

## Care homes and domiciliary care services

### Definitions and eligibility for annual flu vaccination

Care Inspectorate Wales (CIW) provide a description of what constitutes a care home and domiciliary care service in their Regulation and Inspection of Social Care (Wales) Act 2016 - Registration Guidance<sup>1</sup>.

#### Care home services<sup>1</sup>

A care home service provides accommodation, together with nursing or personal care, to an individual(s) because of their vulnerability or need. These services would include residential care and nursing care for children, adults or both.

A service providing accommodation and support only, does not meet the definition of a care home service. *Schemes often referred to as “supported living” or “extra care”, are not required to register as a care home service, as long as the care is provided under separate contractual arrangements to those for the person’s housing.* The care provided in these settings is usually by a provider that would be registered with Care Inspectorate Wales as a domiciliary support service.

Care workers employed to care for people living in registered care homes are eligible for an annual flu vaccination if they have regular contact with clients/residents. This includes care homes for older adults, younger adults and children. It includes secure accommodation services for children and residential special schools or colleges registered as care homes with Care Inspectorate Wales.

Eligible care home workers may access a free NHS flu vaccination at their community pharmacy.

#### Domiciliary support services<sup>2</sup>

A domiciliary support service consists of the provision (or making arrangements for the provision) of care and support to people who are unable to provide it for themselves because of their vulnerability or need and is provided to the person in their own home, plus Supported Living and Extra Care. This **does not include** the need for care and support which arises solely because of a person’s young age.

Domiciliary support service providers must indicate the geographical area in which they intend to provide the service when they apply to register. These geographical areas follow the Regional Partnership Board footprints (aligned with Health Board footprints).

Domiciliary carers are eligible for a free NHS flu vaccination at their community pharmacy.

<sup>1</sup> <https://careinspectorate.wales/sites/default/files/2020-02/200131-risca2016-reg-guidance-en.pdf> - pages 6 to 9

<sup>2</sup> <https://careinspectorate.wales/sites/default/files/2020-02/200131-risca2016-reg-guidance-en.pdf> - pages 10 to 12