

## FLU VACCINATIONS 2015

### ELIGIBLE PATIENTS:

#### Routinely:

Children aged 2, 3 and 4 years of age (Date of Birth 1.9.2010 to 31.8.2015)

Patients aged 65 and over (64 if you are 65 by 31.3.2016)

#### At Risk Patients:

- If you are **Pregnant**
- If you have a **Chronic Respiratory Disease** i.e. COPD or a respiratory condition that requires continuous or repeated use of inhaled or systemic steroids or with previous exacerbations that have required hospital admission. This also includes children who have previously been admitted to hospital for lower respiratory tract disease
- **Chronic Heart Disease:** congenital heart disease, hypertension with cardiac complications, chronic heart failure, individuals requiring regular medication and/or follow up for ischaemic heart disease
- **Chronic Kidney Disease:** Chronic kidney disease at stage 3, 4 or 5, chronic kidney failure, nephrotic syndrome, kidney transplantation
- **Chronic Liver Disease:** cirrhosis, biliary atresia, chronic hepatitis
- **Chronic Neurological Disease:** Stroke, transient ischaemic attack (TIA). Conditions in which respiratory function may be compromised due to neurological disease (e.g. polio syndrome sufferers)
- **Diabetes:** Type 1 diabetes, type 2 diabetes requiring insulin or oral hypoglycaemic drugs, diet controlled diabetes
- **Asplenia or Dysfunction of the spleen:** This also includes conditions such as homozygous sickle cell disease and coeliac syndrome that may lead to splenic dysfunction.
- **People in long-stay residential care or homes:** Vaccination is recommended for people living in long-stay residential care homes or other long-stay care facilities where rapid spread is likely to follow introduction of infection and cause high morbidity and mortality. This does not include, for instance, prisons, young offender institutions or university halls of residence
- **Carers:** Those who are in receipt of a carer's allowance or those who are recorded as being the main carer of an elderly or disabled person whose welfare may be at risk if the carer falls ill. Carers who work for carers agencies will not be entitled to the flu routinely through their GP surgery and should obtain this through the occupational health department of their employer