

# Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) Vaccination FAQs

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## Documentation links

The following RSV documentation has been published:

### Green Book chapter:

- [RSV Green Book chapter 27A](#)

### Guidance documents and training slide set for health care professionals:

- [RSV Programme information for healthcare professionals](#)
- [RSV older adults vaccination programme slide set](#)
- [RSV maternal vaccination programme slide set](#)
- [NHS England — North East and Yorkshire » Patient Group Directions Yorkshire and the Humber](#)
- [E-lfh immunisation](#) - Contains a vaccine preventable diseases section which now includes an RSV overview
- [Service guidance - NHS Record a vaccination \(england.nhs.uk\)](#)

### Resources:

- [A Guide to the RSV Vaccination for Pregnant Women Leaflet - Health Publications](#) product code: C24RSV03EN
- [RSV Poster for Pregnant Women - Health Publications](#) product code: RSVPGEN\*
- [Respiratory syncytial virus \(RSV\): maternal vaccination](#) – Information on respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) and the benefits of vaccination for pregnant women and their babies and a poster and stickers to promote the vaccination to pregnant women. Updated to include links to translated and accessible versions of this information.
- [RSV special edition of Vaccine Update](#)



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## **Vaccine Information**

### **Ordering vaccine**

- Trusts should order Abrysvo® online via the ImmForm website. Abrysvo® will be available to order from 1st August 2024 and Trusts will be able to monitor their orders and deliveries through ImmForm. Whilst UKHSA have confirmed there are no caps to ordering, **it is recommended that providers order no more than 2 weeks' worth of stock**. This is supported by the ability to place weekly orders.

The vaccine for the adult programme is listed as a separate product from the vaccine for the programme for pregnant women to protect infants on ImmForm and separate orders should be placed where both cohorts are being vaccinated

### **Vaccine supply and storage**

- Abrysvo® will be supplied in single dose packs measuring 73 mm x 35 mm x 116 mm (H x W x D). Each pack will include a vial for reconstitution (containing drug product), a pre-filled syringe (containing sterile water diluent) and one unattached needle for administration.
- Store in a refrigerator (2 to 8°C). Do not freeze. Unopened vial is stable for 5 days when stored at temperatures from 8°C to 30°C.

## **Recording of vaccination**

### **Maternal programme providers delivering RSV will be onboarded to the new NHS Record a Vaccination Service (RAVS) system.**

- RAVS is owned by NHS England and will be provided free of charge.
- Regions will be required to onboard a provider to RAVS. To do this we require your organisations ODS code and the lead user email (emails must be NHS accredited.) Further information will follow.
- The lead users will then add users and sites to their instance of RAVS.
- In order to ensure we can onboard your organisation to RAVS with sufficient time to enable all users to access, train and familiarise themselves with RAVS, we require you to confirm your ODS code, site and lead user details by **16 August 2024**.
- The RAVS system has the capability to also record COVID and Flu.
- Whilst the RAVS system will have capability to record Pertussis - this function is still being worked through, and Trusts should continue to use their usual mechanisms for recording Pertussis until this function is available via RAVS (this will be notified in due course)
- RAVS will have a dedicated Helpdesk Support team, user training webinars and drop-in sessions (more details to follow)
- From 1 September, NHS England will enable Pertussis and RSV vaccination events to automatically flow to the GP patient record, along with COVID and Flu. When these vaccination events will be visible in the GP patient record will depend upon GP IT system supplier development. It is anticipated these vaccination events will be visible no later than 11 October,

at which point any vaccinations given and captured in RAVS from 1st September will flow. This means GPs will no longer need to manually add pertussis vaccinations events to the patient record where they have been administered by maternity services. Maternity services should consider any existing GP notification processes they have in place, and whether these need to continue. **To note, vaccinations will need to continue to be recorded in maternity service systems to maintain completeness of the maternity record, this includes handheld records or local electronic alternatives where used.**

### **Co-administration of RSV vaccine**

**Pregnant women:** Abrysvo® should not be routinely scheduled with other vaccinations in pregnancy. Pregnant women can have Abrysvo® co-administered with inactivated influenza vaccine, COVID-19 vaccine and/or anti-D immunoglobulin.

If necessary, if a pertussis containing vaccine has not been given by the time of attendance for Abrysvo® RSV vaccine, both vaccines can and should be given at the same appointment to ensure prompt development of immune response.

When more than one vaccine is administered, it should be at different sites, preferably different limbs.

### **Who can administer RSV vaccine**

Supply and administration will generally be via a PGD. The NHSE (NEY) authorised PGD will be available in August 2024 via the Yorkshire and Humber PGD webpage. Organisations will need to formally adopt the PGD via their internal governance or pharmaceutical committees. Alternatively, NHS organisations can authorise the national PGD template directly. Providers should refer to the PGD for further guidance

Other trained staff may offer vaccination where a prescriber has issued a Patient Specific Direction. Where a PSD is issued, the prescriber has a duty of care and is professionally and legally accountable for the care they provide including the delegation of any administration of medicines they prescribe. The prescriber must be satisfied that the person to whom the administration is delegated has the qualifications, experience, knowledge and skills to provide the care or treatment involved. Advice is available from the GMC and the NMC.

### **Vaccination Training**

**The E-Ifh training is recommended for both new to vaccine administration and for the required update training. Some providers have developed their own inhouse provision to deliver the elfh modules in person but this is not compulsory.**

<b>What if I need additional vaccines?</b>
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UKHSA have confirmed there is no cap on vaccine orders. If you need additional supplies you should contact the ImmForm helpdesk directly. Please notify your Public Health Place Lead of the request so that they can support if needed.
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<b>Reconstitution of vaccine and reporting issues</b>
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If colleagues are having issues reconstituting the vaccine, please report them to Pfizer. Please see link for RSV reconstitution video. <a href="https://www.pfizerpro.co.uk/medicine/abrysvo/dosing/preparation">https://www.pfizerpro.co.uk/medicine/abrysvo/dosing/preparation</a>
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