**May 2025**

**EAST MIDLANDS VACCINATION TEAM BULLETIN**

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

**CHANGES TO THE ROUTINE CHILDHOOD IMMUNISATION SCHEDULE**

Please find the below link for the letter announcing the childhood schedules changes from 1 July 2025 and 1 January 2026:

[Changes to the routine childhood vaccination schedule from 1 July 2025 and 1 January 2026 letter - GOV.UK](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gov.uk%2Fgovernment%2Fpublications%2Fchanges-to-the-routine-childhood-schedule-letter%2Fchanges-to-the-routine-childhood-vaccination-schedule-from-1-july-2025-and-1-january-2026-letter&data=05%7C02%7Calison.campbell%40nhs.net%7C982ca565cf964fca456808dd8894470c%7C37c354b285b047f5b22207b48d774ee3%7C0%7C1%7C638816892631925695%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=PqbenMpKt89iHNBf0ewQLIz9dbfEqiYBbwKg7qZO2e0%3D&reserved=0)

The related Green Book chapters, PGDs, training and healthcare professional information, publications, red book page updates and the calculator tool will be published in due course before the implementation dates of 1 July 2025 and 1 January 2026.

**Don’t forget also, that EMICAS** **england.imms@nhs.net** **is here for you, should you have any queries/questions/need support?**

**WEBINAR HIGHLIGHTING** **CHANGES TO THE ROUTINE CHILDHOOD IMMUNISATION SCHEDULE**

On Wednesday 11 June 2025, 14:00 – 15:15, the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) Immunisation Team will be hosting a webinar to inform you of the significant changes to the routine childhood vaccination schedule and the selective hepatitis B (HepB) programme occurring from July 2025 and January 2026, including the introduction of a new routine vaccination appointment at 18 months of age.

This webinar is aimed at health professionals involved in the commissioning and delivery of childhood immunisations including those working in primary care, screening and immunisation teams, health visiting teams and integrated care boards (ICBs). A full agenda will follow.

[Please register your interest for attending this webinar via Microsoft Forms](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fforms.office.com%2FPages%2FResponsePage.aspx%3Fid%3DmRRO7jVKLkutR188-d6GZoWDgUmZBEJMpxD-TyYSR-dUQzhJN1RJS0lVRTdURTNJU0tRTFZBME5RRy4u&data=05%7C02%7Calison.campbell%40nhs.net%7C943b8712e2ad4886c07d08dd7c1d62ff%7C37c354b285b047f5b22207b48d774ee3%7C0%7C0%7C638803187895451118%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=VR%2FKjXEee%2F%2BZ1gXtCYYVIc9wKByuDUNpZ5636oHi%2BiI%3D&reserved=0).

This webinar will be recorded, and the recording and slides will be shared with all registered attendees. If you are unable to attend on 11 June but still want to receive the recording, please make sure you fill out this form, so UKHSA send it to you.

Please do share this email with colleagues, your teams, and networks.

**For any logistical/events questions about the webinars, please email** **externalaffairs@ukhsa.gov.uk**

**TRAINING SLIDESET FOR CHILDHOOD IMMUNISATION SCHEDULE CHANGES**

This slide set has been developed to provide healthcare practitioners with information about the changes to the childhood immunisation schedule and contains a collection of core slides for use by trainers for the delivery of training in relation to the upcoming changes to the childhood vaccination programmes in 2025 and 2026

[**https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/681382f6b0ef2c9850525448/Training\_slideset\_for\_childhood\_schedule\_changes\_v1.0\_1\_May\_2025.pdf**](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/681382f6b0ef2c9850525448/Training_slideset_for_childhood_schedule_changes_v1.0_1_May_2025.pdf)

**UKHSA BLOG - My measles journey**

**Please read this new post by Saijal Ladd, Prescribing Advisor - Medicines Planning and Operations, NHS North Central London Integrated Care Board (ICB), as she shares her experience of contracting measles at 42, and the serious impact this had on her health.** [**https://ukhsa.blog.gov.uk/2025/04/25/my-measles-journey-i-woke-to-find-a-rash-all-over-my-body/**](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fukhsa.blog.gov.uk%2F2025%2F04%2F25%2Fmy-measles-journey-i-woke-to-find-a-rash-all-over-my-body%2F&data=05%7C02%7Calison.campbell%40nhs.net%7C3c0fc6cfe2bf4f24814e08dd86349873%7C37c354b285b047f5b22207b48d774ee3%7C0%7C0%7C638814282745010160%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=nSSoeaBWp1HktZbW4bFlxUgpI%2BFMZRLLxHyH1yjFZ%2Bg%3D&reserved=0)

**This story is being shared as part of London’s 'Why We Get Vaccinated' campaign, highlighting the importance of getting vaccinated and serving as an important reminder that it’s never too late to catch up.**

**hepatitis b vaccine for at risk infants**

The Summary of hepatitis B vaccine schedule, advice and guidance for pregnant women and new mothers is available at the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/hepatitis-b-vaccine-for-at-risk-infants-aide-memoire/hepatitis-b-vaccine-for-at-risk-infants-aide-memoire>
This aide memoire has been rebranded from PHE to UKHSA and contains updated information and additional guidance about the Dried Blood Spot (DBS), which is the preferred method of testing, for at risk children. There is also an expanded checklist and links to further resources.

**CONSULTANT REQUESTS FOR IMMUNISATIONS OUTSIDE OF THE ROUTINE PROGRAMME.**

There has been an increasing number of queries into EMICAS recently with regards to consultants making requests for specific patients to be vaccinated outside of the routine immunisation programme**.** On receiving such a request,the practitioner needs to determine that they agree with the administration of the vaccine as it is being given under their clinical responsibility.  Where a practice decides to vaccinate a patient outside the national programme e.g. on the request of a secondary care consultant, please consider the following:

* Where there is no PGD in place to cover vaccination, a PSD is required, or a prescriber needs to administer.
* When the cost of the vaccine is outside of the national programme ImmForm stock cannot be used, and stock should be ordered direct from the manufacturer *(except in the case of revaccination due to stem cell transplant. See guidance below from UKHSA):*

***In patients who receive stem cell/bone marrow transplants, any protective antibodies from exposure or vaccination prior to transplantation are likely to be lost and it is unclear whether the recipient acquires the donor’s immunity. All such individuals should be considered for a re-immunisation programme after treatment is finished. GP practices are able to provide these vaccinations and ImmForm stock can be used. Please note that the vaccines will need to be administered using a PSD.***

**Additional information from East Midlands Vaccination team:**

* The practice can reclaim the cost of purchased vaccines via their prescribing claims to the NHSBSA (as with other prescription items) as personal administration and dispensing cost.
* The cost will then sit against the ICB’s prescribing budget (because it’s not part of the national S7A programme).
* Where activity is outside the national programme this will not generate an activity fee on CQRS. Please refer to the GMS statement of financial entitlements for which vaccines are eligible for an IoS fee.

**If a practice chooses not to facilitate vaccination in such circumstances they should refer back to secondary care**.

## **Vaccine update – GOV.UK**

All “Vaccine Updates” are available here - <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/vaccine-update#2025>

**It is recommended that all health care professionals involved in vaccination subscribe to the vaccine update. Please access this link to activate a subscription:** <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKHPA/subscribers/new?preferences=true>

The latest edition of Vaccine Update was published on 30th April [Vaccine update: issue 357, April 2025 - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/vaccine-update-issue-357-april-2025/vaccine-update-issue-357-april-2025) This issue includes:

* information on European Immunisation Week
* details on travel information
* routine immunisation changes webinar
* routine and non-routine vaccine supply

**You can also download a**[**PDF version**](https://www.healthpublications.gov.uk/ViewArticle.html?sp=Svaccineupdateissue357april2025vu357).

# **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 **england.imms@nhs.net**.

**Please note that PGDs affected by the changes to the routine childhood programmes will be published in due course and shared with all providers before the implementation dates of 1 July 2025 and 1 January 2026.**

# **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 East Midlands Vaccination Team should be informed via the generic inbox **england.imms@nhs.net** and stability information of all vaccines involved in the incident should be sought as directed below:

* LLR and Northamptonshire - stability information can be sought from the LRI on 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**

* **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.imms@nhs.net**

**Please include your practice ODS code in the email title, when contacting EMICAS, so that we can 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 or 0207 183 8580.
* All practice payment queries should be emailed to: GP Contracting EMids:

 nnicb-nn.eastmidlands-pcgp@nhs.net

# **OTHER COntact Details**

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| **CHILD HEALTH INFORMATION SERVICES (CHIS)** |
| LINCOLNSHIRE | scwcsu.Lincs.chis@nhs.net Tel: 0300 561 0234 |
| LEICESTERSHIRE  | scwcsu.LLRMovementsteam.chis@nhs.net Tel: 0300 561 0234scwcsu.LLRchildhealthrecords.chis@nhs.net Tel: 0300 561 0234scwcsu.LLRbirthsregistrationteam.chis@nhs.net Tel: 0300 561 0234 |
| NORTHAMPTONSHIRE  | scwcsu.northants.chis@nhs.net Tel: 0300 561 0234 |
| DERBY AND DERBYSHIRE | scwcsu.derbyshire.chis@nhs.net Tel: 0300 561 0234 |
| NOTTS AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE | Nottingham City - scwcsu.nottscity.chis@nhs.net Tel: 0300 561 0234Notts County - scwcsu.nottscounty.chis@nhs.net Tel: 0300 561 0234Bassett Law - scwcsu.Bassetlaw.chis@nhs.net Tel: 0300 561 0234 |
| **SCHOOL AGED IMMUNISATION SERVICE (SAIS)**  |
| LINCOLNSHIRE | lhnt.sais@nhs.net 01522 572950 |
| LEICESTERSHIRE  | Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust: 0300 3000 007 |
| NORTHAMPTONSHIRE  | Imms.nhft@nhs.net  0800 170 7055 (option 5) |
| DERBY AND DERBYSHIRE | immunisations.derbyshire@intrahealth.co.uk Tel: 03333583397 Option 5 |
| NOTTS AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE | immunisations.nottinghamshire@intrahealth.co.uk Tel: 03333583397 Option 4 |