## Online booking now open for vaccinations

An online booking portal is now available to allow people aged 50 to 59, unpaid carers who are 16 and over, and those aged 16 and over who are household contacts of immunosuppressed individuals to book their autumn/winter vaccination appointments.

The portal will provide an advance booking facility with appointments for dates running from late November through December, as vaccinations for earlier priority groups are being completed this month. Anyone in those earlier groups who has missed their appointment for whatever reason can also use the portal to book their vaccinations for flu and the booster dose of Covid-19 vaccine.

Health Secretary Humza Yousaf said: "The Autumn/Winter vaccination programme is continuing at pace and running well and the launch of this online portal will allow eligible groups to book their own appointment.

"As has been the case throughout we aim to vaccinate people as quickly as possible in line with clinical guidance. Over the course of the Autumn/Winter vaccination programme we will see up to a total of 7.5 million flu and COVID-19 booster vaccinations administered to help protect the people of Scotland.

"If you are eligible for a flu vaccination it is highly likely that you will also be eligible for a COVID-19 booster. Your appointment will see you offered both vaccinations at the same time for your convenience and to make best use of resources. You can check your eligibility at NHS Inform.

"We urge everyone who is eligible and who has online access to book their appointment via the portal to ensure maximum efficiency and secure an appointment that is convenient for them."

To use the online portal, individuals will need their unique vaccination username which can be found on any previous appointment letter. If this is not readily available, it can be located or reset at <a href="NHS Inform's "recover username">NHS Inform's "recover username</a>" page. Those without online access, can book an appointment through the National Helpline 0800 030 8013.