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## STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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# 2015 No. 1862

## The National Health Service (General Medical Services Contracts) Regulations 2015

### [<sup>F1</sup>PART 9A

#### Vaccines and immunisations

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#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Pt. 9A inserted (1.4.2021) by [The National Health Service \(General Medical Services Contracts and Personal Medical Services Agreements\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2021 \(S.I. 2021/331\)](#), reg. 1(2), [Sch. 1 para. 6](#)

#### Vaccines and immunisations: duty of co-operation

- 66A.**—(1) The contractor must co-operate, in so far as is reasonable, with relevant persons—
- (a) to understand the current uptake, and barriers to uptake, of offers to provide or administer vaccines and immunisations of the type specified in the GMS Statement of Financial Entitlements (“relevant vaccines and immunisations”) to patients, and
  - (b) to develop (if necessary) a strategy for improving the contractor’s immunisation programme.
- (2) For the purposes of paragraph (1) “relevant persons” means—
- (a) other persons who administer relevant vaccines and immunisations to patients;
  - (b) [<sup>F2</sup>NHS England];
  - (c) the Secretary of State;
  - (d) local authorities.  
[ integrated care boards.]
  - <sup>F3</sup>(e)

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#### Textual Amendments

- F2** Words in Regulations substituted (6.11.2023) by [The Health and Care Act 2022 \(Further Consequential Amendments\) \(No. 2\) Regulations 2023 \(S.I. 2023/1071\)](#), reg. 1(1), [Sch. para. 1](#)
- F3** [Reg. 66A\(2\)\(e\)](#) inserted (1.7.2022) by [The Health and Care Act 2022 \(Consequential and Related Amendments and Transitional Provisions\) Regulations 2022 \(S.I. 2022/634\)](#), regs. 1(2), [86\(4\)](#)

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#### [<sup>F4</sup>Vaccines and immunisations: standards]

**66B.**—(1) A contractor must ensure that they have in place a system for delivering appointments at which relevant vaccines or immunisations are administered to patients (“immunisation appointments”) which meets the Vaccines and Immunisations Standards.

[<sup>F5</sup>(1A) A contractor must comply with the standards contained in the Vaccines and Immunisations Standards on the processing of data relating to patients.]

(2) In this regulation—

[<sup>F6</sup>“processing” has the meaning given by section 3(4) of the Data Protection Act 2018;]

“relevant vaccine or immunisation” [<sup>F7</sup>has the same meaning as in regulation 66A(1)(a) of these Regulations;]

“the Vaccines and Immunisations Standards” means the standards determined by [<sup>F2</sup>NHS England][<sup>F8</sup>published on 15th April 2024] and which a contractor is required to meet in relation to the following matters—

- (a) the invitation of patients for immunisation appointments when they first become eligible for relevant vaccines or immunisations (“newly eligible patients”);
- (b) the steps to be taken if no response is received to an invitation falling within subparagraph (a);
- (c) the provision of immunisation appointments to newly eligible patients;
- (d) the steps to be taken if a newly eligible patient does not attend an immunisation appointment;
- (e) requests for relevant vaccines or immunisations made by patients who are eligible for them but have not previously received them for any reason;
- (f) the identification of gaps in the vaccination records of registered patients, and the offer, and provision of, immunisation appointments to those patients;
- (g) [<sup>F9</sup>the processing of records relating to patient vaccinations and immunisations, including records relating to the administration of vaccines and patient vaccination status.]

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- F4** [Reg. 66B heading substituted \(27.5.2024\) by The National Health Service \(Primary Medical Services and Performers Lists\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2024 \(S.I. 2024/575\)](#), reg. 1(2)(a), **Sch. 1 para. 3(a)**
- F5** [Reg. 66B\(1A\) inserted \(27.5.2024\) by The National Health Service \(Primary Medical Services and Performers Lists\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2024 \(S.I. 2024/575\)](#), reg. 1(2)(a), **Sch. 1 para. 3(b)**
- F6** Words in [reg. 66B\(2\) inserted \(27.5.2024\) by The National Health Service \(Primary Medical Services and Performers Lists\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2024 \(S.I. 2024/575\)](#), reg. 1(2)(a), **Sch. 1 para. 3(c)(i)**
- F7** Words in [reg. 66B\(2\) substituted \(27.5.2024\) by The National Health Service \(Primary Medical Services and Performers Lists\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2024 \(S.I. 2024/575\)](#), reg. 1(2)(a), **Sch. 1 para. 3(c)(ii)**
- F8** Words in [reg. 66B\(2\) inserted \(27.5.2024\) by The National Health Service \(Primary Medical Services and Performers Lists\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2024 \(S.I. 2024/575\)](#), reg. 1(2)(a), **Sch. 1 para. 3(c)(iii)(aa)**

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**F9** Words in reg. 66B(2) inserted (27.5.2024) by [The National Health Service \(Primary Medical Services and Performers Lists\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2024 \(S.I. 2024/575\)](#), reg. 1(2)(a), **Sch. 1 para. 3(c)(iii)(bb)**

### Vaccines and immunisations: catch-up campaigns

**66C.**—(1) The contractor must participate in a manner reasonably required by [<sup>F2</sup>NHS England] in one vaccine and immunisations catch-up campaign in each financial year.

(2) In this regulation “vaccine and immunisations catch-up campaign” means a campaign which is aimed at maximising the uptake of a particular vaccine or immunisation by patients who are eligible for it but have not received that vaccine or immunisation for any reason (other than a decision to refuse the vaccine or immunisation).

#### Textual Amendments

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### Vaccines and immunisations: additional staff training

**66D.**—(1) The contractor must ensure that all staff involved in the administration of vaccines and immunisations are trained in the recognition and initial treatment of anaphylaxis.

(2) This regulation does not affect the contractor’s obligations under Part 7.

### Vaccines and immunisations: nominated person

**66E.**—(1) The contractor must nominate a person (a “V & I lead”) who is to have responsibility for—

- (a) overseeing the provision of vaccine and immunisation services by the contractor,
- (b) carrying out, on behalf of the contractor, any of the contractor’s functions under regulation 66A, and
- (c) overseeing compliance with the requirements of regulations 66A to 66D.

(2) The contractor must ensure that the V & I lead—

- (a) has regard to all guidance issued by [<sup>F2</sup>NHS England] which is relevant to that role, and
- (b) if they are not a health care professional, is directly supervised in that role by a healthcare professional.

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### Vaccines and immunisations: exception for private arrangements

**66F.** Nothing in this Part applies in relation to the offer or administration of any vaccine or immunisation to a patient under a private arrangement.]

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