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**EAST MIDLANDS IMMUNISATION TEAM BULLETIN**

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

**November 2024**

# **Immunisation**

**Seasonal Flu programme – 2- & 3-YEAR olds**

The 2- & 3-year-old seasonal flu programme has seen a national increase in uptake compared to previous years. Special thanks to practices that have prioritised this cohort and an ask that if you are yet to invite your 2- & 3-year-olds for their flu vaccination, please do it soon. A national invite letter was sent to parents in September and October and will be re-sent this month, encouraging them to contact their surgery to arrange a vaccination, but we know that the most effective means of communication for vaccinations comes from the GP practice.

**Comms for the children’s flu programme**

Please find attached PowerPoint slides which outline the resources for this autumn’s children’s flu vaccination programme and details of how to order them.



The **British Islamic Medical Association (BIMA)** have updated their 2 resources which explain the benefits of flu vaccination, the Islamic position on taking up the vaccine, and how to weigh up whether your children should have the nasal spray vaccine given the porcine gelatine content and conflict with a halal diet. BIMA are happy to be contacted for any local queries on [info@britishima.org](mailto:info@britishima.org) and you can download these resources from: [https://britishima.org/advice/flu-2024/](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fbritishima.org%2Fadvice%2Fflu-2024%2F&data=05%7C02%7Csarahmayfield%40nhs.net%7C1e99c72c864b44370dfd08dcb243742f%7C37c354b285b047f5b22207b48d774ee3%7C0%7C0%7C638581250012793401%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=UI3LvhoQPg1MpuOTIon%2BdntPifdNe8YRvNT522kWr%2Bw%3D&reserved=0)

## **Vaccinations in pregnancy**

The leaflet about vaccinations in pregnancy now includes a British sign language video which may be helpful, and can be downloaded from the health publications website at the link below:

[Pregnancy: how to help protect you and your baby - BSL - Health Publications](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.healthpublications.gov.uk%2FViewProduct.html%3Fsp%3DSpregnancyhowtohelpprotectyouandyourbabybsl&data=05%7C02%7Calison.campbell%40nhs.net%7C74c052c376f8449d244d08dcedbdd9d2%7C37c354b285b047f5b22207b48d774ee3%7C0%7C0%7C638646646858288434%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=71wJtvMJXbM1vVSWvPr1QODwoG6ZCGKDKB2GnLm7f8Q%3D&reserved=0)

## **the use of PSD AND National protocols FOR VACCINATION**

There has recently been some confusion in our area about how national protocols and PSDs should be used. Therefore, we need to highlight the importance of the correct use of these legal mechanisms for delivering vaccinations.

**Patient Specific Direction –** This is a written or electronic instruction, signed by a doctor, dentist or non-medical prescriber (nurse etc) for a vaccine to be administered to named patient(s),by a non-registered health professional (such as HCAs or NA) who has been delegated to vaccinate.

**Before authorizing a PSD, the prescriber should assess each patient for clinical suitability to receive the vaccination.**

“The prescriber has a duty of care and is professionally and legally accountable for the care they provide including the delegation of any administration of medicines they prescribe. The prescriber must be satisfied that the person to whom the administration is delegated has the qualifications, experience, knowledge and skills to provide the care or treatment involved. Advice is available from the [GMC](https://www.gmc-uk.org/ethical-guidance/ethical-guidance-for-doctors/good-medical-practice) and the [NMC](https://www.nmc.org.uk/standards/code/)”

source: <https://www.sps.nhs.uk/articles/patient-specific-directions-psd>.

**Please note a verbal instruction to vaccinate is not acceptable, neither is it acceptable to complete the PSD instruction after the vaccination has been administered.**

**National Protocols -** To aid flexibility around workforce for the Covid-19 and influenza vaccination programme, **temporary changes** were made to the Human Medicine Regulations 2012 (HMR) that affected the legal mechanisms used for the supply and/or administration of these vaccines. The changes included the addition of [Regulation 247](https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2012/1916/regulation/247). This allows for the supply and administration of certain vaccines (Covid-19 and influenza) under a National Protocol.

A Clinical Supervisor must be present and provide clinical supervision for the overall provision of clinical care provided under the legal authority of the protocol. They are accountable for the whole vaccination process across a vaccination site. The role of clinical supervisor must be a Doctor, Nurse or Pharmacist who is trained and competent in all aspects of the National Protocol.

**The clinical assessment and consent under the National Protocol (Stage 1) must only be undertaken by a prescriber or specified registered healthcare professional. No element of Stage 1 activity can be delegated to a non-registered person.**

**The full information can be found at:** [**https://www.england.nhs.uk/long-read/summary-of-legal-mechanisms-for-administering-covid-19-and-influenza-vaccines/**](https://www.england.nhs.uk/long-read/summary-of-legal-mechanisms-for-administering-covid-19-and-influenza-vaccines/)

## **Patient ethnicity data -guidance for data collection**

The recording of data on patients’ ethnicity is now mandatory. Please find below the links to the ethnicity toolkit released in London, to guide those responsible for this data collection:

**Information pack for GPs** - [GP-Information-Pack-collection-of-patient-ethnicity-to-inform-resource-allocation-November-2022-Public.pdf](https://www.england.nhs.uk/london/wp-content/uploads/sites/8/2023/02/GP-Information-Pack-collection-of-patient-ethnicity-to-inform-resource-allocation-November-2022-Public.pdf)

**Poster -** [Your paragraph text](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.england.nhs.uk%2Flondon%2Fwp-content%2Fuploads%2Fsites%2F8%2F2023%2F02%2FPatient-Ethnicity-Data-Posters-November-2022.pdf&data=05%7C02%7Calison.campbell%40nhs.net%7C18fc077017f8421c136f08dcf50e67ff%7C37c354b285b047f5b22207b48d774ee3%7C0%7C0%7C638654689457431629%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=a3l5IkbF7hvCkUIXbtlJbfyfO1eUjGIGGMWvkpxPkXo%3D&reserved=0)

## **RSV VACCINE COULD REDUCE ANTIBIOTIC PRESCRIBING**

RSV infections lead to 640,000 antibiotic prescriptions a year, but a new study from the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA), Imperial College London and Oxford Population Health has looked at interventions to reduce RSV infection and highlights that the new RSV vaccine programme could help reduce antibiotic prescribing and therefore antibiotic resistance.

**Please read the full article at the link below**:

[RSV vaccine could reduce antibiotic prescribing - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/rsv-vaccine-could-reduce-antibiotic-prescribing?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=3c0a1a8f-34d0-4c7b-8823-24f420978f0f&utm_content=immediately)

## **CHIS NEWSLETTER**

Please find below the latest newsletter from the CHIS Increasing Uptake Team:



## **vaccination recording errors**

The SCW IIUT have picked up from some practices that immunisation entries onto SystmOne records have incorrect dates. The IIUT advise that to ensure that immunisation records are accurate, SystmOne requires that each entry/vaccine is saved before inputting consequent entries. If you do not save each entry SystmOne automatically reverts all dates to the last date entered.

## **CHange of immform web address**

Please note that the web address for ImmForm is changing. From 20th November 2024 the new web link will be: <https://portal.immform.ukhsa.gov.uk>

## **Vaccine update – GOV.UK**

All “Vaccine Updates” are available here - Vaccine update - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/vaccine-update-issue-344-november-2023-pregnancy-special/vaccine-update-issue-344-november-2023-pregnancy-special>. 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.

As part of preparedness and resilience planning, UKHSA have now published an updated Mpox PGD. Please see copy below:



# **COLD CHAIN MANAGEMENT - reminder**

**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)

# **OTHER COntact Details**

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