**March 2025**

**EAST MIDLANDS VACCINATION TEAM BULLETIN**

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

**FLU LETTER 2025/26**

Please see the link to the ***tripartite annual flu letter*** which has now been published.  It sets out which groups are eligible for flu vaccination in 2025 to 2026, and which vaccine should be offered to them.  There are no changes to the cohorts nor timing for this autumn’s programme.

[www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-flu-immunisation-programme-plan-2025-to-2026](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.gov.uk%2Fgovernment%2Fpublications%2Fnational-flu-immunisation-programme-plan-2025-to-2026&data=05%7C02%7Calison.campbell%40nhs.net%7Cd3de3e6acb8f480968cd08dd4c377b28%7C37c354b285b047f5b22207b48d774ee3%7C0%7C0%7C638750523392788688%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=Fq044kH19m9seFGyaJxUp%2FPfSpQItYT3BaKskTqwxkQ%3D&reserved=0)

Please note that WHO has recommended a move to trivalent formulations of influenza vaccines in preference to quadrivalent formulations.  All influenza vaccines have either already got MHRA approval to be trivalent or manufacturers are in the process of seeking the relevant approvals.

**the importance of accurate and timely vaccine recording**

There has recently been an increasing number of vaccine incidents reported, where duplicate vaccinations have been administered to patients. This is either because immunisation records haven’t been updated, or staff have not checked records prior to administering. **Up to date immunisation records allow other professionals to see all vaccinations given, this minimises the risk of duplicating vaccinations. Whilst giving a duplicate vaccine may not be harmful to an individual, it can cause inconvenience and undue stress and is costly to the NHS.**

The Royal College of Nursing states that prior to giving a vaccine always check the 8Rs (based on Paediatric vaccination errors: Application of the “5 Rights” framework to a national error reporting database (Shore et al., 2009).

* Right patient.
* Right documentation (to ascertain what the patient has already had/ needs
* Right vaccine and diluent (where applicable).
* Right to give (i.e., no contraindications).
* Right time (including correct age and interval, as well as before the product expiration date).
* Right dose.
* Right route (including correct needle gauge and length and technique).
* Right site.

Up to date, accurate and accessible immunisation records are also vital to ensure the call and recall process for patients. A patient’s GP record should contain all their immunisation history. this ensures that data flows correctly so that vaccine uptake can be monitored and relevant payments made to immunisation service providers.

**In line with the record keeping requirements of the GP core contract, vaccination records should appear in the patient's medical records within 48 hours of a vaccine being administered.**

**hpv awareness day**

HPV Awareness Day reminded parents that the HPV vaccine gives protection against cervical cancer and protects both girls and boys from several other types of cancer. HPV vaccine uptake is still well below pre-pandemic level and there are over a quarter of a million young people still unprotected. The UKHSA is urging all young people to take up the HPV vaccine in schools when offered. Please access the link below to read the full article:

[Over a quarter of pupils missing out on HPV vaccine - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/over-a-quarter-of-pupils-missing-out-on-hpv-vaccine)

## **Vaccine update – GOV.UK**

[Vaccine update: issue 355, February 2025](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flinks-1.govdelivery.com%2FCL0%2Fhttps%3A%252F%252Fwww.healthpublications.gov.uk%252FViewArticle.html%253Fsp%3DSvaccineupdateissue355february2025%2F1%2F010001955d1b4d8c-a9d2ef31-e3dc-4c8c-b091-a3804a34af9e-000000%2Fd6k709uTqBgtuv8huDU6QgDPjhTnrqrPqyB7BF1N9nA%3D394&data=05%7C02%7Calison.campbell%40nhs.net%7C3e87860df3d8463400d908dd5a7af299%7C37c354b285b047f5b22207b48d774ee3%7C0%7C0%7C638766206294620997%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=8k3byGz8Sm56GjCUPIe81qh9RU8ccAjf6nvvka57JzQ%3D&reserved=0)

This month's edition features:

* [Registration for NIN 2025 now open](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flinks-1.govdelivery.com%2FCL0%2Fhttps%3A%252F%252Fwww.gov.uk%252Fgovernment%252Fpublications%252Fvaccine-update-issue-355-february-2025%252Fvaccine-update-issue-355-february-2025%2523registration-for-nin-2025-now-open%2F1%2F010001955d1b4d8c-a9d2ef31-e3dc-4c8c-b091-a3804a34af9e-000000%2Fv2cjm_sl7VHRjpEGqHEsK-Gi74bvTHgGP2-z_FiFS1o%3D394&data=05%7C02%7Calison.campbell%40nhs.net%7C3e87860df3d8463400d908dd5a7af299%7C37c354b285b047f5b22207b48d774ee3%7C0%7C0%7C638766206294642486%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=jlpua1Zd6R3m3Xrhg2FPArh79ZJy6PMP8grCINm%2FbNY%3D&reserved=0)
* [Annual flu letter published for 2025 to 2026](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flinks-1.govdelivery.com%2FCL0%2Fhttps%3A%252F%252Fwww.gov.uk%252Fgovernment%252Fpublications%252Fvaccine-update-issue-355-february-2025%252Fvaccine-update-issue-355-february-2025%2523annual-flu-letter-published-for-2025-to-2026%2F1%2F010001955d1b4d8c-a9d2ef31-e3dc-4c8c-b091-a3804a34af9e-000000%2FNkPo6AbKxAY4br1qSmJrK4tebzpIMnPgNTB5PQIVnOk%3D394&data=05%7C02%7Calison.campbell%40nhs.net%7C3e87860df3d8463400d908dd5a7af299%7C37c354b285b047f5b22207b48d774ee3%7C0%7C0%7C638766206294655769%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=ABiROzl1yfrvseRAsF7cUmfWvLVLi474tkeHL8E2Jug%3D&reserved=0)
* [Updated vaccine coverage data for adolescent immunisation programmes](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flinks-1.govdelivery.com%2FCL0%2Fhttps%3A%252F%252Fwww.gov.uk%252Fgovernment%252Fpublications%252Fvaccine-update-issue-355-february-2025%252Fvaccine-update-issue-355-february-2025%2523updated-vaccine-coverage-data-for-adolescent-immunisation-programmes%2F1%2F010001955d1b4d8c-a9d2ef31-e3dc-4c8c-b091-a3804a34af9e-000000%2FaWwKUHfeR73Ezpgx5udkOu6C5gh3JtopYPO_9_xNuEU%3D394&data=05%7C02%7Calison.campbell%40nhs.net%7C3e87860df3d8463400d908dd5a7af299%7C37c354b285b047f5b22207b48d774ee3%7C0%7C0%7C638766206294670853%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=DMckhlkAABulnU0RYuoFFi1Q%2FpT%2Bknbp0QjmFoSmssQ%3D&reserved=0)
* [New maternal vaccines communications toolkit and materials](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flinks-1.govdelivery.com%2FCL0%2Fhttps%3A%252F%252Fwww.gov.uk%252Fgovernment%252Fpublications%252Fvaccine-update-issue-355-february-2025%252Fvaccine-update-issue-355-february-2025%2523new-maternal-vaccines-communications-toolkit-and-materials%2F1%2F010001955d1b4d8c-a9d2ef31-e3dc-4c8c-b091-a3804a34af9e-000000%2FCWuA1jbx3oN6Ive90d39iGTbVOcYMt3KlM-SEPDe2uw%3D394&data=05%7C02%7Calison.campbell%40nhs.net%7C3e87860df3d8463400d908dd5a7af299%7C37c354b285b047f5b22207b48d774ee3%7C0%7C0%7C638766206294683962%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=DKOgO7nTg4eC3Kuqq4bA80Fptf8NKb1MLOv3htw48dY%3D&reserved=0)
* [Save the date: Fundamentals of Immunisation](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flinks-1.govdelivery.com%2FCL0%2Fhttps%3A%252F%252Fwww.gov.uk%252Fgovernment%252Fpublications%252Fvaccine-update-issue-355-february-2025%252Fvaccine-update-issue-355-february-2025%2523save-the-date-fundamentals-of-immunisation%2F1%2F010001955d1b4d8c-a9d2ef31-e3dc-4c8c-b091-a3804a34af9e-000000%2Fr0iIGumfkqqfRllk0v8CCFe-yHRDd6O09CN3nz6VOx0%3D394&data=05%7C02%7Calison.campbell%40nhs.net%7C3e87860df3d8463400d908dd5a7af299%7C37c354b285b047f5b22207b48d774ee3%7C0%7C0%7C638766206294696436%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=7%2FOf1Ccoyou%2Fvm9Lhkixht0DUzzl9u5DfBf6fQ3Mn3I%3D&reserved=0)
* [Vaccine supply](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flinks-1.govdelivery.com%2FCL0%2Fhttps%3A%252F%252Fwww.gov.uk%252Fgovernment%252Fpublications%252Fvaccine-update-issue-355-february-2025%252Fvaccine-update-issue-355-february-2025%2523vaccine-supply%2F1%2F010001955d1b4d8c-a9d2ef31-e3dc-4c8c-b091-a3804a34af9e-000000%2F35OmIndfigRJ9usNGh8r__Lc5l0wGVRFFEx71HmtsiY%3D394&data=05%7C02%7Calison.campbell%40nhs.net%7C3e87860df3d8463400d908dd5a7af299%7C37c354b285b047f5b22207b48d774ee3%7C0%7C0%7C638766206294708868%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=mfk%2BwdNXjKRhe2CAE7JNHkeMytdqAap4aNdUPhVzHbs%3D&reserved=0)
* [Routine vaccination programme](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flinks-1.govdelivery.com%2FCL0%2Fhttps%3A%252F%252Fwww.gov.uk%252Fgovernment%252Fpublications%252Fvaccine-update-issue-355-february-2025%252Fvaccine-update-issue-355-february-2025%2523routine-vaccination-programme%2F1%2F010001955d1b4d8c-a9d2ef31-e3dc-4c8c-b091-a3804a34af9e-000000%2FJIJ8t5h2VFL_x_MP36O-l227Np3kuMfFyGK3bDcFRUQ%3D394&data=05%7C02%7Calison.campbell%40nhs.net%7C3e87860df3d8463400d908dd5a7af299%7C37c354b285b047f5b22207b48d774ee3%7C0%7C0%7C638766206294721262%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=oJlzancCjQuC8xEyYOJG9KZn9XkTKCfzU3u9jA2KmUs%3D&reserved=0)
* [Non-routine vaccine supply](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flinks-1.govdelivery.com%2FCL0%2Fhttps%3A%252F%252Fwww.gov.uk%252Fgovernment%252Fpublications%252Fvaccine-update-issue-355-february-2025%252Fvaccine-update-issue-355-february-2025%2523non-routine-vaccine-supply%2F1%2F010001955d1b4d8c-a9d2ef31-e3dc-4c8c-b091-a3804a34af9e-000000%2FQimG3ZMX2fv3PlLfBK-ziv4dkZMZNWYCr-jD3R3sspA%3D394&data=05%7C02%7Calison.campbell%40nhs.net%7C3e87860df3d8463400d908dd5a7af299%7C37c354b285b047f5b22207b48d774ee3%7C0%7C0%7C638766206294733864%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=SIzA%2F8nuZipwTJKR%2BVNAJgPKS5ortuMnQaAysaeahb0%3D&reserved=0)

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**All “Vaccine Updates” are available at - 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.**

Recently revised versions of the Men B, Men B at risk and PCV at risk PGDs are now available, and these have been circulated to all practices. Also, extension letters have been published for the Men ACWY and Hepatitis B PGDs, pending the anticipated revisions to the childhood immunisation programme. These have also been shared with all practices and are available on our website.

# **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)** | |
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| NORTHAMPTONSHIRE | [scwcsu.northants.chis@nhs.net](mailto:scwcsu.northants.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 |