

 **Deborah Butcher**

**Executive Director for Adult Social Care and Health**

 Magdalen House

 Trinity Road

 Bootle

 L20 3NJ

 0151 934 3105

 www.sefton.gov.uk

Date: 27th August 2021

Dear Care and Community Support Provider,

As always, we want to thank you for everything you are doing to continue to keep our vulnerable residents safe and well. Please continue to follow all Infection Control and visiting guidance. Please contact the Community Infection Control Team on 0151 295 3036 for advice and guidance.

As you are aware Covid-19 is still prevalent in Sefton and to help prevent transmission and outbreaks, it is important to be vaccinated; either to get a first or second jab, to protect yourselves, family, colleagues, and people you care for. During the past couple of weeks, we have seen the NHS Covid-19 Vaccine Bus visit Sefton, where residents over the age of 18 have been able to get a vaccine, without the need for an appointment.

In addition to the NHS Covid-19 Vaccine Bus, walk-in vaccinations are available at Seaforth Village Surgery. Here are the dates for next week for Seaforth Village Surgery vaccination centre. They are open 10.00am – 6.30pm for walk ins, or you can book an appointment by calling 07979 938 229 or via your own GP practice if you are registered with a GP in south Sefton.

•            Tuesday 31st August

•            Wednesday 1st September

•            Thursday 2nd September

•            Friday 3rd September

•            Saturday 4th September

Other ways you can get your COVID-19 vaccination in Sefton are:

* You can find details of walk-in clinics across Sefton over the bank holiday weekend on the NHS South Sefton Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) website: <https://www.southseftonccg.nhs.uk/get-informed/latest-news/extra-covid-19-vaccine-dates-for-walk-ins/>
* To find future dates and locations, you can find walk-in sites in Sefton and beyond using the NHS website: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/find-a-walk-in-coronavirus-covid-19-vaccination-site/9>
* You can also book a COVID-19 vaccine or manage your appointment on the NHS website: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/book-coronavirus-vaccination/>

For the latest information on vaccine eligibility, visit: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/who-can-get-the-vaccine/>.

Answers to frequently asked questions about the COVID-19 vaccines can be found here: <https://www.southseftonccg.nhs.uk/coronavirus-information/covid-19-vaccination-faqs-sefton/>.

Information for Care Homes

We appreciate everything you have been doing to encourage and support you staff to be vaccinated. In support of the information above, please find attached the Department of Health and Social Care’s Operational Guidance, which includes helpful clarifications and information on how to access support to approach vaccine hesitancy.

As mentioned last week,where it has been identified that care homes could face viability issues due to staff not having the mandatory vaccination, then they will be contacted directly to discuss their business continuity plans and the steps they are taking to address issues such as low vaccination uptake of their staff.

Please continue to regularly update the Capacity Tracker with data on vacancies and vaccination uptake rates, as without it, Sefton cannot accurately assess a care homes current situation and position, with respect to making future placements to that home.

From us, all the Health and Care partners and Councillor Paul Cummins, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, we would like to thank you and your staff once again for all your hard work and everything you are doing.

Yours sincerely



Deborah Butcher

Executive Director for Adult Social Care and Health



Fiona Taylor

Chief Officer, NHS South Sefton and NHS Southport and Formby CCGs