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From January to July 2023 69.5% of general practice appointments were face-to-face. For the same period in 2019, prior to the [COVID-19](https://emea01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fen.wikipedia.org%2Fwiki%2FCOVID-19&data=05%7C01%7C%7C828034be99c743b4983c08dbaee8a1fd%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C638296086392963733%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=LnU1OYy5GGiz7TCYxr6yOC75AHy64cnjG%2B1DT9Eq9KA%3D&reserved=0) pandemic, 79.3% of general practice appointments were face-to-face. The proportion of face-to-face appointments was lowest in April 2020, at 46.7%.

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We remain committed to growing the General Practitioner (GP) workforce and number of Doctors in General Practice, and the Government is determined to deliver this as soon as possible. There were over 2,000 more full time equivalent Doctors working in General Practice in June 2023, compared to June 2019.

We are working with [NHS England](https://emea01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fen.wikipedia.org%2Fwiki%2FNHS_England&data=05%7C01%7C%7C828034be99c743b4983c08dbaee8a1fd%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C638296086392963733%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=DPX1RxffZ7QNpQL5zq0ItlW6KxbTb%2BybRfDNShOd1KQ%3D&reserved=0) to increase the GP workforce in England. This includes measures to boost recruitment, address the reasons why doctors leave the profession, and encourage them to return to Practice.

NHS England has made retention schemes available to boost the GP workforce. To boost recruitment, we have increased the number of GP training places. Last year, we saw the highest ever number of Doctors accepting a place on GP training - 4,032 trainees in 2022, compared to 2,671 in 2014.

The following people are eligible for an Autumn Covid booster:

* Residents in Care Homes for older adults.
* All adults aged 65 years and over.
* People aged 6 months to 64 years in a clinical risk group, as defined in tables 3 and 4 of the [Covid-19 chapter of the UKHSA Green Book](https://emea01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gov.uk%2Fgovernment%2Fpublications%2Fcovid-19-the-green-book-chapter-14a&data=05%7C01%7C%7C828034be99c743b4983c08dbaee8a1fd%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C638296086392963733%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=VbvsxTkgv2WsXIaouVD8KTdrdeDqaetQul9h%2FRlk6YI%3D&reserved=0) on Immunisation
* Frontline health and social care workers.
* People aged 12 to 64 years who are household contacts of people with immunosuppression, [as defined in the UKHSA Green Book](https://emea01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fassets.publishing.service.gov.uk%2Fgovernment%2Fuploads%2Fsystem%2Fuploads%2Fattachment_data%2Ffile%2F1153300%2FGreenbook-chapter-14a-26April2023.pdf&data=05%7C01%7C%7C828034be99c743b4983c08dbaee8a1fd%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C638296086392963733%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=wl04UBHcYB17NbYTmQufq3NptHLddhVOnNAHSvm183I%3D&reserved=0).
* People aged 16 to 64 years who are carers, [as defined in the UKHSA Green Book](https://emea01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fassets.publishing.service.gov.uk%2Fgovernment%2Fuploads%2Fsystem%2Fuploads%2Fattachment_data%2Ffile%2F1153300%2FGreenbook-chapter-14a-26April2023.pdf&data=05%7C01%7C%7C828034be99c743b4983c08dbaee8a1fd%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C638296086392963733%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=wl04UBHcYB17NbYTmQufq3NptHLddhVOnNAHSvm183I%3D&reserved=0), and staff working in care homes for older adults.

This is because the risk of severe Covid continues to be strongly associated with increasing age and underlying health conditions.

**When is the booster available and how do I book an appointment?**

* Vaccinations will begin on 11 September for those most at risk, including adult Care Home residents and people who are immunosuppressed.
* From 18 September, the NHS will start to invite people in priority order of risk and those eligible will be able to book an appointment on the National Booking Service.