  28th November 2022

To: HMPPS Executive Directors, Heads of Group, Prison Group Directors, Prison Governors and Directors (England)

NHS England and NHS Improvement Health & Justice Commissioners and Providers of Health and Justice healthcare.

Dear Colleagues

The roll out of the COVID-19 vaccination programme has meant the requirement for shielding and identifying people as clinically extremely vulnerable (CEV) is no longer necessary. However, there are several people in custody who are at higher risk of serious illness from COVID-19, regardless of their vaccination status.

People who are immunosuppressed or immunocompromised may be at higher risk of adverse outcomes from infection. Enhanced protections, such as those offered by specific treatments, and/or additional vaccinations alongside other protective behaviours and tools such as personal management plans may benefit these individuals.

Guidance has been developed to support Governors/Directors and NHS commissioned health teams to reintroduce Prisoner Personal Management Plans locally. We ask that you work collaboratively to identify those at greatest risk and develop individual plans to support them by the 31st December 2022.

We are hugely grateful for your ongoing commitment and efforts to keep everyone living and working in prisons safe

Yours faithfully,

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