

NIVS Communications 26/08/2022

Dear NIVS users,

**Please distribute this to all NIVS users in your organisation.**

**Please be advised the below changes were implemented into NIVS yesterday successfully**

### **Addition of new Vaccine**

A new booster vaccine for individuals aged 18+ will be added to NIVS called **Spikevax Zero(Omicron)0.5ml(Moderna)**. You will see the new vaccine in the Batch creation screens, the dropdowns in Pre-screening and vaccine selection dropdowns.

**NOTE:** There will be changes to the age-related warnings to accommodate the new vaccine.

### **Renaming of Vaccine**

The current AstraZeneca Covid vaccination will be renamed to Vaxzevria 0.5ml dose (AstraZeneca).

### **Eligibility Criteria for Covid and Flu vaccinations**

The JCVI's current view is that in autumn 2022, a COVID-19 vaccine should be offered to individuals meeting the below criteria:

- Residents in a care home for older adults and staff
- Frontline health and social care workers (including care home staff)
- All those 50 years of age and over
- Individuals aged 5 years and older who are in a clinical risk group

To allow NIVS to capture when individuals meet these criteria, we will be implementing a short series of additional questions relating to each point that need to be completed at the point of vaccination.

**NOTE:** This does NOT mean only individuals that meet one of these criteria will be offered a

vaccine - these additional questions are intended to capture the reason an individual is receiving a vaccination.

## Revised Pre-screening

In an ongoing effort to drive quality and improve NIVS, we will be implementing a new series of pre-screening questions to better reflect the latest clinical guidance and to support safe delivery of the Autumn/Winter booster campaign and any future booster campaigns.

NIVS will capture and store the responses to these new clinical screening questions to support full traceability of an individual's vaccine journey. This means that from the date the new pre-screening questions are deployed to NIVS you will no longer be able to view any of the questions that are currently in the system.

**NOTE:** You will not be able to amend an existing pre-screening with the old questions after the new questions are deployed to NIVS – the questions will not exist in NIVS.

## Seasonal Flu

Please note that this year, there will be an additional series of eligibility questions that must be completed at the point of vaccination for flu. These additional questions are intended to capture the reason a patient is receiving a vaccination.

Kind regards,

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