August 2024

**EAST MIDLANDS IMMUNISATION TEAM BULLETIN**

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# **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**

## rsv Vaccination programmes – **STARTS 1st September 2024**

**The webinar - Maternal RSV programme for infant protection: introduction of a new immunisation programme.** Was held on 9th July 2024. For those unable to attend. The recording link can be accessed below:

[Recording link for maternal RSV webinar](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/ap/t-59584e83/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fteams.microsoft.com%2Fl%2Fmeetup-join%2F19%253ameeting_ZmYzNzFjNGQtY2MyZS00NmRkLTliNDktOWExZWRhYjZmMWU2%2540thread.v2%2F0%3Fcontext%3D%257B%2522Tid%2522%253A%2522ee4e1499-4a35-4b2e-ad47-5f3cf9de8666%2522%252C%2522Oid%2522%253A%252249818385-0499-4c42-a710-fe4f261247e7%2522%252C%2522IsBroadcastMeeting%2522%253Atrue%252C%2522role%2522%253A%2522a%2522%257D%26btype%3Da%26role%3Da&data=05%7C02%7Calison.campbell%40nhs.net%7Ca6ee765bb7984a9fef4508dca0352e2a%7C37c354b285b047f5b22207b48d774ee3%7C0%7C1%7C638561397571890374%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=cnGIbKELkK36clN1M10I50M5KbgVgobtNVBXOKe68l8%3D&reserved=0)

[Slides for maternal RSV vaccine programme webinar](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fcontent.govdelivery.com%2Fattachments%2FUKHPA%2F2024%2F07%2F09%2Ffile_attachments%2F2931516%2FSlides%2520-%2520HCP%2520Webinar%2520on%2520Maternal%2520Vaccination%2520-%25209%2520July%25202024.pdf&data=05%7C02%7Csarahmayfield%40nhs.net%7C93afc932526f4e8426f208dca4b6a306%7C37c354b285b047f5b22207b48d774ee3%7C0%7C1%7C638566351550477479%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=Xts7hTckOWvllrBCK9mGvUh%2F9SF69D6ENW6%2FEzRyVVg%3D&reserved=0)

**The webinar for the RSV programme for older adults was held on 12th July. For those unable to attend please access the link below:**

[Recording link for older person RSV vaccine programme webinar](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/ap/t-59584e83/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fteams.microsoft.com%2Fl%2Fmeetup-join%2F19%253ameeting_MzZlNzFiMGItM2Y0MC00N2EyLWI2MzctZDMzOTdkY2VlNjQw%2540thread.v2%2F0%3Fcontext%3D%257B%2522Tid%2522%253A%2522ee4e1499-4a35-4b2e-ad47-5f3cf9de8666%2522%252C%2522Oid%2522%253A%252249818385-0499-4c42-a710-fe4f261247e7%2522%252C%2522IsBroadcastMeeting%2522%253Atrue%252C%2522role%2522%253A%2522a%2522%257D%26btype%3Da%26role%3Da&data=05%7C02%7Csarahmayfield%40nhs.net%7C93afc932526f4e8426f208dca4b6a306%7C37c354b285b047f5b22207b48d774ee3%7C0%7C1%7C638566351550431402%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=wWi3c2iVKL59LNurAAMKM2p6jajrDZcpdPuOlUtJL%2BI%3D&reserved=0)

[Slides for older person RSV vaccine programme webinar](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fcontent.govdelivery.com%2Fattachments%2FUKHPA%2F2024%2F07%2F12%2Ffile_attachments%2F2935568%2FHCP%2520webinar%2520on%2520older%2520adults%2520vaccination%252012%2520July%25202024%2520FINAL.pdf&data=05%7C02%7Calison.campbell%40nhs.net%7C6ba3a2d9554e4785c23c08dca2912d1d%7C37c354b285b047f5b22207b48d774ee3%7C0%7C1%7C638563991623212089%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=V%2FeNzz10IdFVGTrc05wQE4FCPd2NKMymcyGS0WYn15M%3D&reserved=0)

If you are unable to access these links the recordings are also available on Google Drive:

[Google Drive link – RSV webinars](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdrive.google.com%2Fdrive%2Ffolders%2F13Y60rUAG4ElefcfXJh455iE0oBtLFoAP%3Fusp%3Dsharing&data=05%7C02%7Csarahmayfield%40nhs.net%7C93afc932526f4e8426f208dca4b6a306%7C37c354b285b047f5b22207b48d774ee3%7C0%7C1%7C638566351550458362%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=gWX0UoJBaZg7cr%2BLxw5El4YyizihT6gKIsLyM1X2Y5o%3D&reserved=0)

The manufacturer (Pfizer) video of how to prepare the ABRYSVO RSV Vaccine can be accessed here: [Pfizer preparation video](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.pfizerpro.co.uk%2Fmedicine%2Fabrysvo%2Fdosing%2Fpreparation&data=05%7C02%7Calison.campbell%40nhs.net%7Ca6ee765bb7984a9fef4508dca0352e2a%7C37c354b285b047f5b22207b48d774ee3%7C0%7C1%7C638561397571915250%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=LA4kUAZAbk0Bi%2FoJVtZdSNqPzivTYsJVgvYVfO8awXY%3D&reserved=0)

**Further resources**

The RSV vaccination programme documents can be accessed on GOV.UK at the link below. This includes updates today on the Green Book and training slide sets and guidance for healthcare professionals. This will be updated with further resources in the coming weeks ahead of the operational rollout from September 2024.

[RSV vaccination programme: document collection](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gov.uk%2Fgovernment%2Fcollections%2Frespiratory-syncytial-virus-rsv-vaccination-programme&data=05%7C02%7Csarahmayfield%40nhs.net%7C93afc932526f4e8426f208dca4b6a306%7C37c354b285b047f5b22207b48d774ee3%7C0%7C1%7C638566351550491205%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=%2BYpUILn5IG%2FhsL0TCHGLZOtG7SdmWhY616lGxhHPcAA%3D&reserved=0)  
  
UKHSA immunisation training resources can be found on GOV.UK at the link below:

[Immunisation training resources](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gov.uk%2Fgovernment%2Fcollections%2Fimmunisation%23training-resources&data=05%7C02%7Csarahmayfield%40nhs.net%7C93afc932526f4e8426f208dca4b6a306%7C37c354b285b047f5b22207b48d774ee3%7C0%7C1%7C638566351550497307%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=%2F6SLEBaRmSuF1lcvyI2XdbHthYPPma0JrmUgHWFH41s%3D&reserved=0)

Link to Health Publications web page:

[Health Publications website](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.healthpublications.gov.uk%2FHome.html&data=05%7C02%7Csarahmayfield%40nhs.net%7C93afc932526f4e8426f208dca4b6a306%7C37c354b285b047f5b22207b48d774ee3%7C0%7C1%7C638566351550503320%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=YxfVPru86I1Gq%2B94m6IlXU4YujWWP0WHUdyQZRVNhqQ%3D&reserved=0)

**Also please look out for the “RSV Special Edition EMIT Bulletin” for release mid-August in preparation for the start of the programmes from 1st September 2024**. **This will contain all the information and links to support both the maternal and adult programmes.**

## flu season 2024-25

LAIV MOVING FROM QIV TO TIV

Please be informed that from next flu season the LAIV will be moving from a quadrivalent vaccine to a trivalent vaccine.  This is because the B Yamagata component, previously included, has been removed under JCVI guidance, due to the fact that there has been no circulation of this strain seen since 2020. The vaccine will still be known as Fluenz®, however Tetra has been dropped from the name.  UKHSA have advised, that supplies of this vaccine are expected early to mid-September 2024.

Please see the slide set below, for further information about this change.



Start date for Autumn/Winter 2024/25 seasonal vaccination programme

The seasonal influenza vaccination programme was described in the National flu immunisation programme 2024-25 letter on the [on the Government's website.](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gov.uk%2Fgovernment%2Fpublications%2Fnational-flu-immunisation-programme-plan-2024-to-2025%2Fnational-flu-immunisation-programme-2024-to-2025-letter&data=05%7C02%7Csarahmayfield%40nhs.net%7C1ce8533da999424d4fed08dcb306c93f%7C37c354b285b047f5b22207b48d774ee3%7C0%7C0%7C638582088924018813%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=jio9elXZmICB75ZlD%2BdjHHAvv9IimNZxb2bP7h9U%2BHg%3D&reserved=0) The letter outlined that vaccination for children and pregnant women will start from 1 September 2024 and other adult vaccinations will commence in October.

**NHS England can now confirm that all other flu vaccinations will commence 3 October 2024.**

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**Cold chain management -** please see the link to 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.**

pertussis DATA CAPTURE

This is a gentle reminder that in order to support accurate data capture, and timely recording, all practices that are notified of pertussis vaccinations given by maternity trusts, need to upload this information on to the patient’s electronic record as soon as possible .

## Cold chain incidents and reporting on immform

As part of NHS England Midlands – The East Screening and Immunisation Team (SIT) are responsible for commissioning and performance managing the routine immunisation programmes. This includes ensuring safe and effective delivery of these programmes. Because of this all cold chain and vaccine incidents should be reported directly to the SIT, via the EMICAS inbox. [england.emids-imms@nhs.net](mailto:england.emids-imms@nhs.net)

Improving our response to incidents relies on accurate and timely reporting by providers because occasionally incidents may require a wider public health response.

**Incorrect storage or administration of vaccines could require patient call-back for re-vaccination.**

**Reporting cold chain incidents**

* On identifying a potential incident, the Screening, and Immunisation Team (SIT) should be contacted as soon as is practicably possible on the same day that the incident is discovered to discuss, and for advice re next steps.
* Depending on the severity of the cold chain incident you may be advised to contact the vaccine manufacturers for information about vaccine stability and further use of.
* The SIT will keep a record of the incident, actions and outcome, for audit and monitoring purposes. And you will be given a reference number for this incident.
* Depending on the severity of the cold chain incident, vaccine manufacturers may advise that vaccines have maintained stability and are still safe to use “off label”, this means that the vaccines are still within their licence.
* **Vaccines should not be discarded before the incident has been discussed with our team.**  Ifany vaccines are wasted because of the incident then this wastage should be reported on to ImmForm, as this stock is centrally supplied, this will then generate a cost invoice for the SIT, not for your organisation.
* If patients have been vaccinated using affected stock, the SIT will issue a cold chain incident form to the provider, to be completed and returned to the team within 10 days. In no patients have been vaccinated then no incident form is required, but we would ask that a significant event analysis in undertaken internally by your organisation.

**We have recently seen an increasing amount of vaccine wastage reported to ImmForm, prior to discussion or receipt of vaccine stability information from manufacturers. Please note:** **If no vaccines are wasted, there is no requirement to report on ImmForm.**

## East midlands missing imms reports

On the 15th July 2024 the SCW Child Health System, sent out The East Midlands Missing Imms reports to all GPs. These reports included all missing imms for the age group 0-5 years. Ongoing reports will be generated each month, and these will alternate between children under 5 years of age and those over 5 years of age. Therefore, the next report in August will include 6–19-year-olds.

**We would encourage all practices to utilise these lists, as they are a supportive tool to identify unvaccinated children in your practice and can also act as a data cleansing tool**.

## NHSE INSIGHTS REPORT

As part of the work to understand immunisation priorities and parental attitudes to vaccination, NHSE have revisited the 2022 work, undertaken by Thinks Insight. Please access the slide set below which discusses the findings.

In April this year, the Insights Team also presented a webinar, which can be found on this NHS Futures page [15.04.2024 - Routine Childhood Immunisations Insight Report - CommsLink - FutureNHS Collaboration Platform](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffuture.nhs.uk%2Fconnect.ti%2FCommsLink%2Fview%3FobjectId%3D204433477&data=05%7C02%7Calison.campbell%40nhs.net%7C04b66fd34c06468afbc108dcad4ee9b6%7C37c354b285b047f5b22207b48d774ee3%7C0%7C0%7C638575801949110785%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=g4gqQqJj%2FmsMX6qqHbNcONIBC0Y68cyxNqgaXSrzdEw%3D&reserved=0)

## 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 PGDs which have been sent out to all practices in July. These include the newly developed RSV PGD**,

**Td/IPV LAIV Inactivated Flu PGD and Protocol RSV**

    

# **OTHER COntact Details**

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| **CHILD HEALTH INFORMATION SERVICES (CHIS)** | |
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| LEICESTERSHIRE | [scwcsu.LLRMovementsteam.chis@nhs.net](mailto:scwcsu.LLRMovementsteam.chis@nhs.net) Tel: 0300 561 0234  [scwcsu.LLRchildhealthrecords.chis@nhs.net](mailto:scwcsu.LLRchildhealthrecords.chis@nhs.net) Tel: 0300 561 0234  [scwcsu.LLRbirthsregistrationteam.chis@nhs.net](mailto:scwcsu.LLRbirthsregistrationteam.chis@nhs.net) Tel: 0300 561 0234 |
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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) |
| 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 |
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# **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

**Please note an updated version of this will be made available in readiness for the start of the new academic year 2024/25**



* 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)