

## **In 2016/17, flu vaccinations will be offered at NHS expense to the following groups:**

**All those aged two, three, and four years (but not five years or older) on 31 August 2016 (i.e. date of birth on or after 1 September 2011 and on or before 31 August 2014) through general practice**

**People aged from six months to less than 65 years of age with a serious medical condition such as:**

**Chronic (long-term) respiratory disease, such as severe asthma**

**Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) or bronchitis**

**Chronic heart disease, such as heart failure**

**Chronic kidney disease at stage three, four or five**

**Chronic liver disease**

**Chronic neurological disease, such as Parkinson's disease or motor neurone disease, or learning disability**

**Diabetes**

**Splenic dysfunction**

**A weakened immune system due to disease (such as HIV/AIDS) or treatment (such as cancer treatment)**

**Pregnant women (including those women who become pregnant during the flu season)**

**People aged 65 years or over (including those becoming age 65 years by 31 March 2017)**

**People living in long-stay residential care homes or other long-stay care facilities**

**People who are in receipt of a carer's allowance, or those who are the main carer of an older or disabled person whose welfare may be at risk if the carer falls ill. Consideration should also be given to the vaccination of household contacts of immunocompromised individuals, specifically individuals who expect to share living accommodation on most days over the winter and, therefore, for whom continuing close contact is unavoidable**