5th March 2021

Privacy Notice: Information Sharing with the NHS via Lancashire County Council

Sharing registered carers contact details to prioritise their access to the COVID-19 vaccination programme

The Joint Committee for Vaccinations and Immunisations have identified that adult unpaid carers are part of priority 6 in the vaccination programme as outlined in the Statement of Recommended Practice for Frontline Social Care.

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus/wp-content/uploads/sites/52/2021/01/C1037-COVID-vacc-deployment-SOP_community-based-care-workers-14-January-2021.pdf>

Carers Link Lancashire have been asked by the Local Authority in line with government guidance, to submit a list of all eligible registered carers by 10th March 2021 to support the facilitation and prioritisation of carers accessing the vaccination programme.

A decision has therefore been made to share registered carers data, explicitly, first name, surname, gender, date of birth and postcode of all unpaid carers who are registered with Carers Link Lancashire with the NHS via Lancashire County Council for the purposes of unpaid carers being prioritised and having access to the COVID-19 vaccination.

As an organisation, we believe that it is necessary to share this data. The lawful basis to do so is to ensure that carers are kept safe and well and are actively supported to sustain their caring role through prioritisation for the vaccination. This is article 6 (e) of the GDPR: public service.

Please consider this notice as a privacy notice under GDPR. Your data will be shared for health purpose in the public interest, with NHS organisations in the context of the COVID-19 vaccination program. A consent form and explanation leaflet will be provided by the vaccination centre at time of having your vaccine.

All registered carers will be contacted by the NHS over the next 2 weeks.