

CSP policy based on two principles:

- Vaccination is a safe and effective
- Vaccination should be voluntary

 Not seen convincing evidence to justify changing either stance



How did we get here?

- Ministers long wanted compulsory flu jabs
- Consultations covered social care and health
- Opposed by professional bodies, unions and HCPC
- Parliament approved 385 to 100



The regulations:

- England only
- Covers CQC regulated services
- Covers face to face patient contact



The regulations:

- Include students, contractors and visiting care homes
- Exemptions: under 18, allergy or pregnancy
- Doesn't include booster yet will do
- Some non UK vaccinations recognised



What further action is possible?

- No prospect of regs being withdrawn
- No basis for judicial review
- Services should be planning for impact
- CSP and TUC calling for delay
- Can't rely on media speculation



Key deadline 3 February for first vaccinations