COVID-19 Mass Vaccination Needlestick Injuries OH support

1. **BACKGROUND**

Cambridgeshire Community Services Trust (CCST) is looking for occupational health support supplier following needlestick injury for managing Blood Borne Virus exposure – risk assessments and follow up treatment (BBV) in relation to the Mass Vaccination Programme (MV).

1. **PROPOSED SOLUTIONS**

CCST have developed an internal Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) that utilises the existing ICaSH service to deliver the initial assessment. The requirement is to provide the follow up management, post initial assessment, bleeding, and initiation of PEP. ICaSH will undertake the initial assessment and refer to the occupational health supplier for 6, 12, and 24 week checks, plus any relevant occupational health support, as agreed between CCST and the supplier.

CCST anticipates a volume of 5 injuries per month. In the preceding 4 months there have been 20, however approximately 50% were clean injuries not requiring any action and 50% dirty needles requiring some degree of intervention. Many of those with injuries are volunteers and/or staff that are brand new to healthcare and/or vaccinating, so likely to see a slightly higher percentage of injuries given the environment.

1. **SUPPORTING DATA**

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| **Staff Employee Type and Grade** |
| **Row Labels** | Count of Staff Number |
| **Agency**  | **278** |
| Band 3 Vaccination Admin Support | 231 |
| Band 4 CVP Vaccinator | 1 |
| Band 5 CVP Registered Healthcare Professional | 30 |
| Band 6 CVP Registered Healthcare Professional | 16 |
| **Bank Only** | **1456** |
| Band 3 Vaccination Admin Support | 225 |
| Band 4 CVP Vaccinator | 665 |
| Band 5 Admin & Clerical | 1 |
| Band 5 CVP Registered Healthcare Professional | 422 |
| Band 6 CVP Registered Healthcare Professional | 125 |
| Band 7 Admin & Clerical | 13 |
| Band 7 CVP POD Lead | 5 |
| **Employee (Fixed Term/Redeployed)** | **114** |
| Band 3 Vaccination Admin Support | 7 |
| Band 4 CVP Vaccinator | 73 |
| Band 5 CVP Registered Healthcare Professional | 28 |
| Band 6 CVP Registered Healthcare Professional | 4 |
| Band 7 Admin & Clerical | 1 |
| Band 7 CVP POD Lead | 1 |
| **Other** | **362** |
| St Johns Ambulance | 261 |
| CCG (C&P & N&W) | 35 |
| N&W Reservists | 20 |
| NHS 2 NHS | 46 |
| **Grand Total** | **2210** |

Numbers are subject to increase, or decrease, throughout the course of the MV programme.

1. **NEXT STEPS**
* SBS to contact potential suppliers to provide quotes for the service and how soon the supplier can start delivering the occupational health support as detailed in 2.0 of this document.