All District Health Boards

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To: Community Health Providers

The Health Workforce and the COVID-19 Vaccination Order Guidance for Community Health Providers

On 11 October 2021 the Government announced that workers in the health and disability sector will be required to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 before the close of 1 January 2022 and must have received their first vaccination before the close of 15 November 2021.

The mandatory vaccine requirement has now been formally implemented by way of an amendment to the COVID-19 Public Health Response (Vaccinations) Order 2021 ("the Order"), which became effective from 25 October 2021.

Guidance for Community Health Providers

The 20 District Health Boards have prepared the attached guidance document to support your implementation of the COVID-19 Public Health Response (Vaccinations) Order 2021.

The guidance document includes a number of links to helpful information, templates and FAQs.

Templates and specific information on areas of interest available through the attached guidance document include:

- Guide for Managers Implementation Process for Unvaccinated Staff
- Employee FAQs
- Template Letter Medical Exemptions
- Template Letter Notice to Stand Down
- Template Letter Notice of Termination of Employment

We trust you find this information of assistance. We are committed to working with you through the implementation process and should you require further information or support please contact the appropriate Sector Portfolio Manager at your District Health Board in the first instance.

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