**January 2025**

**EAST MIDLANDS VACCINATION TEAM BULLETIN**

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

**Vacancy in the NHSE VACCINATION TEAM?**

Do you have a passion for public health and vaccination programmes? Would you be interested in joining our team?

The EM Vaccination team are recruiting to a Screening and Immunisation Coordinator Vacancy. This post has now been advertised can be viewed at <https://www.jobs.nhs.uk/candidate/jobadvert/M9990-25-0007?keyword=Screening%20and%20Immunisation%20Coordinator&language=en>

**For questions about the job, contact:**

Sarah Mayfield Senior Vaccination Manager [sarahmayfield@nhs.net](mailto:sarahmayfield@nhs.net)

## **VACCINATIONS IN PREGNANCY VIDEOS**

Nottingham County Council have developed some VIP videos based on focus group work with pregnant women and families with small children which they are happy for you to use in practice.

Direct links to the videos which are on the NCC YouTube channel are below.

Playlist (where you can view all videos, Urdu to be added): [https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLZItlOCCIKk9AMuhFfMAdi272GAN1oUFb](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.youtube.com%2Fplaylist%3Flist%3DPLZItlOCCIKk9AMuhFfMAdi272GAN1oUFb&data=05%7C02%7Calison.campbell%40nhs.net%7Cee9d6417649342d247b308dd1f789901%7C37c354b285b047f5b22207b48d774ee3%7C0%7C0%7C638701324991017707%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=NjAMNNUPamBsCdQN3KBJXZPkB8kjD1slBDeAHmsctGQ%3D&reserved=0)

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Romanian: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=3vs8-ltdxHs](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.youtube.com%2Fwatch%3Fapp%3Ddesktop%26v%3D3vs8-ltdxHs&data=05%7C02%7Calison.campbell%40nhs.net%7Cee9d6417649342d247b308dd1f789901%7C37c354b285b047f5b22207b48d774ee3%7C0%7C0%7C638701324991052608%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=q%2F6odIGtMBPG1j6k7JzVnv0B%2B1M14100%2BJt6N3qKgjg%3D&reserved=0)

Ukrainian: [https://youtu.be/0Pz7n3AkZ6c](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fyoutu.be%2F0Pz7n3AkZ6c&data=05%7C02%7Calison.campbell%40nhs.net%7Cee9d6417649342d247b308dd1f789901%7C37c354b285b047f5b22207b48d774ee3%7C0%7C0%7C638701324991070836%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=axyg4X3cqdgTHO%2BH9ljqRHTSXxFLxnfhxxBD368A%2FLw%3D&reserved=0)

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## **pneumonia vaccine is effective in people with inflammatory diseases**

The National Institute for Health and Care Research have found that the pneumococcal vaccine:

* protects against pneumonia, meningitis and sepsis. Among people with inflammatory diseases (such as arthritis and inflammatory bowel disease
* reduced the risk of hospitalisation and death from pneumonia
* had low uptake
* was not linked with disease flares.

The findings reassure that the vaccine is effective and safe for people with these conditions. They highlight the need to increase vaccine uptake. To read the full report please access the link below:

[https://evidence.nihr.ac.uk/alert/pneumonia-vaccine-is-effective-in-people-with-inflammatory-diseases/](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fevidence.nihr.ac.uk%2Falert%2Fpneumonia-vaccine-is-effective-in-people-with-inflammatory-diseases%2F&data=05%7C02%7Calison.campbell%40nhs.net%7C26b1c9c7faeb4a22bc0608dd1f7bc858%7C37c354b285b047f5b22207b48d774ee3%7C0%7C0%7C638701338670086312%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=q%2FzgdjrA48F7J6l6%2BSt0EdbSTNamJlurcyuUyRUaaD4%3D&reserved=0)

## **infant dried blood spot testing for hepatitis b**

For those providers of the Neonatal Hepatitis B Pathway, a video has been produced by NHS North East and Yorkshire, which highlights the importance of the DBS test, for infants born to mothers living with Hepatitis B. It also includes a physical demonstration of the technique. Please see the link below, to access this video:

[https://youtu.be/FeXhCeUXkUo](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fyoutu.be%2FFeXhCeUXkUo&data=05%7C02%7Calison.campbell%40nhs.net%7C3d306ac4c58c4e20675e08dd1e9b4ced%7C37c354b285b047f5b22207b48d774ee3%7C0%7C0%7C638700374528059692%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=Vi3o19hikUDHH2Cjy0WfrREkQ4Gy2nSUEO%2B6Va4R5BE%3D&reserved=0)

## **Toolkit for the management of patients with unknown or incomplete immunisation histories**

Our team has developed a toolkit for the management of patients with unknown or incomplete immunisation histories. The aim of this toolkit is to offer a step-by-step guide to support the management of vaccinating patients where their immunisation history is unknown or incomplete. This toolkit should be used in in conjunction with [Vaccination of individuals with uncertain or incomplete immunisation status (publishing.service.gov.uk)](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fassets.publishing.service.gov.uk%2Fmedia%2F64dd28dd3fde61000d4a53e8%2FUKHSA-12599-algorithm-immunisation-status-from-1September2023.pdf&data=05%7C02%7Calison.campbell%40nhs.net%7C4c8140b4d798457d1d3c08dd2114f276%7C37c354b285b047f5b22207b48d774ee3%7C0%7C0%7C638703097013172203%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=rXpmKfIVMfhFZf0L50a6KOyA8rc0nNMdjO7eY1Etlxo%3D&reserved=0), which can be found on slide 2.

A copy of the toolkit can be found below:



**The purpose of this toolkit is to support you to make sure patients are up to date with their immunisations, according to the routine UK immunisation schedule.**

## **eligibility for bcg vaccination - who tb rates by country**

As of June 2024, there is new information with regards to eligibility for the BCG vaccination, based on country of origin, please see the document below, which includes links to accessing the relevant data and how to interpret it.



## **Ardens SystmOne - Nurses and HCAs Training**

A Teams session with Ardens has been arranged to provide some SystmOne coding training for PNs and HCAs. The training will cover a whole suite of primary care coding but will specifically highlight vaccination coding issues including declines and immunisations received abroad.

This training will take place 20th January 2025, 12-1 and the invite will be sent out to all practices and ICB leads.

For future planning we aim to arrange similar for EMIS practices too.

**Summary of the training below** -

**Course Aim**

The aim of this course is to provide a comprehensive overview of the available resources for the nursing team. By the end of the session staff should be able to use the Ardens resources to perform the relevant Chronic Disease Review following NICE guidance, as well as to perform Treatment Room consultations, such a Health Checks, Wound Management, Childhood Immunisations etc.

**Course Content**

The Ardens SystmOne for Nurses and HCAs course will cover the following content:

· Overview of the available Ardens resources and how to locate the resources within the clinical system.

· Performing Chronic Disease Reviews (Asthma, Diabetes etc), including capturing QOF, printing Care Plans, accessing formularies.

· Immunisations – including Childhood Immunisations, bravery certificates, Flu vaccinations

· Injections – Vitamin B12, adding electronic PSD’s for non-prescribers.

· Travel Consultation – printing a travel questionnaire, recording advice, recording vaccinations.

· Phlebotomy – recording blood sample taken, accessing electronic blood requesting (eg ICE).

· NHS Health Checks – Performing the check, printing out a patient summary once completed.

· Wound Management – Recording various dressings, complex wound care, removal of sutures, leg ulcer management.

The above is a guide. Other templates are available in the system for the Nurse/HCA team, and we are happy to run through any of them (time permitting) as well as general queries during the 1-hour session.

**Supporting Online Training Resources**

To support ongoing learning, we recommend the following online Ardens resources: · Nurses Overview · New Starter Nurses Webinar · Asthma Consultation · Patient Specific Directives · Childhood Immunisations · Travel Consultation · Phlebotomy

## **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.

# **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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| LEICESTERSHIRE | Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust: 0300 3000 007 |
| NORTHAMPTONSHIRE | [Imms.nhft@nhs.net](mailto:Imms.nhft@nhs.net)  0800 170 7055 (option 5) |
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