

COVID-19 Vaccinator Workforce Consultation

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4. Please provide any comments IN SUPPORT of the proposed changes to the Medicines Regulations 1984 to authorise a new class of COVID-19 vaccinators.

RPH is supportive of the proposed changes to increase the capacity and diversity of the COVID-19 vaccinator workforce.

5. Please indicate if you have SIGNIFICANT CONCERNS about the proposed changes in relation to the following areas. (Select all that apply)

- Accountability
- Clinical Supervision
- Employment matters
- Implementation on site
- Recruitment
- Training
- Other (please explain)

What area does your concern relate to, if not listed above?

We recommend a central process and database to record the training details of all the vaccinator assistants (VA's). A central database similar to that of provisional vaccinators would be useful. However the database needs to be able to be viewed locally. This would enable employers to be assured the person has met the requirements and provide transparency for the public and the programme.

Ideally all VA's would have an actual practical observation of their vaccine administration technique, as opposed to a simulated assessment. If this is not possible then their first few injections should be done with 1 on 1 supportive supervision.

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