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Phased Flu Delivery, Latest Guidance and Information

As you may be aware, NHS England has advised the use of adjuvanted trivalent flu vaccine (aTIV) for those aged 65 years and over in the coming flu season.

As the only licensed aTIV in the UK is manufactured by Seqirus (Fluad®), to manage supply of the vaccine, and to help ensure that there is equal access for patients and that all vaccination providers are treated fairly, GPs and community pharmacies will all receive 40% of their aTIV order in September, 20% in October and 40% in November. Any evidence of this being deviated from should be flagged up immediately with GPC (info.gpc@bma.org.uk) so that we can raise this with NHS England.

Guidance, along with a [letter](#) detailing further information, was sent out to practices yesterday. The guidance is available [here](#).

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Dr Arvind Madan Statement and Subsequent Resignation

You cannot have escaped the news stories following on from the comments published in the press from Arvind Madan, Director of Primary Care, NHS England. GPC along with many others question him on this; at these testing times where, general practice has been struggling with lack of investment, increasing workload and bureaucracy, and a workforce crisis, it is even more demoralising to hear a senior NHS England official publicly stating that the profession should welcome the failing and collapse of their peers.

Whilst there are clear benefits in GP practices coming together and working in a collaborative way, GPC do not believe that this has to come at the expense of small practices. The collaborative approach needs to be a facilitative one that allows for all denominations of GP practices to work together in a way that works for them and for the benefits of patients.

GPC wants to make it clear that practices of all sizes have a future in the NHS, and that collaborative working is an opportunity to enhance GP services rather than rationalise them.

Dr Arvind Madan, Deputy Medical Director, NHS England and Director of Primary Care, NHS England has released [this statement](#) but subsequently resigned from his role as Director of Primary Care for NHS E.

Health Education England - Call For Evidence, Topol Technology Review (Workforce Survey)

Health Education England (HEE) is [calling for evidence](#) to support the Topol Technology Review after the publication of their interim report. This is a major independent review led by Dr Eric Topol facilitated by HEE, commissioned by the Secretary of State for Health to help inform the work of the draft workforce strategy, [Facing the Facts, Shaping the Future. A health and care workforce strategy for England to 2027](#).

The Interim Report proposes three key principles, to govern the NHS's future workforce strategy:

- Patients: If willing and able to do so, will be empowered by new tools to become more actively involved and engaged in their care.
- Evidence: The introduction of any technology must be grounded in robust research evidence with a fit for purpose and ethical governance framework that patients, public and staff can all trust.
- Gift of time: Whenever possible, the adoption of technology should be used to give more time for care, creating an environment in which the patient-clinician relationship is enhanced.

HEE wants to hear from people with experience of introducing new technologies in healthcare, and workforce education and development, with a view to informing the final report. If you would like to individually respond, please visit www.hee.nhs.uk/our-work/topol-review

King's College London GP Society mentoring event

King's College London's GP Society are looking for GPs to get involved in a mentoring evening in November, speaking to KCL students about aspirations and career opportunities in general practice – read the tweet [here](#). If anyone is interested in getting involved, email kclmsgpsoc@gmail.com

GPC Newsletter

Read the latest GP newsletter [here](#)