

# NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE

## THE PRIMARY MEDICAL SERVICES (INFLUENZA IMMUNISATION SCHEME FOR POULTRY WORKERS) DIRECTIONS 2007

The Secretary of State for Health, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 17 of the National Health Service Act (a), gives the following Directions:

### Citation, commencement, interpretation and application

1.—(1) These Directions, which may be cited as the Primary Medical Services (Influenza Immunisation Scheme for Poultry Workers) Directions 2007, shall come into force on 9th January 2007.

(2) These Directions are given to Primary Care Trusts in England and apply in relation to England.

(3) In these Directions—

“the Act” means the National Health Service Act 1977;

“poultry” means all birds that are reared or kept in captivity for the production of meat or eggs for consumption, the production of other commercial products, for restocking supplies of game or for the purposes of any breeding programme for the production of these categories of birds;

“poultry premises” means—

(a) premises in respect of which notification has been given to the Secretary of State under the provisions of—

(i) regulation 6(2) of the Avian Influenza (Preventive Measures) Regulations 2005(b),

(ii) regulation 6(2) of the Avian Influenza (Preventive Measures) (No 2) Regulations 2005(c), or

(iii) regulation 7(1) of the Avian Influenza (Preventive Measures) (England) Regulations 2006(d); or

(b) premises which are a slaughterhouse and for this purpose “slaughterhouse” means an establishment used for slaughtering poultry, the meat of which is intended for human consumption;

“poultry worker” means—

(a) an individual who while on poultry premises and in the course of his employment (including self-employment)—

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(a) 1977 c. 49. Section 17 was substituted by the Health Act 1999 (c.8) (“the 1999 Act”), section 12 and amended by the Health and Social Care Act 2001 (c.15), Schedule 5, paragraph 5 and the National Health Service Reform and Health Care Professions Act 2002 (c.17), Schedule 1, paragraph 7; section 18(3) was amended by the Health Authorities Act 1995 (c.17), section 3(8) and Schedule 1, paragraph 9(c) and the 1999 Act, section 12(4).

(b) S.I. 2005/2989.

(c) S.I. 2005/3394.

(d) S.I. 2006/2701.

- (i) accesses enclosed poultry rearing or egg production areas,
  - (ii) performs initial sorting of poultry eggs if the sorting area is an integral part of the production unit,
  - (iii) catches or culls poultry within enclosed poultry rearing or egg production areas, or
  - (iv) performs the final clean down of poultry sheds following depopulation of a poultry house;
- (b) an individual who while on poultry premises and in the course of his employment (including self-employment) collects or removes poultry manure or litter from within enclosed poultry rearing or egg production areas of poultry premises; or
- (c) an individual who while on poultry premises and in the course of his employment (including self-employment)—
- (i) catches or handles live birds,
  - (ii) kills or eviscerates birds, or
  - (iii) cleanses or disinfects areas and equipment contaminated by poultry faeces;

“premises” includes any land, building or place;

“provider of primary medical services” means any person who is entering into or has entered into arrangements under—

- (a) section 28Q of the Act;
- (b) section 28C of the Act;
- (c) section 16CC(2)(a) of the Act; or
- (d) section 16CC(2)(b) of the Act

for the provision of primary medical services to registered patients; and

“registered patient” means—

- (a) a person who is recorded by the Primary Care Trust as being on a list of patients of a provider of primary medical services, or
- (b) a person whom a provider of primary medical services has accepted for inclusion on its list of patients, whether or not notification of that acceptance has been received by the Primary Care Trust and who has not been notified by the Primary Care Trust as having ceased to be on that list.

### **Arrangements for immunisation schemes for poultry workers**

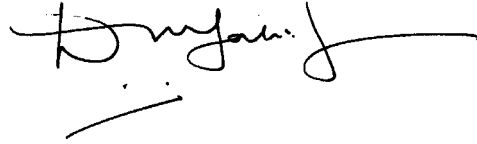
2. Each Primary Care Trust shall make arrangements in its area to ensure, so far as possible, that, during the period starting on 22nd January 2007 and ending on 31st March 2007, any poultry worker who—

- (a) is a registered patient of a provider of primary medical services within its area, or
- (b) is resident in its area but not registered with any provider of primary medical services in its area or in any other area

and who wishes to be immunised against influenza is offered such immunisation.

3. In making arrangements under Direction 2 each Primary Care Trust shall have regard to any relevant guidance issued by the Secretary of State.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Health

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'D. Morgan', with a horizontal line extending to the right from the end of the signature.

7th January 2007

A member of the Senior Civil Service  
Department of Health