

Statement to manage people who ask for proof of vaccination

Over recent weeks, we have seen an increase in the number of requests to GP practices, hospitals, pharmacies and to the CCG directly from patients who would like a letter or certificate as proof of their Covid vaccination. Common reasons given are because people are planning foreign travel or to return to their workplaces.

South East London CCG and our healthcare provider organisations across Bexley, Bromley, Greenwich, Lambeth, Lewisham and Southwark are not able to provide people with proof of Covid vaccination. There is no national policy for the NHS to do this, and we recognise the 'vaccination passports' debate as politically contentious. We are therefore not able to act in contradiction to the national position. Also, our healthcare providers are working very hard at this time to deliver the Covid vaccination programme in addition to the ongoing care of our patients, and do not have sufficient resources to supply individuals with such letters.

Our recommendation to people who would like proof of their vaccination is threefold:

1. Keep your Covid vaccination card safe and use this as proof of your vaccination
2. If you have a smartphone, take a photograph of your Covid vaccination card so that you have a copy if you lose the card or if you forget to bring it
3. Download the NHS App via Google Play or the AppStore. Information available at: <https://www.nhsapp.service.nhs.uk/login>. This will give you access to your medical records, where you can print, take a screenshot or show your record of vaccination

