

## Clearance checklist

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**Note:** Contact names provided must have seen and approved the submission.

<b><u>Finance</u></b>	Does this involve any spending or affect existing budgets?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If yes, named official David Penhallurick <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b><u>Legal</u></b>	Does this include legal risk, a court case or decisions that can be challenged in court?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If yes, named official <span style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 2px;">Name Redacted</span> <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b><u>Communications</u></b>	Could this generate media coverage, or a response from the health sector?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If yes, named official <span style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 2px;">Name Redacted</span> <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b><u>Analysis and fact-checking</u></b>	Does this include complex data, statistics or analysis?	<input type="checkbox"/> If yes, named official <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<b><u>Devolved Administrations and the Union</u></b>	Does this promote union wide policies, or will it affect Wales, Scotland or Northern Ireland?	<input type="checkbox"/> If yes, named official <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<b><u>Legislation</u></b>	Does this include options that may require or impact primary or secondary legislation/regulations? If yes, please discuss with the DHSC Legislation Team.	<input type="checkbox"/> If yes, named official <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<b><u>Parliamentary Handling</u></b>	Does this require engagement with parliamentarians or a statement in Parliament? If so, please discuss with the Parliamentary Affairs Team, and Intelligence, Insight and Engagement Team.	<input type="checkbox"/> If yes, named official <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<b><u>Fraud</u></b>	Have you considered fraud risks?	<input type="checkbox"/> If yes, named official <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<b><u>Commercial</u></b>	Does this include commercial or contractual implications?	<input type="checkbox"/> If yes, named official <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<b><u>Technology, digital &amp; data</u></b>	Does this rely on or have crossover with a tech/digital/data solution?	<input type="checkbox"/> If yes, named NHSX official <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<b><u>Health Data/Personal data use</u></b>	Does this involve the use of sensitive health/care data? Discuss with the SIRO team. Could this require the processing of Personal Data (Data Protection Act 2018)? Discuss with the Data Protection Officer team.	<input type="checkbox"/> If yes, named SIRO/DPO official <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<b><u>Strategy and Implementation Unit</u></b>	Does this relate to cross-cutting or longer-term implications for wider DHSC strategy? Does this relate to one of the Secretary of State priorities or a manifesto commitment?	<input type="checkbox"/> If yes, named official <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<b><u>Duties, Tests and Appraisals</u></b>	Do the following tests apply and have they been considered; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Secretary of State Statutory Duties including on health inequalities</li> <li>• Public Sector Equality Duty</li> <li>• Family Test</li> <li>• Other (please specify)</li> </ul>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If yes, which test? Public Sector Equality Duty Family Test <input type="checkbox"/> No

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**COVID-19 Vaccine Prioritisation: Cohort 6 Definition**

<b>Issue</b>	<p>On 30 December 2020, JCVI advised that Cohort 6 should include 'all individuals aged 16 years to 64 years with underlying health conditions which put them at a higher risk of serious disease and mortality'.</p> <p>This submission sets out the proposed method of implementation for COVID-19 vaccination for cohort 6 as well as defining <b>unpaid carers</b> who also are prioritised in cohort 6, <b>and multiple occupancy settings</b>.</p>
<b>Timing</b>	<p><u>Urgent (two working days)</u> To enable operational delivery of the COVID-19 vaccination programme to Cohort 6.</p>
<b>Recommendation</b>	<p>We recommend that you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Note</b> the method of implementation of COVID-19 vaccination for the previously agreed cohort 6 at paras 2-4 (at Annex A)</li><li>• <b>Agree</b> to the proposed definition of unpaid carers, as there is no single definition or register for adult carers - at paras 9-13</li><li>• <b>Agree</b> to the prioritisation of the individuals under 'multiple occupancy settings';</li><li>• <b>Note</b> that the Cohort 6 Operational Guidance and Unpaid Carers SOP are being finalised in parallel by the Programme.</li></ul>

**Background – Cohort 6**

1. We wrote to you on 30 November and 29 December 2020 setting out JCVI's advice on prioritisation for Pfizer and Az COVID-19 vaccines respectively. JCVI advised that Cohort 6 should include 'all individuals aged 16 years to 64 years with underlying health conditions which put them at higher risk of serious disease and mortality'. This also includes those who are in receipt of a carer's allowance, or those who are the sole or primary carer of an elderly or disabled person who is at increased risk of COVID-19 mortality and therefore clinically