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All staff, NHS Wales Health Boards/Trusts

10 September 2026

Dear Colleague,

As we all start to prepare for winter, we wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued dedication and for all you do to promote a healthier, safer Wales.

To protect yourselves, our patients and your colleagues through the winter season we are asking you, as a valued member of NHS staff, to take a quick and simple yet powerful step: to **get your influenza vaccination**.

Annual flu vaccines are safe and offer protection against catching and spreading flu, which can be a very serious illness, especially for our vulnerable patients. Vaccination also reduces the severity of any symptoms if flu is contracted, so helps keep you healthy, reduce staff sickness and keep vital services running. As healthcare professionals, we are all guided by compassion, evidence, and responsibility. Getting vaccinated reflects our shared values and is a simple way to show leadership and care in action. Further information tailored for health and social care professionals is available here: [vaccination saves lives](#).

Staff vaccinations for flu are available now. Make this winter safer for everyone and **get your vaccine as soon as possible**.

We are grateful for the crucial part you play as role models for immunisation, and we invite you to join us, and tens of thousands of your NHS Wales colleagues, in getting your flu vaccination ready for this winter.

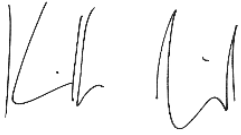
Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Isabel Oliver". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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