July 2024

**EAST MIDLANDS IMMUNISATION TEAM BULLETIN**

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

# **THE immunisation team**

The East Midlands Immunisation Team cover all counties in the East Midlands region.

**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)

**Please include your practice ODS code in the email title, when contacting EMICAS, in order for us to appropriately record and audit queries and incidents**. **Failure to do so may result in a delay in answering your query.**

* 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: GP Contracting EMids:

[nnicb-nn.eastmidlands-pcgp@nhs.net](mailto:nnicb-nn.eastmidlands-pcgp@nhs.net)

# **Immunisation**

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**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 as a stock incident on Immform website at [Intranet Portal - Logon (phe.gov.uk)](https://portal.immform.phe.gov.uk/Logon.aspx?returnurl=%2fHome.aspx) **If no vaccines are destroyed as a result of a cold chain breach, then there is no requirement to report a stock incident on ImmForm.**

## MMR FOR CHILDREN AGED TEN YEARS OR OVER AND ADULTS

This is to remind practices that MMR vaccines can be given to **individuals of any age**, and should be offered opportunistically and promoted to unvaccinated or partially vaccinated younger adults –

particularly those born before 1990. Those who have not received MMR should be offered appropriate MMR immunisation. The decision on when to vaccinate older adults needs to take into consideration the past vaccination history, the likelihood of an individual remaining susceptible and the future risk of exposure and disease: Please see  [Green Book of Immunisation - Chapter 21 Measles (publishing.service.gov.uk)](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fassets.publishing.service.gov.uk%2Fmedia%2F5e021b9140f0b6665e80187b%2FGreenbook_chapter_21_Measles_December_2019.pdf&data=05%7C02%7Calison.campbell%40nhs.net%7Cd755648da1f942f9e4ef08dc96958f4c%7C37c354b285b047f5b22207b48d774ee3%7C0%7C0%7C638550816297345300%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=0T9NX9S4aGiBway0jSOHPkFBfCT0YHJ8uuu1FqU620k%3D&reserved=0)

## the Maternal pertussis vaccination programme

From 1 July 2024, ADACEL(Tdap), a non-IPV-containing vaccine, will replace Boostrix-IPV (dTaP/IPV) for the pertussis vaccination in pregnancy programme. A bipartite letter providing key information to both commissioners and healthcare professionals responsible for the delivery of the maternal pertussis vaccination programme is available here:  [https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/prenatal-pertussis-vaccine-change-from-july-2024-letter](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gov.uk%2Fgovernment%2Fpublications%2Fprenatal-pertussis-vaccine-change-from-july-2024-letter&data=05%7C02%7Calison.campbell%40nhs.net%7Cd69206e989194fb0642808dc974cae9a%7C37c354b285b047f5b22207b48d774ee3%7C0%7C0%7C638551602799577364%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=leauKidYmG%2Fj9CNO0HJ%2F69DZxR%2B8Z13aI3lKrh2U9W0%3D&reserved=0)

**Digital Update for GP practices** – A new SNOMED code for ADACEL is available from the practices’ electronic system and this should be selectable from 1st July when the new vaccine is used for the maternal pertussis vaccination programme. All GP IT suppliers (Ardens, EMIS and System One) are in the process of updating their templates and practices will be able to select and record ADACEL vaccine given from 1 July.

**Pertussis Resources on GOV.UK**

We are delighted to let you know that the below Pertussis resources are now available on the GOV.UK.

* You can download the  training slide set from this link: [vaccination against pertussis for pregnant women slide set](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fkhub.net%2Fdocuments%2F135939561%2F174090192%2FMaternal%2Bpertussis%2Bvaccination%2Bprogramme.pptx%2F7fc3ea39-3eb1-171b-21fa-26177e7ce0b2&data=05%7C02%7Calison.campbell%40nhs.net%7Cd69206e989194fb0642808dc974cae9a%7C37c354b285b047f5b22207b48d774ee3%7C0%7C0%7C638551602799583788%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=tF%2BUnIc72F9ussXyClMBm%2Fszzz6TCTy2hQoNLhiXTLQ%3D&reserved=0)
* Pertussis (whooping cough) vaccination programme for pregnant women: information for healthcare practitioners : [https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/vaccination-against-pertussis-whooping-cough-for-pregnant-women](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gov.uk%2Fgovernment%2Fpublications%2Fvaccination-against-pertussis-whooping-cough-for-pregnant-women&data=05%7C02%7Calison.campbell%40nhs.net%7Cd69206e989194fb0642808dc974cae9a%7C37c354b285b047f5b22207b48d774ee3%7C0%7C0%7C638551602799589844%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=wLTX9x6PCf3xri3YagSGZUhZFJ2Ld4R%2FIg6rPP6d%2B9I%3D&reserved=0)
* The whooping cough leaflet and poster: [https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/resources-to-support-whooping-cough-vaccination](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gov.uk%2Fgovernment%2Fpublications%2Fresources-to-support-whooping-cough-vaccination&data=05%7C02%7Calison.campbell%40nhs.net%7Cd69206e989194fb0642808dc974cae9a%7C37c354b285b047f5b22207b48d774ee3%7C0%7C0%7C638551602799595443%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=U5d5SbebvU0SeEw4V43uREEAx6wutqe8lQHlH1csGS8%3D&reserved=0)
* Pregnancy: how to help protect you and your baby: [https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/pregnancy-how-to-help-protect-you-and-your-baby](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gov.uk%2Fgovernment%2Fpublications%2Fpregnancy-how-to-help-protect-you-and-your-baby&data=05%7C02%7Calison.campbell%40nhs.net%7Cd69206e989194fb0642808dc974cae9a%7C37c354b285b047f5b22207b48d774ee3%7C0%7C0%7C638551602799600852%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=brUlly10EPYkITuWvPtiFLwX4l2%2FVRvq3BqXou0YYL0%3D&reserved=0)

**The Pertussis Green Book chapter will be published in due course.**

## introducing rsv vaccination programmes for those aged 75 and over and pregnant women.

Last year the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) advised that a national RSV vaccination programme should be introduced for infants and older adults to help reduce the number of hospitalisations caused by the disease.

This week we published a letter with UKHSA outlining next steps for the delivery of two new RSV vaccination programmes that will be introduced from 1 September 2024 for older adults and during pregnancy for infant protection.

The full letter is available here: [https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/respiratory-syncytial-virus-rsv-vaccination-programmes-letter](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gov.uk%2Fgovernment%2Fpublications%2Frespiratory-syncytial-virus-rsv-vaccination-programmes-letter&data=05%7C02%7Calison.campbell%40nhs.net%7C7b41c902ac5546b23f0708dc9aaa70a2%7C37c354b285b047f5b22207b48d774ee3%7C0%7C0%7C638555304021379600%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=t%2F1E%2BElhn4H6yIvPVbXCBv8TGPU%2B6JQO5rYu7Xzoo1c%3D&reserved=0)

The two RSV vaccination programmes are:

* **Programme for older adults:** All adults aged 75 on or after 1 September will be eligible for the vaccine as well as a catch-up campaign for those already aged 75-79. This will be delivered via GP practices.
* **Programme for pregnant people to protect infants:** All those that are at least 28 weeks pregnant will be eligible for the vaccine. This will be delivered alongside antenatal maternity settings and via GP practices opportunistically or on request.

To help support the delivery of these programmes, there will be two webinars for health professionals that will be involved in the delivery of the RSV vaccine. There will be speakers from NHSE and UKHSA outlining the key information and a chance to ask any questions. You can register to join below:

* 9July 2024 (14:30 – 15:45): Maternal RSV programme for infant protection: introduction of a new immunisation programme. A webinar for health professionals. [Register to join here](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fforms.office.com%2FPages%2FResponsePage.aspx%3Fid%3DmRRO7jVKLkutR188-d6GZoWDgUmZBEJMpxD-TyYSR-dUMkFDU0pMRkFGWU42TEhPOU5ONjhUQ0U2NC4u&data=05%7C02%7Calison.campbell%40nhs.net%7C7b41c902ac5546b23f0708dc9aaa70a2%7C37c354b285b047f5b22207b48d774ee3%7C0%7C0%7C638555304021394176%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=NoBlaIr1ov0K4SSr2ZaxwJ%2BfrfEphO6v10DWW3Hsj4o%3D&reserved=0)
* 12 July 2024 (14:30 – 15:45): Adult RSV programme: introduction of a new immunisation programme. A webinar for health professionals. [Register to join here](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fforms.office.com%2FPages%2FResponsePage.aspx%3Fid%3DmRRO7jVKLkutR188-d6GZoWDgUmZBEJMpxD-TyYSR-dUODdFVTNDM0ZHRVFFV1dMRlRKRUNLMkJKUi4u&data=05%7C02%7Calison.campbell%40nhs.net%7C7b41c902ac5546b23f0708dc9aaa70a2%7C37c354b285b047f5b22207b48d774ee3%7C0%7C0%7C638555304021402844%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=4Jz9DmvxhE8KygC%2F9VpFa3Z5BzGOZu9ivypuZWg2NEo%3D&reserved=0)

## rESOURCES FOR THE HEALTHY CHILD FLU PROGRAMME 2024/25

UKHSA have now updated the resources for next seasons childhood flu programmes, please access the links highlighted, for information:

[**Flu vaccination for children: leaflets and posters**](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gov.uk%2Fgovernment%2Fpublications%2Fflu-vaccination-leaflets-and-posters&data=05%7C02%7Calison.campbell%40nhs.net%7C35bf291641c34df109e508dc95203eb3%7C37c354b285b047f5b22207b48d774ee3%7C0%7C0%7C638549212916519411%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=pf1EvJ1G%2FzOJ5qUV8TxBynN2YX3srGAhHi8zNpiQ2FE%3D&reserved=0)

*UKHSA* Information and promotional resources to support the 2024 to 2025 annual flu vaccination programme.

[**Flu vaccination in schools**](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gov.uk%2Fgovernment%2Fpublications%2Fflu-vaccination-in-schools&data=05%7C02%7Calison.campbell%40nhs.net%7C35bf291641c34df109e508dc95203eb3%7C37c354b285b047f5b22207b48d774ee3%7C0%7C0%7C638549212916532948%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=m0UUO4NJIgGT0Xw3bc96h6OJ9rolfN%2BKXAkWjyUxw%2BA%3D&reserved=0)

*UKHSA* Flu vaccination guidance and resources for schools.

[**Adolescent vaccination programme in secondary schools for 2024 to 2025**](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gov.uk%2Fgovernment%2Fpublications%2Fadolescent-vaccination-programme-in-secondary-schools&data=05%7C02%7Calison.campbell%40nhs.net%7C35bf291641c34df109e508dc95203eb3%7C37c354b285b047f5b22207b48d774ee3%7C0%7C0%7C638549212916542543%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=EZgGvfaiE3x%2BTmVHzDsoBS00NCfCaNVqcwl7fGvZ2fg%3D&reserved=0)

*UKHSA* Information on the adolescent vaccination programme delivered in secondary schools and the role that schools play.

[**Flu vaccination programme 2024 to 2025: briefing for primary schools**](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gov.uk%2Fgovernment%2Fpublications%2Fflu-vaccination-in-schools%2Fflu-vaccination-programme-2021-to-2022-briefing-for-schools&data=05%7C02%7Calison.campbell%40nhs.net%7Ce022699c563e4c8bac5b08dc95fdebcc%7C37c354b285b047f5b22207b48d774ee3%7C0%7C0%7C638550165007735893%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=SMYvVWSgZgu0wX2LTTLNHXxy1qBHWjZHXvzrVGnyxAk%3D&reserved=0)

*UKHSA* Guidance includes details about the flu vaccination programme for primary school aged children including how the programme is delivered and the role schools play. Separate guidance is available for the adolescent vaccination programme.

## Updated immunisation schedule

Please be aware that UKHSA have published an updated version from 1st July of the complete immunisation schedule. This can be accessed via the link below:

[Complete routine immunisation schedule - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-complete-routine-immunisation-schedule)

## Managing vaccine parental requests for alternative schedules/vaccine refusals

Practitioners have a public health responsibility to ensure that immunisations are offered in line with the complete routine immunisation schedule and in accordance NHSE/UKHSA recommendations. If parents express a wish to have their child’s vaccinations outside of the recommended schedule, they should be given the opportunity to discuss this further with their GP to reassure the parent that the recommended schedule represents the expert advice of the Joint Committee of Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) and is based on the most up to date, available evidence. Health professionals should not actively support parents in choosing an approach that may result in the child being put at unnecessary risk.

**Unvaccinated patients are vulnerable to disease, and this could also affect the wider community, by lowering herd immunity.**

If, after further discussion, parents refuse to have their child immunised at the recommended time (e.g. those offered at 8, 12 and 16 weeks or the four at 12 months) and persist in their request then it should be made clear that this is not advised, will leave their child at risk for a longer period and that there is no national recommendation to support any alternative schedules. The discussion with the parents should reinforce that any deviation from the recommended schedule is their decision, and their risk. Under these circumstances, individual practitioners and/or practices can choose to accommodate minor deviation from the schedule to ensure that a child is offered some protection, however in these situations, it should always be recorded carefully that the parents have chosen to have the vaccines outside of the normal schedule, that they have been counselled against this and advised that this is not in accordance with national guidance. Parents should be encouraged to make the next vaccination appointment and return to the recommended schedule as soon as possible.

**The provider is not obliged, however, to offer options that lead to a disproportionate increase in workload (e.g. accommodating multiple visits), or to provide alternative vaccines that are not routinely used or licensed at that age (e.g. offering Td-IPV in place of primary DTaP-IPV-Hib-HepB).**

Parents wishing to outright refuse vaccinations for their child, should be contacted by a clinician, for the implications to be discuss and signposting to relevant guidance. This conversation should be documented in the child record, and the refusal logged on the vaccination template.

**Where there has been refusal for vaccination, reminders should still be issued at intervals in line with the routine immunisation schedule, this ensures there is an opportunity to allow the parent to change their decision.**

## Vaccine update – GOV.UK

All “Vaccine Updates” are available here - Vaccine update - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk). It is recommended that all health care professionals involved in vaccination subscribe to the vaccine update. Please access this link to activate a subscription: [Public Health England (govdelivery.com)](https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKHPA/subscribers/new?preferences=true)

# **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.

Please see below, for the revised Hexavalent PGD, this was sent out to all practices on 17th June 2024, the date of effect for this PGD is 24th July 2024.



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| DERBY AND DERBYSHIRE | [immunisations.derbyshire@intrahealth.co.uk](mailto:immunisations.derbyshire@intrahealth.co.uk) Tel: 03333583397 Option 5 |
| NOTTS AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE | [immunisations.nottinghamshire@intrahealth.co.uk](mailto:immunisations.nottinghamshire@intrahealth.co.uk) Tel: 03333583397 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)