

## UK Shielding Offer Comparison

Shielding Component	England	Scotland	Wales	Northern Ireland
<b>Clinical definition of vulnerable patients</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Solid organ transplant recipients.</li> <li>• People with specific cancers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ people with cancer who are undergoing active chemotherapy or radical radiotherapy for lung cancer</li> <li>○ people with cancers of the blood or bone marrow such as leukaemia, lymphoma or myeloma who are at any stage of treatment</li> <li>○ people having immunotherapy or other continuing antibody treatments for cancer</li> <li>○ people having other targeted cancer treatments which can affect the immune system, such as protein kinase inhibitors or PARP inhibitors</li> <li>○ people who have had bone marrow or stem cell transplants in the last 6 months, or who are still taking immunosuppression drugs</li> </ul> </li> <li>• People with severe respiratory conditions including all cystic fibrosis, severe asthma and severe COPD.</li> <li>• People with rare diseases and inborn errors of metabolism that significantly increase the risk of infections (such as SCID, homozygous sickle cell).</li> <li>• People on immunosuppression therapies sufficient to significantly increase risk of infection.</li> <li>• Women who are pregnant with significant heart disease, congenital or acquired.</li> </ul>			
<b>Number of patients on initial list of clinically vulnerable</b>	900,000	200,000	70,000	40,000
<b>Number contacted by letter</b>	900,000 letters sent (and texts where mobile phone numbers were held)	Scotland's CMO will write to those identified as being at greatest risk in the coming days	Wales' CMO will write to the 70,000 individuals identified as being at greatest risk in coming days	40,000 letters are due to be sent to the most vulnerable in NI in the coming days from Health Minister Robin Swann.
<b>Response methods available</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GOV.UK website</li> <li>• IVR inbound phone call</li> <li>• Outbound human call centre</li> <li>• GPs can refer people who are eligible under the clinical criteria but not in the original 900,000</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ScotGov Website</li> <li>• Health assessment centres set up</li> <li>• Free helpline for advice for those without symptoms</li> <li>• Ready Scotland advice and Community Resilience Groups</li> <li>• SCVO Website</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welsh Government website</li> <li>• By phone (tbc)</li> <li>• GPs can refer people who are eligible under the clinical criteria but not in the original 70,000</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NI Direct Website</li> <li>• NIO have posted business advice on Gov.UK</li> <li>• Health Assessment Centre established</li> <li>• NIE have called for a "volunteers army" to support vulnerable people</li> </ul>
<b>Initial support offered (at set up)</b>	<b>Food:</b> Standardised food and household essentials package delivered to people by major food service suppliers.	<b>Food:</b> Community Resilience Groups are established in Scotland which can help provide food and essential support to vulnerable people.	<b>Food:</b> Individuals advised to ask family, friends and neighbours to support in the first instance and use online services where possible.	<b>Food:</b> For now, individuals have been advised to ask a friend or neighbour to pick up food for them, or to arrange a supermarket delivery if this is not possible.