

Dear Nottinghamshire County Council Foster Carers,

### **Foster Carers Vaccination Update**

I am writing to update you regarding the County Councils plans to vaccinate foster carers. We are currently focusing on those foster carers who are extremely clinically vulnerable and have not yet been vaccinated, along with foster carers who are caring for extremely clinically vulnerable children. If you are in one of these categories you will be contacted by your supervising social worker or team manager who will explain how you can book a vaccination.

Depending on the national supply of vaccine, we hope to be able to begin to start vaccinating all foster carers from the 15<sup>th</sup> February. However, there is a possibility that we may be able to do this sooner, as occasionally vaccine slots can become available at short notice. All Nottinghamshire County Council foster carers are now on a “reserve list” and should we have an “over supply” of vaccine you will be contacted via email and provided with a vaccine booking link. The link will allow you to book a vaccination slot, on a first come first served basis. When you go for your vaccination you must take proof of eligibility with you, we will include a letter of eligibility when we share the link with you.

We cannot predict if there will be an “over supply” of vaccine. However, we will make sure that Foster Carers are contacted urgently by group email if and when any surplus vaccine becomes available. Please keep an eye on your email, particularly during the weekends, as this can often be when surplus vaccine is identified. Any slots will be time limited and available on a first come first served basis. Please do not share the booking link with anyone who is not a Nottinghamshire County Council Foster Carer.

I am very grateful to everyone in our fostering community for the support you have continued to provide for the children in your care, it's been an incredibly difficult year for everyone and we could not have managed without the incredible love and support our foster carers have provided to vulnerable children. You have gone above and beyond and we are very grateful.

Best wishes,

Steve