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## Pharmacy capable of delivering millions of Covid jobs

- **Survey finds community pharmacies in England can deliver over 25 million Covid vaccinations annually**
- **58% of pharmacists said they would “definitely” be able to offer an annual Covid vaccination service given appropriate funding and support**
- **71% of pharmacists say there would be a great deal of interest from customers for a pharmacy-delivered Covid vaccination service**
- **Pharmacists estimate they could administer around 300 vaccinations a week using a model similar to the ‘flu service**

A new survey has revealed that community pharmacies in England can deliver in excess of 25 million Covid vaccinations a year.

*CIG Research* surveyed pharmacists to explore their willingness, capacity and capability of delivering a Covid-19 vaccine service.

Representing approximately 6,780 pharmacies, 58% of pharmacists said they would definitely offer a service and could deliver, on average, around 300 jobs per week if such a programme was appropriately funded and supported. Over a 12-week programme that is a potential capacity of over 25 million jobs.

Pharmacists estimated on average that an appropriate fee for service (net of ingredient costs) would be around £17-18.00.

These prospective figures stand in sharp contrast to the current situation. Despite ministerial assurances, only 340 pharmacies\* are currently engaged in the Covid vaccination service. (\*DHSC figures, April 23 2020.)

Speaking at the launch of the results, *Communications International Group’s* Editorial Director, Richard Thomas, said: “With the prospect of annual booster vaccinations the Government cannot rely on a coalition of the willing set up in makeshift clinics to vaccinate the nation. Like flu jobs, Covid vaccinations must be ‘business as normal’ and this survey has illustrated that pharmacy stands ready and willing to shoulder a major part of that effort.”

Download the full report: **Evaluating the capacity and capability of community pharmacy to deliver Covid-19 vaccinations** at [www.pharmacymagazine.co.uk/page/view/746503](http://www.pharmacymagazine.co.uk/page/view/746503)

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### Notes to Editors

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