**December 2024**

**EAST MIDLANDS IMMUNISATION TEAM BULLETIN**

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# **Immunisation**

## **JCVI Guidance covid and shingles programmes**

The JCVI advice on the COVID-19 programme (for 2025 and spring 2026) and shingles programme have now been published at the links below. DHSC advice regarding the potential implementation of the programmes will follow.

[https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-vaccination-in-2025-and-spring-2026-jcvi-advice](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gov.uk%2Fgovernment%2Fpublications%2Fcovid-19-vaccination-in-2025-and-spring-2026-jcvi-advice&data=05%7C02%7Calison.campbell%40nhs.net%7C18f0f4b46ba6408b0e1f08dd040026bb%7C37c354b285b047f5b22207b48d774ee3%7C0%7C0%7C638671120874840928%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=1aXM6lR8ej4gBkEGzvTTFcXRMRGDBl4tugtzwx9gjvI%3D&reserved=0)

[https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/shingles-herpes-zoster-vaccination-programme-jcvi-statement-november-2024](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gov.uk%2Fgovernment%2Fpublications%2Fshingles-herpes-zoster-vaccination-programme-jcvi-statement-november-2024&data=05%7C02%7Calison.campbell%40nhs.net%7C18f0f4b46ba6408b0e1f08dd040026bb%7C37c354b285b047f5b22207b48d774ee3%7C0%7C0%7C638671120874869773%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=7Icfb1iCYccAnFAoNQTlenM9xjyy7Fvue2OTWSUodd0%3D&reserved=0)

## **Vaccinations in pregnancy**

A new leaflet about maternal vaccines has now been published by UKSA, it can be ordered from the publication’s website, please access at this link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/pregnancy-how-to-help-protect-you-and-your-baby>

## **celebrating the rsv rollout**

**More than one million people get RSV jab in first ever NHS rollout**

The NHS are celebrating [over 1 million people getting the RSV vaccine](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.england.nhs.uk%2F2024%2F11%2Fmore-than-one-million-people-get-rsv-jab-in-first-ever-nhs-rollout%2F&data=05%7C02%7Calison.campbell%40nhs.net%7Ce9579696ae04442be5b308dd0e02ee60%7C37c354b285b047f5b22207b48d774ee3%7C0%7C0%7C638682127957597815%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=X4FZfaEoTRgALdLaND3BLmTCwyox5ro6j3WM51ZBdAc%3D&reserved=0) within 3 months of the programme launching for the first time in NHS history. This was only possible due to the hard work of NHS staff to get people vaccinated against this respiratory virus ahead of the winter months. The NHS continue to encourage pregnant women and those aged 75 to 79 to take up their offer of this life-saving vaccine as soon as possible and have shared on [social channels mother Hetty’s experience of RSV](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fx.com%2FNHSuk%2Fstatus%2F1859561930899259729&data=05%7C02%7Calison.campbell%40nhs.net%7Ce9579696ae04442be5b308dd0e02ee60%7C37c354b285b047f5b22207b48d774ee3%7C0%7C0%7C638682127957617412%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=i%2Be4X3mjPbj4SvgdkG%2BQMc3HchBWqiiL6kLmGcelacw%3D&reserved=0) with her daughter and why it is so important to get the vaccine. There is also a communications toolkit with a range of assets to help encourage those eligible to come forwards on the [Campaign Resource Centre](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fcampaignresources.dhsc.gov.uk%2Fcampaigns%2Fhelp-us-help-you-vaccinations%2Frsv-vaccinations%2F&data=05%7C02%7Calison.campbell%40nhs.net%7Ce9579696ae04442be5b308dd0e02ee60%7C37c354b285b047f5b22207b48d774ee3%7C0%7C0%7C638682127957631106%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=a2yibIoFLK%2F9XXBL9fp9gSxJjM8kzKpaPXLndVL9gDI%3D&reserved=0).

## **vaccine safety and adverse events**

UKHSA have recently updated [**Vaccine safety and adverse events following immunisation: the green book, chapter 8**](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gov.uk%2Fgovernment%2Fpublications%2Fvaccine-safety-and-adverse-events-following-immunisation-the-green-book-chapter-8&data=05%7C02%7Calison.campbell%40nhs.net%7Cb283016dd4ec4e45db6b08dd0dfd21aa%7C37c354b285b047f5b22207b48d774ee3%7C0%7C0%7C638682103029240732%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=GPokImtG8pVS0QgVMI0ueuIytZAitU6jy4pXgRLEXUU%3D&reserved=0)

The changes include new paragraphs defining anxiety related adverse events, new section on hypotonic-hyporesponsive episodes, extensive re-write of the anaphylaxis section, and changes to managing common vaccine-induced adverse events including the management of fever following Bexsero.

## **The Green book chapter 2 - consent**

Please access the following link, for the updated consent chapter of the Green Book:

[Consent: the green book, chapter 2 - GOV.UK](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gov.uk%2Fgovernment%2Fpublications%2Fconsent-the-green-book-chapter-2%3Futm_medium%3Demail%26utm_campaign%3Dgovuk-notifications-single-page%26utm_source%3D125e55d4-32be-4969-9fd6-031f59cb1ea1%26utm_content%3Dimmediately&data=05%7C02%7Calison.campbell%40nhs.net%7C7b8b5f047457423a7f2408dd0e0a5e11%7C37c354b285b047f5b22207b48d774ee3%7C0%7C0%7C638682159890953441%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=LTu4mqawZt4LAVRh7F5hsaFkAAbmWzl%2BDg798EbSmkY%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)

## **contacting emicas**

Please note, our East Midlands Immunisation Clinical Advice Service (EMICAS), has been developed to offer clinical support and guidance **specifically to healthcare professionals**. This service is not public facing, and therefore the contact details **should not be shared with patients/parents.**

# **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.

# **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)

# **OTHER COntact Details**

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| **CHILD HEALTH INFORMATION SERVICES (CHIS)** | |
| LINCOLNSHIRE | [scwcsu.Lincs.chis@nhs.net](mailto:scwcsu.Lincs.chis@nhs.net) Tel: 0300 561 0234 |
| 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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| NOTTS AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE | Nottingham City - [scwcsu.nottscity.chis@nhs.net](mailto:scwcsu.nottscity.chis@nhs.net) Tel: 0300 561 0234  Notts County - [scwcsu.nottscounty.chis@nhs.net](mailto:scwcsu.nottscounty.chis@nhs.net) Tel: 0300 561 0234  Bassett Law - [scwcsu.Bassetlaw.chis@nhs.net](mailto:scwcsu.Bassetlaw.chis@nhs.net) Tel: 0300 561 0234 |
| **SCHOOL AGED IMMUNISATION SERVICE (SAIS)** | |
| LINCOLNSHIRE | [lhnt.sais@nhs.net](mailto:lhnt.sais@nhs.net) 01522 572950 |
| 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 |