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HPV AND RISK GROUP PGDs

We have recently adopted the national HPV and clinical risk group PGD templates for use within practices in Leicestershire, Lincolnshire and Northamptonshire. It is important that practice staff using these adopted PGDs understand that the national PGD templates are written for the widest possible professional audience, and may sometimes cover circumstances which are not covered by the contract between practices and us, your local NHS England screening and immunisation team.

If a PGD legally enables practice staff to vaccinate this does not change their contractual or professional obligations.

HPV

Practices' contractual responsibilities with regard to this programme have NOT changed. These are summarised here:

Practices can only claim for HPV given to girls who have achieved 14 years of age on or after 1 April 2015 but who have not achieved the age of 18 years during the reporting period (= April-March) , and because they request it from the practice as a result of missing the provision by the SAIS. i.e. DOB on or after 1.4.2001 AND have reached 14 years old. Even so...

- In the first instance, all eligible girls requesting HPV should be referred back to the local community trust, *even* if they have left school – and *regardless* of why they have requested vaccination at the surgery (e.g. needle phobia) – including girls who have had part of (but haven't yet completed) a course.
- Only if the community trust cannot satisfactorily address the patient's/parents' specific issues should the practice vaccinate (using central supply) - and claim, manually via CQRS (*if claim applicable*). Practices won't get paid for anyone they vaccinate who hasn't had their 14th birthday.

- Local community trust is contracted to deliver this programme – including catch-ups and for home educated girls – important that we avoid using NHS money to pay twice for the same work. Practices should not call/recall.

The school-aged immunisation service provided by the local community trust remains responsible for vaccinating girls in years 8 and 9 against HPV; **practices cannot be paid if they administer the vaccine to girls of this age**, even though, from the medicines management point of view, the PGD legally enables practice nurses to do so.

The contact details for the local school-aged immunisation service teams are:

Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland school-aged immunisation service

- Community Immunisation Service provided by Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust:
- <http://www.leicspart.nhs.uk/OurServicesAZ-CommunityImmunisationService.aspx>
- Phone: 0300 3000 007; Email: communityimms@leicspart.nhs.uk

Offering:

- both doses of HPV in year 8, catching-up missed doses in year 9
- Fluenz annually in school years 1-6 and for 4 year olds from September 2017
- MenACWY and Td/IPV in year 9

Lincolnshire school-aged immunisation service

- Service provided by Lincolnshire Community Health Services NHS Trust:
- <http://lincolnshirehealthyfamilies.nhs.uk/schoolnursing/immunisations/>
- Immunisation pathway lead, Maria Turner, Phone: 07920 766036; Email: maria.turner@lincs-chs.nhs.uk (non-secure), mturner1@nhs.net (secure)

Offering:

- both doses of HPV in year 8 (from September 2017), catching-up missed doses in year 9
- Fluenz annually in school years 1- 4 and for 4 year olds (from September 2017)
- MenACWY and Td/IPV in year 9

Northamptonshire school-aged immunisation service

- Service provided as part of Universal Children's Services by Northamptonshire Healthcare Foundation NHS Trust:
- <https://www.nhft.nhs.uk/0-19>

- Service Manager, Rosie McCallum, tel. 07917 574137, email rosie.mccallum@nhft.nhs.uk

Offering:

- both doses of HPV in year 8, catching-up missed doses in year 9
- Fluenz annually in school years 1- 4 and for 4 year olds (from September 2017)
- MenACWY and Td/IPV in year 10

At risk indications

These PGDs are for clinical risk group indications as outlined in the Green Book. Most* of these indications are not covered by the Section 7a agreement, and are therefore not services commissioned by us. Instead they are commissioned under the GP contract as part of the patient's care for their condition(s) and payment is covered by the global sum. The vaccines can be purchased directly from the manufacturer and their cost (but not a separate administration fee) claimed back from NHS Prescription Services: <https://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/pharmacies-gp-practices-and-appliance-contractors>

The Central Midlands SITs have decided to take responsibility for the local adoption/ authorisation of these templates, recognising that this offers benefits to patients and staff alike.

Remember that the availability of a PGD which legally enables practice staff to vaccinate does not change their contractual or professional obligations. For example, it is the responsibility of the local Health Protection Team (HPT) to advise regarding the appropriate vaccination of contacts of cases meningococcal disease: the PGDs will allow practice staff to give these but they should not administer vaccinations in these circumstances without first consulting the HPT.

*Note: the exceptions are:-

- Hepatitis B vaccination for neonates born to hepatitis B positive mothers
- BCG for neonates having parents or grandparents from a country of high risk (40 or more cases of TB/100,000 population per year)
- One dose of PPV for individuals aged >2 - <65 in a clinical risk group
- Annual flu vaccination for individuals from the age of 6 months in a clinical risk group

The above indications are all part of the section 7a agreement.

As always, we are happy to assist with queries about any of the above and about other immunisations matters: england.limms@nhs.net