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# Novel coronavirus (COVID-19) standard operating procedure

## COVID-19 vaccine deployment programme: unpaid carers (JCVI priority cohort 6)

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**This guidance is correct at the time of publishing. However, as it is subject to updates, please use the hyperlinks to confirm the information you are disseminating to the public is accurate.**

Where GP teams and LAs receive new enquiries from unpaid carers requesting priority vaccination, they should continue to apply their normal process for identifying their eligibility through statutory carers assessment or assignment of a carer's flag on the GP record because of the ongoing benefits. Where carers meet the eligibility thresholds, GP teams and LAs should support access to priority vaccination. If this approach is made after the transfer of existing information has already taken place they should direct / support unpaid carers to self-report and access the application process which will be made available through the National Booking Service.

## 3.2 Eligibility

The JCVI has identified unpaid carers within priority cohort 6. The JCVI definition is further clarified by the PHE Green Book on COVID-19.

### **PHE Green Book<sup>2</sup> – Adult Carer**

**“Those who are eligible for 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 vulnerable.”**

Those clinically vulnerable to COVID include:

- children with severe neuro-disabilities
- those who are designated Clinically Extremely vulnerable (CEV)
- adults who have underlying health conditions (as defined in table 3 of the Green Book)
- those who need care because of advanced age.

### Examples

An unpaid carer requiring a vaccination therefore can be, but is not limited to:

<sup>2</sup> [COVID-19 Green Book chapter 14a \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-green-book)