

**Healthwatch Doncaster**

**Where would local people like to go to for their Flu jab this year?**

**September 2020**

**Background**

The Covid-19 pandemic has had an impact on people across the UK. As time moves on and Winter approaches there is increased pressure on Winter Planning processes linked to Flu and a potential Covid-19 second wave. As part of the Winter Flu planning process, Healthwatch Doncaster developed a survey for local people to ask them where they would like to go for their Flu jab this year so that local voices can influence the development and planning on the Flu vaccination process in Doncaster in 2020.

**Did people see the survey and complete it?**

There was a great response to this survey. 2777 people shared their views and completed the survey. The survey was only available online via Survey Monkey and the link was shared across social media – including promoted (paid) posts, by partner organisations, email distribution lists and through GP surgeries.

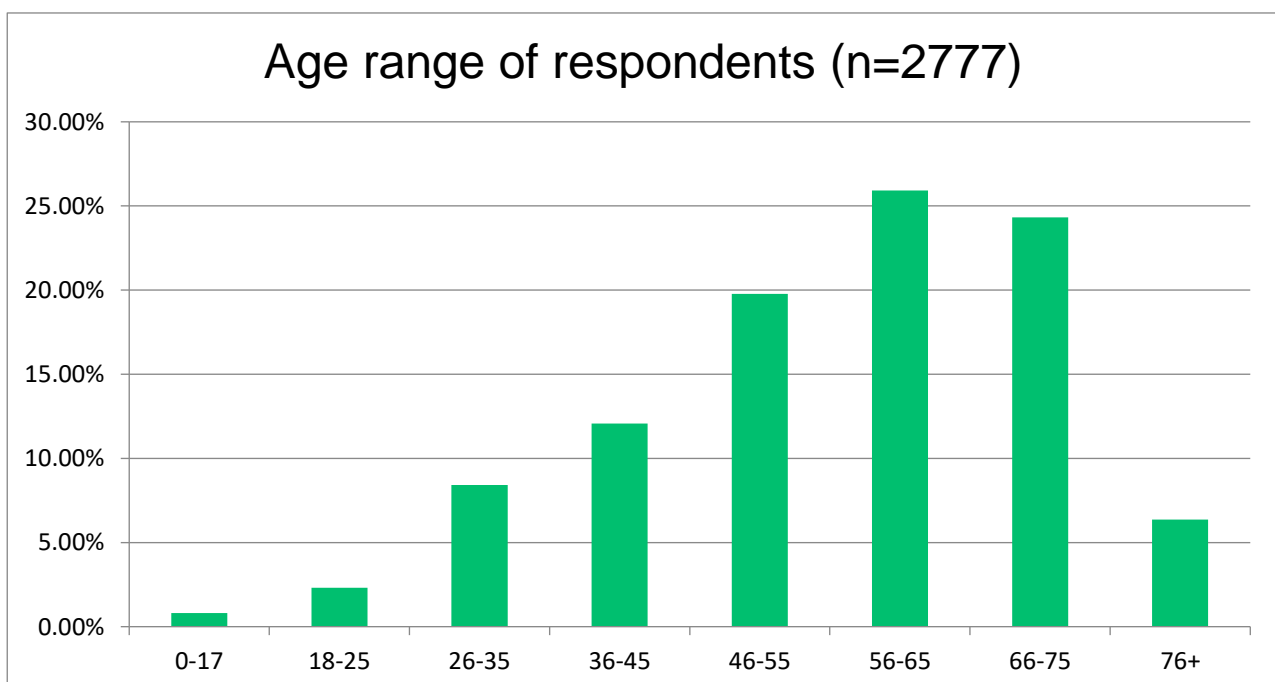
**Who responded to the survey?**

75% of people who responded to the survey were women and 98% of respondents identified themselves as White British or White Irish. Half of the people who completed the survey identified that they have a long term condition and 12% confirmed that they have a disability.

The most common Long Term Conditions identified by respondents were High Blood Pressure, COPD and Asthma and Diabetes.

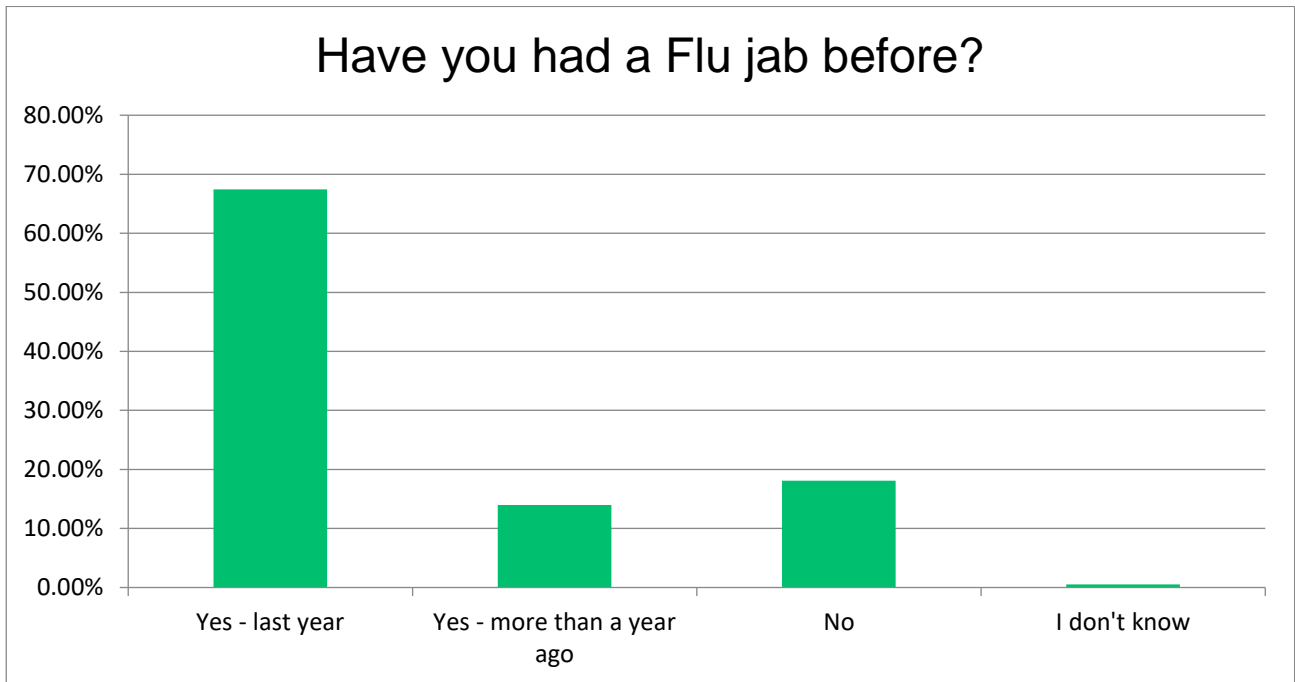
The most common disabilities identified by respondents were Mobility, Arthritis and difficulty walking.

There was a reasonable spread of ages but it was skewed towards the older population but that is to be expected because of the nature of who has accessed Flu jabs in recent years.

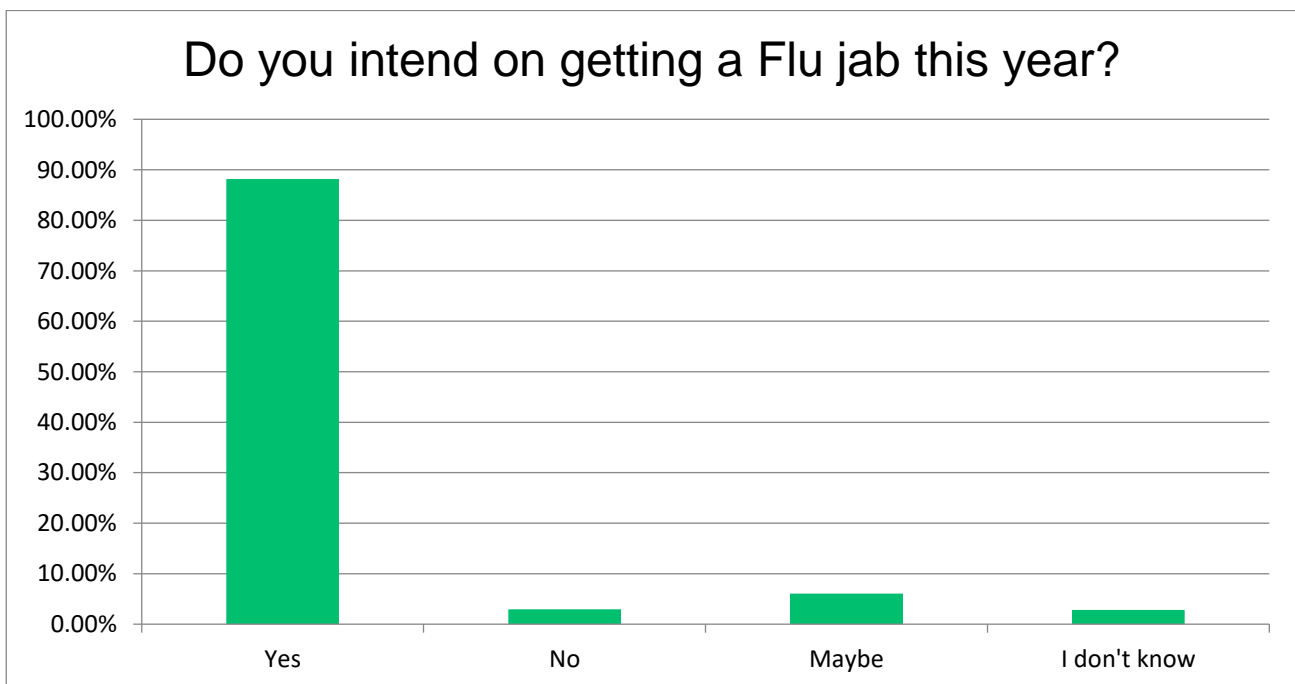


### What did we find out from the survey?

67% of people have had a flu jab in the last year and 13% told us that they had a flu jab more than a year ago



88% of respondents said that they intend to get a flu jab this year:



The 12% of people who stated that they would not or would maybe get a flu jab were asked to give their reasons why. The most common reasons given were:

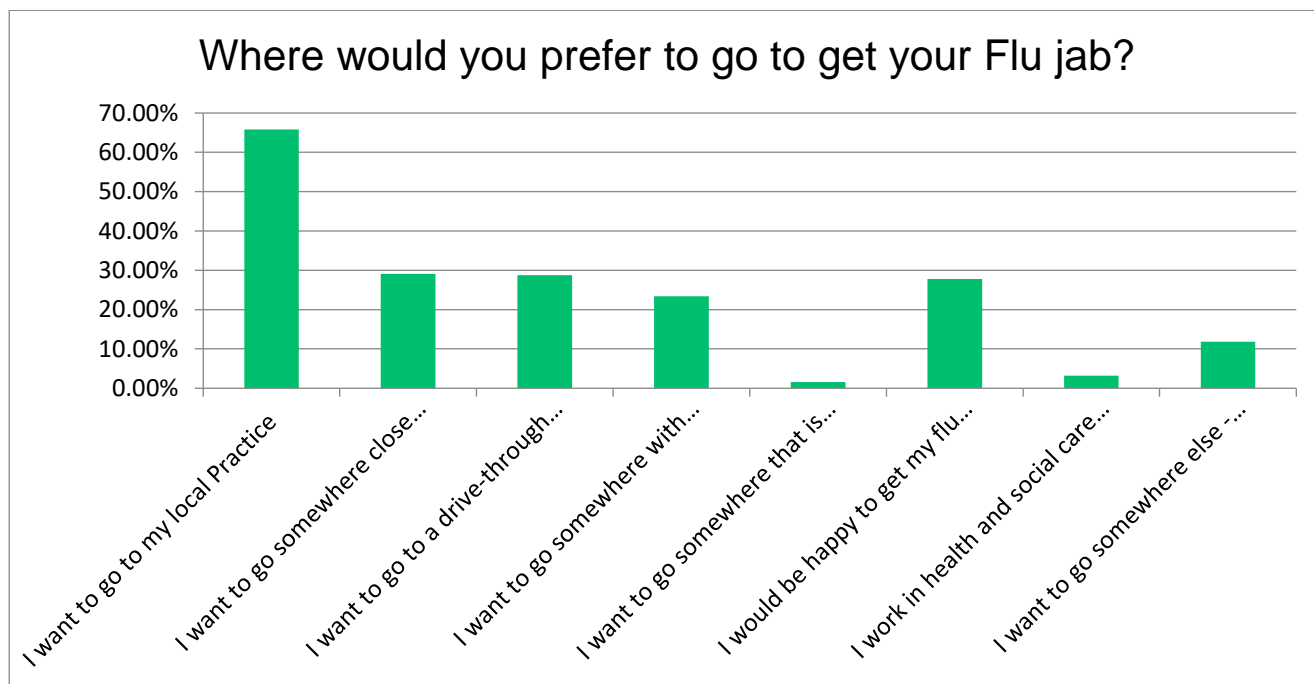
- Not sure about eligibility
- Side effects/feeling ill afterwards

## Where do people want to go for their flu jab in 2020?

Overwhelmingly, people identified that they want to go to their local Practice to get their flu jab in 2020.

There was also strong support for getting a flu jab somewhere in the local community, a drive through option, somewhere with plenty of space to avoid crowds and on the Health Bus or mobile clinic.

Where people identified that they would like to go somewhere else, the most common location was their local Community Pharmacy.



## Conclusion

There was a good response to this survey. Over 2700 people shared their views about where they wanted to go for their flu jab. The age demographic of people who responded indicated that they are in the age range of people who would benefit most from a flu jab.

**Local GP surgeries were identified as the most popular place to get a flu jab. The data and information about alternative options such as Community Pharmacies, drive-thru options and Health Bus/mobile clinics cannot be ignored – they are broadly popular options that provide more people with more choice.**

If the cohort who will be targeted for flu jabs includes anyone over 50 years old then there will need to be a choice about where to go to access a flu jab. There will be larger proportion of the population who will be working and they may not be able to access flu jabs during the working day. Use of community locations at different times may improve access and uptake.

## Appendices



SUMMARY Flu  
Survey data - August

Survey summary data:



FLU - ALL  
RESPONSES DATA - /

Survey – full responses data: