

**To: PCT Flu Coordinators  
PCT Immunisation Coordinators**  
**Cc: SHA Immunisation Leads**

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**ImmForm monthly swine flu GP data to be archived in July 2010**

Dear colleague,

We are writing to inform you that some monthly swine flu vaccine uptake data for GP patients on the ImmForm website will be archived on 30 July 2010 following agreement with NHS Employers and the General Practitioners Committee (GPC) of the BMA. The purpose of this is to improve website performance and efficiency by reducing the size of the database. The very large size of the swine flu survey is causing backups and other essential maintenance routines to increase in duration. Therefore, the team plan to archive all months prior to March 2010 (i.e. from October 2009 to February 2010, inclusive) by removing data from survey tables, although a copy of the data will still be retained and remain available in a separate reporting database.

All users will continue to have access to this historical survey data on the ImmForm website until midnight<sup>1</sup> Friday 30 July. Please could PCT flu coordinators and immunisation coordinators ensure that any historical survey data required by PCTs and/or practices (e.g. for regional/local analysis and comparisons) are extracted from the ImmForm website by this date, and cascade this information to practices. At some point shortly after Friday 30 July data on the survey forms from October 2009 to February 2010 (inclusive) will not be available on ImmForm (and the survey forms will appear blank). After this date, if required, PCTs and SHAs will still be able to run the same reports for pre-March surveys on ImmForm (with data being provided in the usual format), as the data will be extracted from reporting tables (housed on a separate database) instead of being extracted directly from surveys. However, GP practices's only access to the data is on the survey form, so they will no longer be able to view these data. PCTs can still view data to GP level (sourced from reporting tables), so GP Practices will be advised to contact their PCT Flu Coordinators if they need to see pre-March data.

Please note that March 2010 survey data will NOT be archived at present. We plan to keep all swine flu surveys from March 2010 onwards on ImmForm until after the final August 2010 survey, however remaining GP swine flu surveys will need to be archived in due course to ensure that the housekeeping routines complete in acceptable times.

For your information the GPC will be cascading this information to practices via LMCs today to ensure a consistent message is delivered to the Service and Profession.

Thank you for your continued efforts and collaboration.

Yours faithfully,

Influenza Vaccine Uptake Monitoring Team

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<sup>1</sup> Normal service hours for ImmForm are 8:00am to 6:00pm Monday to Friday (excluding Bank Holidays), so the ImmForm website may not be available outside of these hours.