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Dear Ms Waters,

Thank you for your correspondence of 12 November about COVID-19 vaccination status certification. I have been asked to reply and I apologise for the long delay in doing so.

I appreciate your concerns.

The NHS has developed a booking service so that people can record doses received overseas of the four vaccines approved by the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) for use in England. This service is available to people who have had these vaccines anywhere in the world and who reside in England.

People can now book a face-to-face appointment to visit a vaccination centre and have their National Immunisation Management Service (NIMS) records updated. Bookings can be made online by using the National Booking Service (NBS) or by calling 119, and more information is available at www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/tell-nhs-about-coronavirus-vaccinations-abroad.

To be eligible to register COVID-19 vaccinations administered abroad, people must:

- have received one of the four MHRA-approved vaccines: University of Oxford/AstraZeneca (Vaxzevria), Pfizer/BioNTech (Comirnaty), Johnson & Johnson (Janssen) and Moderna (Spikevax);
- be aged 18 or over;
- have an NHS number; and
- be able to attend the face-to-face appointment with photographic ID (passport or UK driving licence) and evidence of their vaccination record. The documentation required for the appointment is detailed on the NBS booking page.

Currently, 17 vaccination centres are capable of recording overseas vaccinations in NIMS, with at least one site in each of the seven NHS regions in England.

Regional teams are identifying further sites as appropriate for offering the service, meaning that the number of locations and available appointments will increase in the coming weeks.

The plans to expand the service are being managed alongside the continued national efforts to provide booster vaccinations for all eligible adults.

I hope this reply is helpful,

Yours sincerely,

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