CQC registration in the context of the 2020/21 influenza vaccination programme



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In light of the concurrent Covid-19 pandemic and the heighted importance of maximising influenza vaccination uptake, novel approaches will need to be taken to the administration of vaccinations, which may include the use of alternative locations. The CQC have provided guidance that sets out flu vaccine registration requirements.

Key considerations

- Are you planning to be working alone or with other providers?
- Where will you be delivering the vaccinations (the vaccination site)?
- What are your current conditions of registration?
- If you are working with other providers, who is responsible for the quality and safety of the service?

Registration requirements

A summary of the registration requirements is below. Note: If you are proposing to deliver other medical services beyond vaccinations at an alternative site, the registration requirements can be accessed here.

- If the vaccinations are to be delivered at an existing practice or branch location, then the administration of influenza vaccinations would fall under the conditions of registration for the treatment of disease, disorder or injury (TDDI) hence there is no requirement to register or notify the CQC.
- If the vaccinations are to be delivered at alternative practice that is a registered provider for TDDI then alternative practice will become the host. Whilst it must be clear who will be responsible for the delivery, quality and safety of the service, there is no requirement for you or the host provider to register or notify the CQC (if you or your staff are administering the vaccinations, then you would simply need to update your statement of purpose to reflect that you are running the vaccination site as a satellite of your own practice).
- If the vaccinations are going to be delivered on a site that has not previously been used for a regulated activity (for example; a car park, town hall, church etc) there is no requirement to any application to vary your registration (but you would need to update your statement of purpose to reflect that you are running the vaccination site as a satellite of your own practice), provided that
 - The site will solely be used for the administration of vaccines.
 - o No medical equipment, vaccines or medicines are stored on the site.
- Groups of practices (such as Primary Care Networks) can work together to deliver vaccinations to patients from practices within the group and in such circumstances the following options are available:
 - A lead practice could be identified as being responsible, in which case that practice alone would need to update their statement of purpose to reflect that they are running vaccination site/s as a satellite/s of their own practice.
 - All the practices could share the responsibility, in which case that all the practices would need to update their statement of purpose to reflect that they are running vaccination site/s as a satellite/s of their own practice.

Any queries about the registration obligations should be submitted to the CQC: enquiries@cqc.org.uk.