**August 2025**

**EAST MIDLANDS VACCINATION TEAM BULLETIN**

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

**vaccination in the uk: access, uptake and equity**

The Royal College of Paediatrics has produced a report which assesses how and why vaccine uptake in the UK has stalled or declined. It outlines the evidence and recommendations to increase uptake of routine childhood vaccinations across three broad themes: access to services, improved data systems and strengthening public information, education and communication. To access the full report please use this link: [**Vaccination in the UK: access, uptake and equity**](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.rcpch.ac.uk%2Fresources%2Fvaccination-access-uptake-equity-2025%3Futm_source%3DThe%2520King%2527s%2520Fund%2520newsletters%2520%2528main%2520account%2529%26utm_medium%3Demail%26utm_campaign%3D15071208_NEWSL_HMP%25202025-07-04%26dm_i%3D21A8%2C8Z10O%2CRL09P7%2C11GH2Y%2C1&data=05%7C02%7Calison.campbell%40nhs.net%7C8392c6d5c2e2469cbd4c08ddbd352d5f%7C37c354b285b047f5b22207b48d774ee3%7C0%7C0%7C638874758285243752%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=p9UPu5nNiaWJ8r%2F%2FCA%2F%2BtQ2X1ggjD%2Br66vIKeDEDIso%3D&reserved=0)

**depletion of vaxelis ® for the childhood programme**

Infanrix Hexa is now the only vaccine to order via ImmForm for the DTaP/IPV/Hib/Hep B programme. Orders remain unrestricted, but providers are advised not to order more than two weeks work of vaccine, this is to minimise wastage due to cold chain incidents.

**If you require assistance with ordering, please contact the ImmForm helpdesk:** [**Helpdesk@immform.org.uk**](mailto:Helpdesk@immform.org.uk)

**changes to the routine childhood schedule 1st July 2025 – ukhsa calculator**

The UKHSA have developed a DoB calculator for ease of working out which vaccinations are required in line with the changes to the routine childhood schedule, which were implemented from 1st July 2025. Please be aware that this calculator is for use with children on the routine schedule only and is not to be used to work out what is required for those with missing immunisations, who are catching up. **For children with missing immunisations, you should refer to the incomplete/uncertain immunisation schedule**. <https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/683d9e6e8e9bdf1409b90b68/UKHSA_13259_Algorithm_immunisation_status_20250503.pdf>

If you require any assistance with this, please contact our EMICAS helpdesk: [england.imms@nhs.net](mailto:england.imms@nhs.net)

**rsv vaccines and small risk of guillan-barre syndrome**

The MHRA have advised that there is a small increase in risk of Guillain-Barré syndrome (GBS) following vaccination with these two RSV products in adults aged ≥60 years. Healthcare professionals should advise recipients to be alert to signs & symptoms of GBS and seek immediate medical attention if they occur. For further information please access this link: [**Abrysvo▼ (Pfizer RSV vaccine) and Arexvy▼ (GSK RSV vaccine): be alert to a small risk of Guillain-Barré syndrome following vaccination in older adults**](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fnice.us8.list-manage.com%2Ftrack%2Fclick%3Fu%3D7864f766b10b8edd18f19aa56%26id%3Dcbe74f6869%26e%3D57c00ec86b&data=05%7C02%7Calison.campbell%40nhs.net%7C7291bae466a74266fd2908ddc2b375ac%7C37c354b285b047f5b22207b48d774ee3%7C0%7C0%7C638880798204698821%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=DgpWKwV1a3pHzIuIQLDM7uCOtvjuQTHvDWoKbdcz4UY%3D&reserved=0)

**ukhsa survey reveals high parental confidence in childrens vaccines**

New data from the UKHSA shows 85% of parents are confident that childhood vaccines are safe, effective and trustworthy. Information from this survey [**Survey reveals high parental confidence in children's vaccines**](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gov.uk%2Fgovernment%2Fnews%2Fsurvey-reveals-high-parental-confidence-in-childrens-vaccines&data=05%7C02%7Calison.campbell%40nhs.net%7C7291bae466a74266fd2908ddc2b375ac%7C37c354b285b047f5b22207b48d774ee3%7C0%7C0%7C638880798204744864%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=JWnrRJoBes%2Bv55frvPnU9vZYQHVgMaq1Dg9iIzMLByc%3D&reserved=0)**,** shows that Healthcare professionals, in particular GPs, health visitors and nurses, continue to be the most trusted source of vaccine information.

**reporting vaccine wastage**

In cases where products are ordered through ImmForm and need to be disposed of, for example in the event of vaccines not being viable due to cold chain issues or expired stock, a ‘Stock Incident Form’ should be completed on the ImmForm website. Please see below for step-by-step instructions on how to fill in a ‘Stock Incident’ form.

1. From the ImmForm home page click on ‘Product Ordering’

2. Navigate to the ‘Stock Incident’ tab and select ‘Add Stock Incident’.

3. The form allows you to enter, in doses, the lost vaccines.

4. You can select the Incident reason from the dropdown box and if required add further information in the Incident description.

**Please note in the event of a cold chain incident do not discard any vaccines prior to discussing with the NHSE vaccination team and ultimately seeking manufacturer stability information. If no vaccines are wasted, then there is no requirement to report on ImmForm.**

Not all cold chain interruptions will result in the need for vaccines to be destroyed. When storage temperatures have varied a little for a short period of time, some vaccines can tolerate this fluctuation and the safety of the vaccine and way in which it works may not be affected.

In this instance the vaccines can still be used “off label” this means that the vaccine is still licensed but it is being used in a different way to that stated within the licence (i.e. out of recommended temperature ranges (+2 ° to +8 ° C). The “off label” use of vaccines is determined by what is known about the vaccine from information provided by the manufacturer, the World Health Organisation and from special stability studies. NHS England, UKHSA, and vaccine manufacturers will advise on whether the vaccine can still be used.

Using vaccines “off label” is not a way of saving money, it is a waste of public money to throw away expensive vaccines unnecessarily, also to have to delay vaccination could put a patient at risk of a serious infection.

**The decision to allow “off label” use will only be taken if the vaccine is still considered to be safe and effective.**

**measles communications toolkit**

There has been a resurgence of measles in England and around the world in recent years. Most of the cases in England have been in children under the age of 10 years with many outbreaks linked to nurseries and schools.

Uptake of the routine childhood vaccinations, including the MMR vaccine is the lowest it has been in a decade and is well below the 95% uptake needed to protect the population and prevent outbreaks. This is giving this serious disease a chance to get a foothold in our communities. It is important to achieve high vaccination coverage across the population as it also indirectly helps protect very young infants (under one) and other vulnerable groups.

The UKHSA have developed a communications toolkit for stakeholders, with messages to help protect people from measles. It contains background information, social media assets and suggested copy, resources for health professionals, and other useful information. Please see copy of the toolkit below:



**gp flu toolkit 2025/26**

The East Midlands Vaccination Team have put together a GP Flu Toolkit, for season 2025/26. The purpose of this toolkit is to support practices to improve uptake of the flu vaccine, for 2025/26. This has been shared with all ICB across the footprint, and a copy is available on our website.



## **FLU PUBLICATIONS SLIDESET for season 2025/26**

Please see below a slide set with information regarding publications which are live and available to order for the upcoming flu season. The UKHSA will be publishing the Vaccine Update flu special in the coming weeks as well as updating and recirculating this slide set as new resources become available to make it as easy as possible for everyone to find and order paper copies of all the resources over the coming weeks.



## **shingles programme – updated bipartite letter re age range for the severely immunosupressed eligibility**

The bipartite letter has now been published outlining upcoming changes to the Shingles vaccination programme from 1 September 2025, to include all those who are severely immunosuppressed (SIS) and aged 18-49 years. Previously only those aged over 50 years and classed as SIS were eligible for vaccination.   See link below for letter.

* [https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/expansion-of-shingrix-vaccine-eligibility-to-all-those-who-are-severely-immunosuppressed-and-aged-18-years-and-over-letter](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gov.uk%2Fgovernment%2Fpublications%2Fexpansion-of-shingrix-vaccine-eligibility-to-all-those-who-are-severely-immunosuppressed-and-aged-18-years-and-over-letter&data=05%7C02%7Calison.campbell%40nhs.net%7C0cd05611923c4744505908ddceb720b0%7C37c354b285b047f5b22207b48d774ee3%7C0%7C0%7C638894008363239778%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=yBBqg8HfAFW3AC8vMYHQ9gAzNkb03QHdwRrWlaRmhBA%3D&reserved=0)

The updated PGD has been circulated to all practices, and is also available via our web page:

[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/)

## **Vaccine update – GOV.UK**

The July routine issue of Vaccine update is now available.

[Vaccine update: issue 361, July 2025](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-361-july-2025%2F1%2F0100019865e12140-ee400e10-aed8-42a9-a10b-7b87cfe642ac-000000%2FJMqH0aUFZsnS07mygu_t-YUcz8qELDZ9i9XnWAc7msI%3D416&data=05%7C02%7Calison.campbell%40nhs.net%7C5611d786c4e14724131508ddd101a234%7C37c354b285b047f5b22207b48d774ee3%7C0%7C0%7C638896527138757610%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=zC7lZ0%2F9hsU%2FG09wgsw4cMIlTO2l%2F38Jb7mgjbtm3N0%3D&reserved=0)

This month's edition features:

* Think measles!
* advice for travellers, including mosquito safety and rabies
* mpox and meningococcal B vaccine for gay, bisexual and other men who have sex with men (GBMSM) in specialist sexual health services update
* routine and non-routine vaccine supply

A [PDF version of this vaccine update](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%3DSvaccineupdateissue361july2025%2F1%2F0100019865e12140-ee400e10-aed8-42a9-a10b-7b87cfe642ac-000000%2FH-aS1yFHTYUsV3cToteK4cEMr4vU3TaMAZXxAlUAbGg%3D416&data=05%7C02%7Calison.campbell%40nhs.net%7C5611d786c4e14724131508ddd101a234%7C37c354b285b047f5b22207b48d774ee3%7C0%7C0%7C638896527138788304%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=IjCzNQ8TXeSr8yV%2BJv2R2ZZpgMZVRxPSG8aV%2BTV47f4%3D&reserved=0) is available to download.

Have you missed the previous 2 issues?

To find out more about the [childhood changes read issue 359](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-359-june-2025-childhood-schedule-changes-special%2F1%2F0100019865e12140-ee400e10-aed8-42a9-a10b-7b87cfe642ac-000000%2FCWJ5i3OUQJeOL7aqvchWZKk-wweTOX-8MgCnlnruKWQ%3D416&data=05%7C02%7Calison.campbell%40nhs.net%7C5611d786c4e14724131508ddd101a234%7C37c354b285b047f5b22207b48d774ee3%7C0%7C0%7C638896527138809866%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=MzMszY30cikGvjD40PA67N4qNFsORWUMT0%2FGugzAtXo%3D&reserved=0)

[mpox and 4CMenB programme special issue 360](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-360-july-2025-4cmenb-for-gonorrhoea-and-mpox-special%2F1%2F0100019865e12140-ee400e10-aed8-42a9-a10b-7b87cfe642ac-000000%2Fwk604hzp5Q8pj0zzZtx4vzS-5KdUtJUwa_6baERr4nI%3D416&data=05%7C02%7Calison.campbell%40nhs.net%7C5611d786c4e14724131508ddd101a234%7C37c354b285b047f5b22207b48d774ee3%7C0%7C0%7C638896527138828842%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=6NSHlPVk4rzJIOrmcbnFNUylEVkGsUZ%2FyLsYqoNfEqI%3D&reserved=0)

Coming soon, back to school and flu specials

**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.

**July 2025 - recently released PGDs, these have been shared with all providers across the East Midlands footprint:**

* LAIV V15.0 2025/26 **\* 4/8/25 Please note - since the publication of this PGD the SPC has gone through an update with a new formulation. Therefore, this PGD is to be reissued by UKHSA as v15.1 and will be circulated to all providers over the coming days.**
* IIV V 14.0 and Flu Protocol v7.0 2025/26
* HPV v7.0
* HPV GBMSM V5.0
* Shingrix v3.0

# **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 July 2025:** The Routine Childhood Immunisation Schedule:

<https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/683e27b31b807cfa6995e094/UKHSA_13284_Complete_Immunisation_schedule_01_July_2025_WEB.pdf>

* **UPDATED July 2025:** Incomplete or uncertain immunisation schedule:

<https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/683d9e6e8e9bdf1409b90b68/UKHSA_13259_Algorithm_immunisation_status_20250503.pdf>

* **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](mailto:england.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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