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Diphtheria, Tetanus, Acellular Pertussis and Inactivated Poliomyelitis Vaccine Patient Group Direction (PGD)

This PGD is for the administration of diphtheria, tetanus, acellular pertussis and inactivated poliomyelitis vaccine (dTaP/IPV) to individuals from 3 years 4 months to under 10 years of age, in accordance with the national immunisation programme in England, or for the management of cases and contacts of diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis or poliomyelitis from 3 years of age.

This PGD is for the administration of diphtheria, tetanus, acellular pertussis and inactivated poliomyelitis vaccine (dTaP/IPV) by registered healthcare practitioners identified in Section 3, subject to any limitations to authorisation detailed in Section 2.

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The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) has developed this PGD to facilitate the delivery of publicly funded immunisation in England in line with national recommendations.

Those using this PGD must ensure that it is organisationally authorised and signed in Section 2 by an appropriate authorising person, relating to the class of person by whom the product is to be supplied, in accordance with Human Medicines Regulations 2012 (HMR2012)[1]. **The PGD is not legal or valid without signed authorisation in accordance with HMR2012 Schedule 16 Part 2.**

Authorising organisations must not alter, amend or add to the clinical content of this document (sections 4, 5 and 6); such action will invalidate the clinical sign-off with which it is provided. In addition, authorising organisations must not alter section 3 'Characteristics of staff'.

Sections 2 and 7 can be amended within the designated editable fields provided, but only for the purposes for which these sections are provided, namely the responsibilities and governance arrangements of the NHS organisation using the PGD. The fields in section 2 and 7 cannot be used to alter, amend to or add to the clinical content. Such action will invalidate the UKHSA clinical content authorisation which is provided in accordance with the regulations. The legal validity of this PGD is contingent on those authorising sections 2 and 7 complying with the above.

Operation of this PGD is the responsibility of commissioners and service providers. The final authorised copy of this PGD should be kept by the authorising organisation completing Section 2 for 8 years after the PGD expires if the PGD relates to adults only and for 25 years after the PGD expires if the PGD relates to children only, or adults and children. Provider organisations adopting authorised versions of this PGD should also retain copies for the periods specified above.

Individual practitioners must be authorised by name, under the current version of this PGD before working according to it.

Practitioners and organisations must check that they are using the current version of the PGD. Amendments may become necessary prior to the published expiry date. Current versions of

[1] This includes any relevant amendments to legislation

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Any concerns regarding the content of this PGD should be addressed to: immunisation@ukhsa.gov.uk

Enquiries relating to the availability of organisationally authorised PGDs and subsequent versions of this PGD should be directed to: Contacts listed on pages 7 of this PGD

Change History

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1. PGD development

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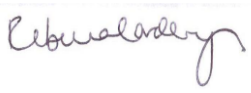
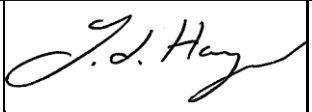
Doctor	Rebecca Cordery Consultant Epidemiologist Immunisation and Vaccine Preventable Diseases Division Public Health Programmes, UKHSA		24 September 2025
Registered Nurse (Chair of Expert Panel)	Greta Hayward Consultant Midwife for Immunisation Programmes, UKHSA		24 September 2025

This PGD has been peer reviewed by the UKHSA Immunisations PGD Expert Panel in accordance with the UKHSA PGD and Protocol Policy. It has been ratified by the UKHSA Medicines Governance Committee.

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2. Organisational authorisations

The PGD is not legally valid until it has had the relevant organisational authorisation.

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It is the responsibility of the organisation that has legal authority to authorise the PGD, to ensure that all legal and governance requirements are met. The authorising body accepts governance responsibility for the appropriate use of the PGD.

NHSE, Integrated Care Board or other authorised commissioner
authorises this PGD for use by the services or providers listed below:

Authorised for use by the following organisations and/or services
Immunisation services or NHS Trust providing immunisation services commissioned by NHS England (NHSE), Integrated Care Boards (ICB) or other authorised commissioners of vaccination services and/or programmes.
Limitations to authorisation
Authorisation is limited to those registered practitioners listed in Section 3 who are employed by organisations / providers commissioned by NHS England (NHSE), Integrated Care Boards (ICB) or any other authorised commissioners of services to deliver immunisation programmes within the whole of the designated region or defined area.

Organisational approval (legal requirement)			
Role	**Name**	**Sign**	**Date**
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Local enquiries regarding the use of this PGD may be directed to your local screening and immunisation teams. See area-specific contacts below:

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Please note - All North East and North Cumbria PGDs can be found at:
Patient Group Directions | NECS

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Please note - All Yorkshire and Humber PGDs can be found at:
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Section 7 provides a practitioner authorisation sheet. Individual practitioners must be authorised by name to work to this PGD. Alternative practitioner authorisation sheets may be used where appropriate in accordance with local policy, but this should be an individual agreement, or a multiple practitioner authorisation sheet as included at the end of this PGD.

3. Characteristics of staff

Qualifications and professional registration	All practitioners should only administer vaccination where it is within their clinical scope of practice to do so. Practitioners must also fulfil the additional requirements and continued training requirements to ensure their competency is up to date, as outlined in the section below: • nurses and midwives currently registered with the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) • pharmacists and pharmacy technicians currently registered with the General Pharmaceutical Council (GPhC) (Note: this PGD is not relevant to privately provided community pharmacy services) • paramedics, physiotherapists, dieticians, podiatrists, and occupational therapists currently registered with the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC) The practitioners above must also fulfil the Additional requirements detailed below. Check Section 2 Limitations to authorisation to confirm whether all practitioners listed above have organisational authorisation to work under this PGD.
Additional requirements	Additionally, practitioners: • must be authorised by name as an approved practitioner under the current terms of this PGD before working to it • must have undertaken appropriate training for working under PGDs for supply/administration of medicines • must be competent in the use of PGDs (see NICE Competency framework for health professionals using PGDs) • must be familiar with the vaccine product and alert to changes in the Summary of Product Characteristics (SPC), Immunisation Against Infectious Disease (the 'Green Book'), and national and local immunisation programmes • must have undertaken training appropriate to this PGD as required by local policy and in line with the National Minimum Standards and Core Curriculum for Immunisation Training • must be competent in intramuscular injection techniques • must be competent to undertake immunisation and to discuss issues related to immunisation • must be competent in the handling and storage of vaccines, and management of the cold chain • must be competent in the recognition and management of anaphylaxis • must have access to the PGD and associated online resources • should fulfil any additional requirements defined by local policy **The individual practitioner must be authorised by name, under the current version of this PGD before working according to it.**
Continued training requirements Continued over page	Practitioners must ensure they are up to date with relevant issues and clinical skills relating to immunisation and management of anaphylaxis, with evidence of appropriate Continued Professional Development (CPD). Practitioners should be constantly alert to any subsequent recommendations from UKHSA and/or NHS England and other sources of medicines information.

Continued training requirements (continued)	Note: The most current national recommendations should be followed but a Patient Specific Direction (PSD) or a prescription may be required to administer the vaccine in line with updated recommendations that are outside the criteria specified in this PGD.

4. Clinical condition or situation to which this PGD applies

Clinical condition or situation to which this PGD applies	Indicated for the active immunisation of individuals from 3 years of age for the prevention of diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis and poliomyelitis, in accordance with the national immunisation programme and recommendations given in Chapter 15, Chapter 24, Chapter 26 and Chapter 30 of Immunisation Against Infectious Disease: the 'Green Book' and associated disease management guidelines (see Dose and frequency of administration section)
Criteria for inclusion	Individuals from 3 years 4 months to under 10 years of age who: • require a booster following a primary course of immunisation against diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis and poliomyelitis (this booster is usually offered from 3 years 4 months of age) Individuals from 3 years of age (see Additional information regarding individuals over 10 years) who: • have a tetanus-prone wound and tetanus immunisation is recommended in accordance with Guidance on the management of suspected tetanus cases and on the assessment and management of tetanus-prone wounds or tetanus boosters are due soon and it is convenient to give now (see the 'Green Book' Chapter 30) • require vaccination in line with the national recommendations for the management of cases and contacts of diphtheria or polio (see dose and frequency) • are identified by an Outbreak Control Team for immunisation in the management of cases and contacts in a pertussis outbreak, in accordance with the Guidelines for the Public Health Management of Pertussis in England.
Criteria for exclusion[2]	Individuals for whom valid consent or best-interests decision in accordance with the Mental Capacity Act 2005, has not been obtained (for further information on consent, see Chapter 2 of the Green Book). Several resources are available to inform consent (see written information to be given to individual or carer section). Individuals who: • have had a confirmed anaphylactic reaction to a previous dose of diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis or poliomyelitis containing vaccine, including any conjugate vaccines where diphtheria or tetanus toxoid is used in the conjugate • have had a confirmed anaphylactic reaction to any component of the vaccine or residual products from manufacture, these may include formaldehyde, glutaraldehyde, streptomycin, neomycin, polymyxin and bovine serum albumin (refer to relevant SPC) • have not yet completed primary immunisation with three doses of diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis and poliomyelitis antigen unless recommended by an Outbreak Control Team • are suffering from acute severe febrile illness (the presence of a minor infection is not a contraindication for immunisation)
Cautions including any relevant action to be taken Continued over page	Facilities for management of anaphylaxis should be available at all vaccination sites (see Chapter 8 of the Green Book) and advice issued by the Resuscitation Council UK.

[2] Exclusion under this Patient Group Direction does not necessarily mean the medication is contraindicated, but it would be outside its remit and another form of authorisation will be required

Cautions including any relevant action to be taken (continued)	**Systemic and local reactions following a previous immunisation** **Pertussis containing vaccine** Immunisation with pertussis-containing vaccine should continue following a history of a severe or mild systemic or local reaction within 72 hours of a preceding vaccine. This includes following reactions: • fever, irrespective of its severity • hypotonic-hyporesponsive episodes (HHE) • persistent crying or screaming for more than three hours • severe local reaction, irrespective of extent Individuals who have had severe reactions, as above, have continued and completed immunisation with pertussis-containing vaccines without recurrence of these reactions (for further information see Chapter 24) **Diphtheria and tetanus containing vaccines** Individuals who have had a systemic or local reaction following a previous immunisation with a diphtheria or tetanus containing vaccine can continue to receive subsequent doses of diphtheria and tetanus containing vaccine. This includes the following rare reactions: • fever, irrespective of its severity • hypotonic-hyporesponsive episodes (HHE) • persistent crying or screaming for more than three hours • severe local reaction, irrespective of extent • convulsions, with or without fever, within 3 days of vaccination For further information see Chapter 15 and Chapter 30. **Other considerations** The presence, or a history, of a neurological condition is not a contraindication to immunisation but if there is evidence of current neurological deterioration, deferral of vaccination may be considered, to avoid incorrect attribution of any change in the underlying condition. The risk of such deferral should be balanced against the risk of the preventable infection, and vaccination should be promptly given once the diagnosis and/or the expected course of the condition becomes clear (see Chapter 24). The immunogenicity of the vaccine could be reduced in individuals with immunosuppression or HIV infection (regardless of CD4 count). Vaccination should proceed in accordance with the national recommendations. However, re-immunisation may need to be considered. Seek specialist advice as appropriate. Individuals with immunosuppression or HIV infection may not be adequately protected against tetanus, despite having been fully immunised. In the event of an exposure they may require additional boosting and/or immunoglobulin (see the 'Green Book' Chapter 30 and Guidance on the management of suspected tetanus cases and on the assessment and management of tetanus-prone wounds). Syncope (vasovagal reaction), or fainting, can occur during any vaccination, most commonly amongst adolescents and adults. Some individuals may also experience panic attacks before vaccination. Fainting and panic attacks occurring before or very shortly after vaccination are not usually direct side effects (adverse reactions) of the vaccine, but events associated with the injection process itself.
Action to be taken if the individual is excluded Continued over page	Individuals who have had a confirmed anaphylactic reaction to a previous dose of diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis and poliomyelitis vaccine, or any

Action to be taken if the individual is excluded (continued)	components of the vaccine, should be referred to a clinician for specialist advice and appropriate management. If the individual has not yet completed primary immunisation with three doses of diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis and poliomyelitis antigen provide priming doses of DTaP/IPV/Hib/HepB as required, see DTaP/IPV/Hib/HepB PGD. In case of postponement due to acute severe febrile illness, advise when the individual can be vaccinated and ensure another appointment is arranged. Seek appropriate advice from the local Screening and Immunisation Team, local Health Protection Team, Outbreak Control Team or the individual's clinician where appropriate. The risk to the individual of not being immunised must be taken into account. Document the reason for exclusion and any action taken in the individual's clinical records. Inform, or refer to, the GP or a prescriber as appropriate.
Action to be taken if the individual, parent or carer declines treatment	Advise the individual/parent/carer about the protective effects of the vaccine, the risks of infection and potential complications. Document the advice given, and the decision reached. Inform or refer to the GP as appropriate.
Arrangements for referral	As per local policy

5. Description of treatment

Name, strength and formulation of drug	Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (acellular, component) and poliomyelitis (inactivated) vaccine (adsorbed): • Repevax®, suspension for injection in pre-filled syringe (reduced antigen content), dTaP/IPV For full formulation see SPC **Note:** The primary vaccine used for the pre-school booster diphtheria, tetanus, acellular pertussis and polio (dTaP/IPV) vaccination is Repevax®. • Boostrix®-IPV, suspension for injection in pre-filled syringe (reduced antigen content), dTaP/IPV For full formulation see SPC
Legal category	Prescription Only Medicine (POM)
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Off-label use	Administration to individuals who have experienced an encephalopathy of unknown origin within 7 days of previous vaccination with a pertussis-containing vaccine is off-label but may proceed in accordance with the neurological conditions section in Chapter 24 of Immunisation Against Infectious Disease: the 'Green Book'. Boostrix-IPV® SPC states that the vaccine should not be administered to individuals who have experienced transient thrombocytopenia or neurological complications, however, it can be given in accordance with the relevant chapters of the 'Green Book'. The vaccine product SPCs do not make reference to use of dTaP/IPV for the management of outbreak, cases or contacts but do include use of the vaccine as a booster and state that the vaccine should be administered in accordance with official recommendations. Vaccination is therefore recommended under this PGD in accordance with the relevant chapters of the Green Book and associated national guidelines (see Dose and frequency of administration). Vaccine should be stored according to the conditions detailed in the Storage section below. However, in the event of an inadvertent or unavoidable deviation of these conditions refer to Vaccine Incident Guidance. Where vaccine is assessed in accordance with these guidelines as appropriate for continued use this would constitute off-label administration under this PGD. Where a vaccine is recommended off-label consider, as part of the consent process, informing the individual/parent/carer that the vaccine is being offered in accordance with national guidance but that this is outside the product licence.
Route and method of administration	Administer by intramuscular injection, preferably into deltoid region of the upper arm. When administering at the same time as other vaccines care should be taken to ensure that the appropriate route of injection is used for all the vaccinations. The vaccines should be given at separate sites, preferably in different limbs. If given in the same limb, they should be given at least 2.5cm apart. The site at which each vaccine was given should be noted in the individual's records.

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Route and method of administration (continued)	For individuals with a bleeding disorder, vaccines normally given by an intramuscular route should be given in accordance with the recommendations in the 'Green Book' Chapter 4 or the product's SPC. The vaccine's normal appearance is a uniform cloudy, white suspension which may sediment during storage. Shake the prefilled syringe well to uniformly distribute the suspension before administering the vaccine. The vaccine should not be used if discoloured or foreign particles are present in the suspension. The vaccine's SPC provides further guidance on administration and is available from the electronic Medicines Compendium website.
Dose and frequency of administration Continued over page	Single 0.5ml dose per administration **Routine childhood immunisation schedule** The dTaP/IPV booster should ideally be given three years after completion of the primary course of diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis and polio vaccination as the first booster dose and is recommended as a pre-school vaccine at around 3 years and 4 months of age though it may be used until 10 years of age. **Delay in primary course** When primary vaccination has been delayed, this first booster dose may be given at the scheduled visit provided it is at least 12 months since the last primary dose was administered. **Missed primary course vaccinations** Where an individual has completed their primary immunisations before the age of 1 year and presents for their pre-school booster (at three years four months of age or soon thereafter) but missed their hexavalent at 18 months of age, the hexavalent, Hib-containing vaccine (DTaP/IPV/Hib/HepB) should be offered as their first booster dose (see Hexavalent PGD). This is to ensure they receive a Hib booster over 1 year of age. **Individuals with uncertain or incomplete immunisation status** Children coming from developing countries, from areas of conflict, or from hard-to-reach population groups may not have been fully immunised. Where there is no reliable history of previous immunisation, it should be assumed that they are unimmunised and the full UK recommendations should be followed (see Chapter 11 on vaccine schedules). Doses of DTaP-containing vaccines given additionally to the primary course under 3 years of age (e.g. at 18 months) do not replace the need to give the dose of dTaP/IPV vaccine (first booster) from 3 years 4 months. There should be a minimum one-year interval between the first booster and any previous dose of DTaP-containing vaccine received. **Bivalent OPV (bOPV)** Any dose(s) of OPV received in another country prior to April 2016 would have been trivalent OPV (tOPV) and can be counted as valid. In April 2016 tOPV was withdrawn and replaced with the bivalent OPV (bPOV), which contains only attenuated virus of types 1 and 3. Therefore children vaccinated with OPV from 2016 onwards may not have protection against all the antigens currently used in the UK.

Dose and frequency of administration (continued)	Any dose of OPV that has been received in another country since April 2016 should be discounted and the OPV doses received as part of the routine childhood schedule should be replaced by doses of IPV-containing vaccine appropriate for age (see Chapter 26). Most countries have a mixed OPV and IPV schedule and so if sufficient IPV doses have been received for their age, then no additional IPV doses are needed. The routine pre-school and subsequent boosters should be given according to the UK schedule. For further information see Vaccination of individuals with uncertain or incomplete immunisation status algorithm. **Fractional IPV (fIPV)** Fractional IPV is offered in some countries as part of the routine schedule. fIPV is one fifth of the IPV dose. An individual newly arrived in the UK who has received fIPV doses instead of full doses has not therefore had 'sufficient doses' of polio antigen. They should receive any outstanding vaccines using the full dose vaccine to catch-up with the UK schedule (see Chapter 26). **Management of tetanus prone wounds** Individuals with tetanus-prone wounds should be risk assessed and vaccinated in accordance with the recommendations in the 'Green Book' Chapter 30 Table 30.1 and Guidance on the management of suspected tetanus cases and the assessment and management of tetanus-prone wounds. Individuals with incomplete or uncertain history of immunisation should be offered vaccination to complete the recommended schedule (see Chapters 30 and 11) to protect against future exposures. Individuals who are severely immunosuppressed may not be adequately protected against tetanus, despite having been fully immunised and additional booster doses may be required. Individuals may also require human tetanus immunoglobulin (see national guidelines and Chapter 30). Administration of tetanus immunoglobulin is not covered by this PGD. **Management of cases and contacts of diphtheria** Cases and contacts of diphtheria should be managed in accordance with Public health control and management of diphtheria (in England and Wales) guidelines and recommendations from the local health protection team. Individuals who are fully immunised but have not received diphtheria containing vaccine in last 12 months may be given a single booster dose of diphtheria containing vaccine. **Management of cases and contacts of a pertussis outbreak** Cases and contacts of pertussis outbreak should be managed in accordance with Guidelines for the Public Health Management of Pertussis in England and recommendations from the Outbreak Control Team. **Management of cases and contacts of polio** Cases and contacts of polio should be managed in accordance with National polio guidelines: Local and regional services guidelines and recommendations from the local health protection team.

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Dose and frequency of administration (continued)	Management will depend on the level of exposure but may include the administration of a single dose of IPV containing vaccine, regardless of vaccine history.
Duration of treatment	A single dose.
Quantity to be supplied and administered	Single 0.5ml dose per administration.
Supplies	Centrally purchased vaccines for the national immunisation programme for the NHS can only be ordered via ImmForm. Vaccines for use for the national immunisation programme are provided free of charge. Vaccine for indications other than the national immunisation programme should be obtained from manufacturers/wholesalers. Protocols for the ordering, storage and handling of vaccines should be followed to prevent vaccine wastage (see the 'Green Book' Chapter 3).
Storage	Store at +2°C to +8°C. Store in original packaging in order to protect from light. Do not freeze. Discard the vaccine if it has frozen. Further storage information Repevax®: stability data indicate that the vaccine components are stable at temperatures up to 25°C for 72 hours. At the end of this period, the vaccine should be used or discarded. Boostrix®IPV: upon removal from the refrigerator, the vaccine is stable for 8 hours at 21°C. Discard the vaccine if it was not used during this period. See individual SPCs for further storage information. In the event of an inadvertent or unavoidable deviation of these conditions vaccine that has been stored outside the conditions stated above should be quarantined and risk assessed for suitability of continued off-label use or appropriate disposal, refer to Vaccine Incident Guidance.
Disposal	Equipment used for immunisation, including used vials, ampoules, or discharged vaccines in a syringe or applicator, should be disposed of safely in a UN-approved puncture-resistant 'sharps' box, according to local waste disposal arrangements and NHS England guidance in the technical memorandum 07-01: Safe management of healthcare waste (NHS England).
Drug interactions	Immunological response may be diminished in those receiving immunosuppressive treatment or with HIV infection. Vaccination is recommended even if the antibody response may be limited. The vaccine may be given at the same time as other vaccines. A detailed list of drug interactions is available in the SPC, which is available from the electronic Medicines Compendium website.

Identification and management of adverse reactions	Local reactions following vaccination are very common such as pain, swelling or redness at the injection site. A small painless nodule may form at the injection site. Common adverse reactions include fever, irritability, headache, nausea, diarrhoea, vomiting, rash, arthralgia, appetite loss, malaise, fatigue/asthenia, dermatitis, bruising and pruritus. Hypersensitivity reactions, such as bronchospasm, angioedema, urticaria, and anaphylaxis can occur but are very rare. A detailed list of adverse reactions is available in the vaccine's SPC, which is available from the electronic Medicines Compendium website.
Reporting procedure of adverse reactions	Healthcare professionals and individuals/parents/carers are encouraged to report suspected adverse reactions to the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) using the Yellow Card reporting scheme or search for MHRA Yellow Card in the Google Play or Apple App Store. Any adverse reaction to a vaccine should be documented in the individual's record and the individual's GP should be informed.
Written information to be given to individual, parent or carer	Offer marketing authorisation holder's patient information leaflet (PIL) provided with the vaccine. For resources in accessible formats and alternative languages, please visit Home – Discover Public Health Resource Library. Where applicable, inform the individual/parent/carer that the PIL with large print, Braille or audio CD can be ordered from the manufacturer (see electronic medicines compendium). Immunisation promotional material may be provided as appropriate, such as Pre-school immunisations: guide to vaccinations (2 to 5 years).
Advice and follow up treatment	Inform the individual/parent/carer of possible side effects and their management. The individual/parent/carer should be advised to seek medical advice in the event of an adverse reaction. When administration is postponed advise the individual/parent/carer when to return for vaccination.
Special considerations and additional information Continued over page	Ensure there is immediate access to adrenaline (epinephrine) 1 in 1000 injection and access to a telephone at the time of vaccination. Individuals should have their immunisation status checked to ensure they are up to date with the recommended UK immunisation programmes. The dTaP/IPV (Repevax® or Boostrix®-IPV) vaccine contains a lower dose of pertussis antigen, as well as a lower dose of diphtheria antigen, compared to DTaP/IPV (Infanrix®-IPV) or DTaP/IPV/Hib/HepB. It is important that primary vaccination in children is undertaken using a product with higher doses of pertussis, diphtheria and tetanus antigens (currently that is DTaP/IPV/Hib/HepB) to ensure that adequate priming occurs. Therefore, individuals immunised as part of an outbreak response but who have not completed primary immunisation should be referred to their GP for immunisation in accordance with Vaccination of individuals with uncertain or incomplete immunisation status algorithm. Where a dTaP/IPV vaccine has been administered to an

Special considerations and additional information (continued)	individual who has not completed primary immunisation the dose of dTaP/IPV should be discounted. Individuals over 10 years of age should preferably be vaccinated using Td/IPV (Revaxis®) where protection against pertussis is not required. However, dTaP/IPV may be offered to individuals with a tetanus prone wound and cases or contacts of diphtheria or polio where Td/IPV (Revaxis®) is either not available or dTaP/IPV is recommended for a cohort identified by an Outbreak Control Team. Pertussis vaccination may be recommended for individuals over 10 years of age under inclusion criteria which is not covered by this PGD (see Pertussis PGD).Tetanus vaccine given at the time of a tetanus-prone injury may not boost immunity early enough to give additional protection within the incubation period of tetanus. Therefore, tetanus vaccine is not considered adequate for treating a tetanus-prone wound. However, this provides an opportunity to ensure that the individual is protected against future exposure. Individuals may also require human tetanus immunoglobulin (see the 'Green Book' Chapter 30). If a person has received vaccination for a tetanus-prone wound, or as a case or contact of diphtheria, tetanus or polio, with the same vaccine as due for routine immunisation and it was administered at an appropriate interval then the routine immunisation dose may not be required.
Records	Record: • that valid informed consent was given or a decision to vaccinate made in the individual's best interests in accordance with the Mental Capacity Act 2005 • name of individual, address, date of birth and GP with whom the individual is registered (or record where an individual is not registered with a GP) • name of vaccinator • name and brand of vaccine • date of administration • dose, form and route of administration of vaccine • quantity administered • batch number and expiry date • anatomical site of vaccination • advice given, including advice given if excluded or declines vaccination • details of any adverse drug reactions and actions taken • supplied via PGD Records should be signed and dated (or a password-controlled vaccinator's record on e-records). All records should be clear, legible and contemporaneous. This information should be recorded in the individual's GP record. Where vaccine is administered outside the GP setting appropriate health records should be kept and the individual's GP informed. The local Child Health Information Systems team (Child Health Records Department) must be notified using the appropriate documentation/pathway as required by any local or contractual arrangement. A record of all individuals receiving treatment under this PGD should also be kept for audit purposes in accordance with local policy.

6. Key references

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7. Practitioner authorisation sheet

dTaP/IPV PGD v6.0 Valid from: 1 November 2025 Expiry: 1 November 2028

Before signing this PGD, check that the document has had the necessary authorisations in section two. Without these, this PGD is not lawfully valid.

Practitioner

By signing this PGD you are indicating that you agree to its contents and that you will work within it.

PGDs do not remove inherent professional obligations or accountability.

It is the responsibility of each professional to practise only within the bounds of their own competence and professional code of conduct.

I confirm that I have read and understood the content of this PGD and that I am willing and competent to work to it within my professional code of conduct.			
Name	Designation	Signature	Date

Authorising manager

I confirm that the practitioners named above have declared themselves suitably trained and competent to work under this PGD. I give authorisation on behalf of **insert name of organisation** for the named healthcare professionals above who have signed the PGD to work under it.			
Name	Designation	Signature	Date

Note to authorising manager

Score through unused rows in the list of practitioners to prevent practitioner additions post managerial authorisation.

This authorisation sheet should be retained to serve as a record of those practitioners authorised to work under this PGD.