

10 August 2020

**NHS Worcestershire Community pharmacies.**

Dear Pharmacy Colleagues

**NEW: NHS Community Pharmacy Commissioned Service: Storage of Antiviral Medicines**

This letter is to invite you to submit your Expression of Interest in providing a commissioned service for Herefordshire and Worcestershire CCG in keeping in stock a minimum level of antiviral medicines to enable prompt access to these for early out of season outbreaks of influenza.

The CCG would like to commission a service from a small number of sites in Worcestershire in key locations to allow prompt access to antivirals in case of early localised outbreaks prior to NHS FP10 prescribing being initiated nationally.

The service specification is approved by the Herefordshire and Worcestershire LPC and mirrors current arrangements in Herefordshire. Storage of minimum quantities of Tamiflu/ Relenza preparations and available during pharmacy opening hours via a 2 year contract @£300 per annum management fee to include the first purchase of stock. A dispensing fee of £15-£20 thereafter includes re-purchase of stock should there be a requirement to dispense is claimable from the CCG. Stock can be used at Level 1 in the out of season period but also used to support prompt access when national FP10 prescribing is switched on. No claims for out of date stock are necessary.

To illustrate the requirements the following table shows the required levels of stock and associated dispensing fees which include stock purchase to maintain levels thereafter:

Medication	Minimum Pharmacy stock holding singles	Professional Service Fee VAT Exempt on dispensing per course
Tamiflu 75 mg (10)	6	£20.00
Tamiflu 45 mg (10)	4	£20.00
Tamiflu 30 mg (10)	6	£15.00 (30mg course) £20.00 (60mg course)
Tamiflu AV Suspension 6mg/ml (1)	2	£15.00
Oseltamivir Solution 15mg/ml 20ml	1 - but to be advised by the CCG before purchase	£15.00 (will reflect "special" status purchase cost and may increase)

Provision is made within the Service Specification for an extension of this service should it be necessary to be involved in issues of antivirals under pandemic flu conditions but at this stage this is the extent of the service that we would like to commission.

A copy of the Service Specification is embedded into this document in Appendix 1 for the detail.

If you would like to express an interest in being commissioned to provide this service, please would you complete the details below and email me by **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2020**

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you require any further information on this proposal.

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**Appendix 1:**



Service Specification  
Antiviral StorageAug2

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**Expression of interest details- please email this information to [alisonrogers@nhs.net](mailto:alisonrogers@nhs.net) if you are interested in providing this service.**

**We hope that pharmacies with long opening hours or those particularly serving a large number of care homes for example will be interested but we will need to commission to ensure there is wide geographical coverage across Worcestershire.**

Name of Pharmacy:
Address:
Locality/ PCN:
Pharmacy Contact details:
Contact for Contract process:
Email address: