant heart disease, congenital or acquired

## JCVI Cohort 2: Frontline SCW SOP Specific Queries



LA Directors of Adult Social Care have responsibility for confirming eligibility of staff groups within the local authority area. The table below offers advice to support this, noting it is not exhaustive and that any decision should be based on their being clear evidence that they are **frontline social care workers** who are providing, or highly likely to be providing, **direct care for people who are clinically vulnerable to COVID-19** such that social distancing is not always possible.

	Frontline care worker	Works with clinically vulnerable to Covid-19	Cohort 2
Housing managers, catering staff and cleaners working in areas with people clinically vulnerable to Covid-19 e.g. extra care, day centres, hostels	Yes	Yes	Yes
Workers providing support such as, cleaning and essential services for people clinically vulnerable to Covid-19 in their own homes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Employed and self-employed live-in carers for people clinically vulnerable to Covid-19	Yes	Yes	Yes
Staff supporting rough sleepers/homeless both on the streets, and in temporary hotel accommodation	Yes	Yes	Yes
Regulated home care agency workers (and equivalent services outside scope of regulation)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Volunteers working in social care organisations with direct contact with at risk service users who are clinically vulnerable to Covid-19	Yes	Yes	Yes
Managers and co-ordinators who may deliver care in emergency/out of hours situations to people clinically vulnerable to Covid-19	Yes	Yes	Yes
Workers who provide rapid response services/adaptations for people clinically vulnerable to Covid-19 in their homes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Drivers who are likely to take people who are clinically vulnerable to Covid-19 to medical appointments	Yes	Yes	Yes
Substance misuse services providing direct care to clients	Yes	Yes	Yes
Carers providing personal care for children with complex needs who are CEV to Covid-19	Yes	Yes	Yes
Staff providing children's short breaks services	Yes	Unlikely	No*
Staff working in children's homes / Special Schools	Yes	Unlikely	No*
Foster carers	No	Unlikely	No
Women and family refuges	Yes	Unlikely	No
Front line staff who provide social care support to people who are not within the JCVI priority cohorts e.g. youth workers	Yes	No	No
Foodbank staff	No	No	No
Employees working in offices, co-ordinating the care but with no direct contact with clients	Yes	No	No

\*with the exception of children with severe neuro disability care for in residential settings, the vast majority of children, including those in specialist schools do not meet the CEV criteria