October 2023

**EAST MIDLANDS SCREENING AND IMMUNISATION BULLETIN**

**PLEASE CASCADE TO ALL relevant STAFF, INCLUDING GPS, PRACTICE NURSES, ADMIN AND RECEPTION STAFF**

# **screening and immunisation team**

The East Midlands Screening and Immunisation Team (SIT) cover all counties in the East Midlands region. Please see attached organogram for details:

# **Immunisation**

## gENERAL iMMUNISATION

**Cold chain management -** please see attached vaccine incident guidance which is helpful to use in the event of a cold chain incident. [Vaccine incident guidance: Responding to errors in vaccine storage, handling and administration (publishing.service.gov.uk)](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1088780/UKHSA-vaccine-incident-guidance-6-july-2022.pdf). Appendix’s A and B on pages 42-44 are particularly useful.

When a cold chain error occurs, **prior** to disposing of any vaccines the SIT team should be informed via the generic inbox and stability information of all vaccines involved in the incident should be sought:

* LLR and Northamptonshire - stability information can be sought from the LRI on [medicines.info@uhl-tr.nhs.uk](mailto:medicines.info@uhl-tr.nhs.uk) or Tel: 0116 2586491 as well as individual manufactures.
* Lincolnshire, Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire – individual manufacturers should be contacted.

Please ensure any vaccine wastage is reported on Immform website at [Intranet Portal - Logon (phe.gov.uk)](https://portal.immform.phe.gov.uk/Logon.aspx?returnurl=%2fHome.aspx)

## Severe combined immunodeficiency (SCID) Screening

We are aware there is some confusion around what action to take when a child attends for their 1st primary immunisations and no SCID result is available. This confusion is leading to some clinicians choosing to delay administration of the rotavirus vaccine unnecessarily.

All babies who attend for their routine 8-week immunisations should have their records checked for their SCID screening results before rotavirus vaccine is administered. Immunisers should make reasonable efforts to ascertain the SCID screening outcome before administering rotavirus vaccine. This would involve checking for a record in the Red Book, the GP record, screening outcome information sent by CHIS, or with the parent or caregiver. However, **in the absence of an abnormal SCID screening result, or if no result can be found, rotavirus vaccination can still go ahead.**

## COntacting EMICAS

To enable us to respond to your queries in a timely manner we would ask that you always include your surgery name and address in the body of your emails. We record our contact with you for audit purposes and including your surgery name and address will mean we do not need to send you an email asking this question therefore delaying providing you with an answer to your query.

## COVid-19 &Influenza seasonal campaign

**P**lease see separate autumn winter vaccination bulletin produced by the SIT team for information on the seasonal campaigns. Including a spotlight on the new XBB covid-19 variant vaccines.

**Sharing of vaccines between practices**

Practices collaborating on the delivery of flu are required to have in place either a COVID-19 Collaboration Agreement (if flu is being delivered by PCN Grouping) or an Influenza ES Collaboration Agreement. Practices collaborating under either of the above collaboration arrangements will be deemed a temporary single medical practice for the purpose of regulation 3(5), (8) and (9) of the Human Medicines Regulations 2012 (as amended). Practices can supply a proportion of their flu vaccine to their temporary single medical practice under Regulation 19(4A) of the Human Medicines Regulations 2012 (as amended). Outside of this, movement of influenza vaccine cannot take place under Regulation 19.  In summary, the process widely known as 'mutual aid' in the COVID-19 vaccination programme cannot be used for movement of influenza vaccines.

## Vaccine update – GOV.UK

The latest Vaccine Updates are available here: Measles special addition - [Vaccine update: issue 341, August 2023 - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/vaccine-update-issue-341-august-2023). It is recommended that all health care professionals involved in vaccination subscribe to the vaccine update. Vaccine updates can be subscribed to here: [Public Health England (govdelivery.com)](https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKHPA/subscribers/new?preferences=true)

## Enquiries

**Contact details for immunisation queries:**

* Any routine immunisation (Section 7A) enquiries or incidents (including cold chain & vaccine incidents) should be sent to the East Midlands Immunisation Clinical Advice Service (EMICAS) generic inbox [england.emids-imms@nhs.net](mailto:england.emids-imms@nhs.net)
* All ImmForm queries should be emailed to: [Helpdesk@immform.org.uk](mailto:Helpdesk@immform.org.uk) or 0207 183 8580.
* All practice payment queries should be emailed to: [england.gp-contracting@nhs.net](mailto:england.gp-contracting@nhs.net)

# **Patient Group Directions**

Patient group directions are available on our website at: [NHS England — Midlands » East Midlands Screening and Immunisation Team (SIT)](https://www.england.nhs.uk/midlands/information-for-professionals/leicestershire-lincolnshire-northamptonshire-screening-and-immunisation-team-sit/). Please ensure you are always using the most up to date version of any PGD. For any queries regarding PGDs please contact our generic immunisation inbox.

The new updated PGD and National Protocol for COVID-19 (Adults) v4.00 has now been published, to include **Spikevax XBB**. It is available here: [Coronavirus » Patient Group Directions (PGDs) for COVID-19 vaccines (england.nhs.uk)](https://www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccination-programme/legal-mechanisms/patient-group-directions-pgds-for-covid-19-vaccines/)

# **Screening**

## Cervical Screening

Please find: Preparing for the new NHS Cervical Screening Management System (CSMS) letter which provides an update on the progress with the development of the new cervical screening call/recall IT system.  The SIT are aware this information is being cascaded to all cervical screening programme stakeholders via various distribution routes.  The new system will replace the current cervical screening call/recall IT system which sits on the National Health Application and Infrastructure Services (NHAIS) platform (sometimes called the Exeter system) and is also accessed by the Open Exeter system.  Key updates are and will continue to be made available on the website [New NHS Cervical Screening Management System - NHS Digital](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdigital.nhs.uk%2Fservices%2Fscreening-services%2Fnational-cervical-screening%2Fnew-cervical-screening-management-system&data=05%7C01%7Claura.wood47%40nhs.net%7Cb729507ffa6b4a68fd5e08dbbb54348b%7C37c354b285b047f5b22207b48d774ee3%7C0%7C0%7C638309742547156327%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=rxXFYKrgjFIzM09itDMv3XAnOlpwxJb99Ri70Oqrn4w%3D&reserved=0)

Please also see the East Midlands Cervical Screening Administration Service (CSAS) September newsletter.

## Diabetic Eye Screening

**North Northamptonshire DESP -** the North Nottinghamshire Diabetic Eye Screening Programme has recently been advised that patients diagnosed with Type 3C Diabetes are not eligible for diabetic eye screening. The programme has received the following information from the National Diabetic Eye Screening team:

Type 3C isn’t an official diagnosis of diabetes (Type 3c is still not a recognised medical condition). These patients should not be referred through to the screening programme for diabetic eye screening. Patients should not be coded with another form of diabetes otherwise they will be identified by the GP2DRS system as diabetic. Type 3c patients experiencing any eye problems should visit their opticians in the first instance.

**Lincolnshire DESP -** LDESP have all of the new mobile screening trailers on site and ready within the TRUST by September. These are designed to have as low carbon footprint as is possible with current technology. The Lincs programme will be putting them into service and returning to much more community focussed model of screening within the next month as we start to include these in our booking cycles.

A group of people standing in a line

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## Breast Screening

**October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month -** please see two separate documents attached for further information. The first is a communication produced by your local East Midlands Screening & Immunisations Team to remind practices about breast screening, appropriate breast referral pathways, the importance of practices working with the Breast Screening Programme if promotional work is planned, and links to national and publicly available information.The second is a communications toolkit produced by the National NHSE Comms Team which is also saved on NHS Futures here: [Breast Cancer Awareness Month 2023 Communications Materials - Vaccinations and Screening - FutureNHS Collaboration Platform](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffuture.nhs.uk%2Fvaccsandscreening%2Fview%3FobjectId%3D46614480&data=05%7C01%7Claura.wood47%40nhs.net%7C9cba3c60c07c499b314308dbbe9d240e%7C37c354b285b047f5b22207b48d774ee3%7C0%7C0%7C638313355471409901%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=aJriZlsRyGy9krKfS2Bsy6zABvTVBF3eyDCEiHj73TY%3D&reserved=0)

An e-learning module on the breast screening programme produced by the British Medical Journal (BMJ) in collaboration with the NHS Breast Screening Programme is available to access for all primary care staff:  [https://learning.bmj.com/learning/search-result.html?moduleId=5004442](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flearning.bmj.com%2Flearning%2Fsearch-result.html%3FmoduleId%3D5004442&data=05%7C01%7Claura.wood47%40nhs.net%7C9cba3c60c07c499b314308dbbe9d240e%7C37c354b285b047f5b22207b48d774ee3%7C0%7C0%7C638313355471409901%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=X1f8DEQUwtpSMgxd73Ys0v9OEbJmA1nsXGyCi3LEpkA%3D&reserved=0)

This information will also be shared with ICBs, as well as Local Authorities for sharing with registered care providers, supported living homes & carer networks.

## eNQUIRIES

Adult and ANNB Screening Programme enquiries should be sent to: [england.em.screening@nhs.net](mailto:england.em.screening@nhs.net)

# **COntact Details**

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| **GENERIC EMAIL FOR QUERIES RELATING TO SCREENING OR ROUTINE IMMUNISATIONS** | |
| IMMUNISATION | [ENGLAND.EMIDS-IMMS@NHS.NET](mailto:ENGLAND.EMIDS-IMMS@NHS.NET) |
| SCREENING | [ENGLAND.EM.SCREENING@NHS.NET](mailto:ENGLAND.EM.SCREENING@NHS.NET) |
| **CHILDHOOD INFORMATION SERVICES (CHIS)** | |
| LINCOLNSHIRE | [LHNT.ChildHealthSouth@nhs.net](mailto:LHNT.ChildHealthSouth@nhs.net) Tel: 01522 308986 |
| LEICESTERSHIRE | [lpt.ChildHealthRecords@nhs.net](mailto:lpt.ChildHealthRecords@nhs.net)  Tel: 0116 295 3989 |
| NORTHAMPTONSHIRE | [Kettering.ch@nhs.net](mailto:Kettering.ch@nhs.net) Tel: 03000 273555 |
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| LEICESTERSHIRE | Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust: 0300 3000 007 |
| NORTHAMPTONSHIRE | [Imms.nhft@nhs.net](mailto:Imms.nhft@nhs.net)  0800 170 7055 (option 5) |
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| NOTTS AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE | [immunisations.nottinghamshire@intrahealth.co.uk](mailto:immunisations.nottinghamshire@intrahealth.co.uk) Tel: 0333583397 Option 4 |

# **Useful Documents**

* A poster for display in clinical areas promoting our immunisation clinical advice service:
* **UPDATED September 2023:** Incomplete or uncertain immunisation schedule: [Vaccination of individuals with uncertain or incomplete immunisation status (publishing.service.gov.uk)](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1179084/UKHSA-12599-algorithm-immunisation-status-from-1September2023.pdf)



* **UPDATED September 2023:** Immunisation cohorts and providers for 2023/24:
* The Green Book – Immunisation Against Disease -  [Immunisation against infectious disease - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)](https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/immunisation-against-infectious-disease-the-green-book)