**September 2024**

**EAST MIDLANDS IMMUNISATION TEAM BULLETIN**

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# **Immunisation**

## **roll out of THE RSV Programmes from september 2024**

1st September 2024, sees the addition of the maternal RSV programme, and the RSV programme for older adults introduced into the Routine Immunisation Schedule. The updated schedule is now available, and can be accessed here: [Complete routine immunisation schedule from 1 September 2024 - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-complete-routine-immunisation-schedule/the-complete-routine-immunisation-schedule-from-february-2022) This includes 30 translated versions. For PDF version of the new schedule see below:



Details about the RSV programmes can be found in the RSV bipartite letter here: Introduction of new NHS vaccination programmes against respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

Practitioners should read the RSV chapter of the Green Book [Respiratory syncytial virus: the green book, chapter 27a - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/respiratory-syncytial-virus-the-green-book-chapter-27a) for detailed information about:

* the epidemiology of the virus
* the RSV immunisations
* the dosage and schedule for the products
* the rationale behind the RSV programmes
* recommendations for the use of RSV immunisations
* contraindications and adverse reaction advice
* supply information

**Before giving the RSV vaccine, practitioners should ensure that they have completed all the relevant training, in accordance with the national minimum requirements for immunisers**. [Immunisation training standards for healthcare practitioners - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-minimum-standards-and-core-curriculum-for-immunisation-training-for-registered-healthcare-practitioners)

**UKHSA have provided core training slide sets for the RSV programmes, these can be downloaded from the links below:**

**Maternal programme:** <https://khub.net/documents/135939561/1052259885/Respiratory+syncytial+virus+%28RSV%29+vaccination+of+pregnant+women+for+infant+protection.pptx/d9847a8c-a2d3-cad2-6d62-5763fed5de9d>

**Older adult programme:**

<https://khub.net/documents/135939561/1052259885/Respiratory+syncytial+virus+%28RSV%29+vaccination+programme+for+older+adults.pptx/7e3d8821-d068-ef4f-3820-a59c70bfe682?t=1720778047695>

For further support with the delivery of the RSV programme, please access all available resources Introduction of new NHS vaccination programmes against respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

**If you require clinical guidance please contact our East Midlands Immunisation Clinical Advice Service**: [england.emids-imms@nhs.net](mailto:england.emids-imms@nhs.net)

## **updated immunisation schedules and associated materials**

Please see below for updated links to associated materials.

The Algorithm for Uncertain or Incomplete immunisation: [https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/vaccination-of-individuals-with-uncertain-or-incomplete-immunisation-status](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gov.uk%2Fgovernment%2Fpublications%2Fvaccination-of-individuals-with-uncertain-or-incomplete-immunisation-status&data=05%7C02%7Calison.campbell%40nhs.net%7Cb568368095cc4900802e08dccbecd237%7C37c354b285b047f5b22207b48d774ee3%7C0%7C0%7C638609465205228126%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=9x6LwXCc7f2Jih0EIaoBUWfXjTz6xiu6IWUlYYYgv0A%3D&reserved=0)

The visual guide to vaccines: : [https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/a-visual-guide-to-vaccines-poster](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gov.uk%2Fgovernment%2Fpublications%2Fa-visual-guide-to-vaccines-poster&data=05%7C02%7Calison.campbell%40nhs.net%7Cb568368095cc4900802e08dccbecd237%7C37c354b285b047f5b22207b48d774ee3%7C0%7C0%7C638609465205237863%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=HrVJRzfC8BFOMirdSJ0zHh03uXKQMqv4ZqIZJc8sWd8%3D&reserved=0)

Updated QR code poster for the Routine immunisation schedules: [https://www.healthpublications.gov.uk/ViewArticle.html?sp=Stranslationsofroutineimmunisationscheduleqrcodeposter](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.healthpublications.gov.uk%2FViewArticle.html%3Fsp%3DStranslationsofroutineimmunisationscheduleqrcodeposter&data=05%7C02%7Calison.campbell%40nhs.net%7Cb568368095cc4900802e08dccbecd237%7C37c354b285b047f5b22207b48d774ee3%7C0%7C0%7C638609465205246031%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=bCu1VeyUFahO6jMYWFDQy5ppQnqkvF7XgcpiF7qytQE%3D&reserved=0)

## **tHE ANNUAL FLU PROGRAMME AND RESOURCES FOR 2024/25**

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)

**NHSE have confirmed that practices should off the flu vaccination for 2 and 3 year olds and pregnant women from 1 September 2024 and all other flu vaccinations are to start from 3 October 2024.**

UKHSA have put together the PowerPoint slides below, to outline all the UKHSA annual flu programme resources for healthcare professionals and the public, including images and links to the resources and how to either download or order copies of them.



## **IMMUNISATION TRAINING AND UPDATES**

The National Immunisation Training Standards recommend that all immunisers have core foundation education in immunisation and annual updates so they can keep up to date with the changes to the vaccine programmes. This foundation education is achieved by attendance at the Fundamentals of Immunisation two day course.

* **The e-learning from e-lfh** [**NHSE elfh Hub (e-lfh.org.uk)**](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fportal.e-lfh.org.uk%2F&data=05%7C02%7Calison.campbell%40nhs.net%7C3cca66258e6b46e6cbcb08dcc66b50b3%7C37c354b285b047f5b22207b48d774ee3%7C0%7C0%7C638603411417501532%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=H4LcYlUQkoxaxopT6pFfrl8lg%2BvRWtJxwOKN2mxMpBA%3D&reserved=0) **provide useful updates; see Immunisation e-learning programme for the routine programme and specific e-learning resources for influenza and COVID-19 vaccines.**
* There is no specified criteria for updates, immunisers will need to determine what education they need in order to safely deliver immunisation programmes.
* The Immunisation competency tool can be a useful way to identify learning needs. [https://www.rcn.org.uk/-/media/royal-college-of-nursing/documents/publications/2022/february/010-074.pdf?la=en](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.rcn.org.uk%2F-%2Fmedia%2Froyal-college-of-nursing%2Fdocuments%2Fpublications%2F2022%2Ffebruary%2F010-074.pdf%3Fla%3Den&data=05%7C02%7Calison.campbell%40nhs.net%7C3cca66258e6b46e6cbcb08dcc66b50b3%7C37c354b285b047f5b22207b48d774ee3%7C0%7C0%7C638603411417532803%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=vU05GKx8Wbx3M9PmG93OLw%2FJfNJZA0d1drCHnG36jdA%3D&reserved=0)
* The RCN immunisation pages [https://www.rcn.org.uk/clinical-topics/public-health/immunisation](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.rcn.org.uk%2Fclinical-topics%2Fpublic-health%2Fimmunisation&data=05%7C02%7Calison.campbell%40nhs.net%7C3cca66258e6b46e6cbcb08dcc66b50b3%7C37c354b285b047f5b22207b48d774ee3%7C0%7C0%7C638603411417511214%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=FaEmckRtQ%2F5KSNGiC66YXbihwKhT4kHGjCWgVbONkss%3D&reserved=0) provide some useful resources to help people keep up to date. You do not have to be a member of the RCN to access their webpages, you can register for a free account.
  + Immunisation training standards for healthcare practitioners (2018) [https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-minimum-standards-and-core-curriculum-for-immunisation-training-for-registered-healthcare-practitioners](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gov.uk%2Fgovernment%2Fpublications%2Fnational-minimum-standards-and-core-curriculum-for-immunisation-training-for-registered-healthcare-practitioners&data=05%7C02%7Calison.campbell%40nhs.net%7C3cca66258e6b46e6cbcb08dcc66b50b3%7C37c354b285b047f5b22207b48d774ee3%7C0%7C0%7C638603411417519075%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=RUyeePHhM4hMY5US34WY9WFKu7O8eIoebFNn%2FMpF5xo%3D&reserved=0)
  + Immunisation training of healthcare support workers: national minimum standards and core curriculum (2015) [https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/immunisation-training-of-healthcare-support-workers-national-minimum-standards-and-core-curriculum](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gov.uk%2Fgovernment%2Fpublications%2Fimmunisation-training-of-healthcare-support-workers-national-minimum-standards-and-core-curriculum&data=05%7C02%7Calison.campbell%40nhs.net%7C3cca66258e6b46e6cbcb08dcc66b50b3%7C37c354b285b047f5b22207b48d774ee3%7C0%7C0%7C638603411417526131%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=s5sV7fnBS%2F8NxwENYe3U1bodG8osZUWXXzEYzmjrJg4%3D&reserved=0)

## **vaccine wastage**

As part of monitoring the safe and effective delivery of the routine immunisation programmes , we also need to audit the amount of centrally supplied (ImmForm) vaccines that are wasted each month, and the cost implication. We have recently seen an increasing amount of vaccine wastage across the East Midlands, this is of particular concern when it relates to expired excess stock.

The table below shows the cost of wastage for expired excess vaccine stock by area from 1st April 2024 to 30th July 2024.

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| **ICB Name** | **Cost of expired stock £** |
| Derby and Derbyshire | 1391.75 |
| Notts and Nottinghamshire | 4055.22 |
| Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland | 11856.00 |
| Lincolnshire | 2465.95 |
| Northamptonshire | 1728.00 |
| **Total** | **13584.00** |

To minimise the risk of vaccine wastage and cost incurred, the Green Book advises that:

“Vaccination providers should have no more than two to four weeks’ supply of vaccines at any time. This will be sufficient for routine provision. Best practice is to order small quantities on a regular, scheduled basis. Ordering should be done in sufficient time to ensure that there is always an adequate supply for clinics”.[Green\_Book\_Chapter\_3\_v3\_0W.pdf (publishing.service.gov.uk)](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/5a7f08e3e5274a2e8ab49c03/Green_Book_Chapter_3_v3_0W.pdf)

Excess stock can also increase the risk of administering an out-of-date vaccine and increase the cost for disposal.

**Please be aware that a high proportion of this wastage, was for HPV vaccines. Because the routine HPV programme is delivered by the SAIS teams, practices should only order the vaccine on a needs basis, for identified patients who require the vaccination, rather than keep a supply in fridges.**

## **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.

**The PPV PGD has now been updated, and becomes effective from 1st September 2024. This has been shared with all practices across the East Midlands footprint. Please see a copy below:**

# **COLD CHAIN MANAGEMENT**

**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 for centrally supplied vaccines, 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.**

# **Useful Documents**

* A poster for display in clinical areas promoting our immunisation clinical advice service:
* **UPDATED September 2024:** Incomplete or uncertain immunisation schedule: [https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/vaccination-of-individuals-with-uncertain-or-incomplete-immunisation-status](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gov.uk%2Fgovernment%2Fpublications%2Fvaccination-of-individuals-with-uncertain-or-incomplete-immunisation-status&data=05%7C02%7Calison.campbell%40nhs.net%7Cb568368095cc4900802e08dccbecd237%7C37c354b285b047f5b22207b48d774ee3%7C0%7C0%7C638609465205228126%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=9x6LwXCc7f2Jih0EIaoBUWfXjTz6xiu6IWUlYYYgv0A%3D&reserved=0)
* **UPDATED September 2024:** Immunisation cohorts and providers for 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)

# **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)

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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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