

Updates for primary care in the South West:

## Special Bulletin

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For Cornwall and Isles of Scilly practices only Cornwall MenACWY LES for Year 11 Students

## Dear Colleague

As you will be aware the MenACWY vaccination programme was introduced in 2015 in response to a rapid and accelerating increase in cases of invasive meningococcal group W (MenW) disease, which has been declared a national incident. As part of this campaign pupils who are currently in school year 11 (date of birth 1<sup>st</sup> September 1999 to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2000) are now eligible for the MenACWY vaccine. We are therefore asking GP practices across Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly to support the delivery of this campaign by signing up to a local enhanced service (LES) which is attached.

The key points of the service include:

- 1. Service commencement date from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2016 to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2016
- 2. All teenagers (date of birth 1<sup>st</sup> September 1999 to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2000) registered to a practice in Cornwall or the Isles of Scilly invited by the child health information service to contact their practice and attend for immunisation with MenACWY conjugate vaccine (Menveo or Nimenrix)
- 3. Vaccine supplied free of charge via ImmForm
- 4. Each vaccination administered reimbursed at a rate of £7.64 per dose
- 5. Vaccinations administered to be claimed for on CQRS under the Meningitis C booster vaccination programme (please note to claim under Men C rather than MenACWY on CQRS, the reason for this is because the Men C service is for the same age group as for this LES.)
- 6. The number of vaccinations administered to this cohort to be recorded and reported back to NHS England by 09/09/2016

It would be helpful if practices who wish to deliver this service could return the attached LES sign-up sheet to phcontractssouthwest@nhs.net by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February.

James Bolt Head of Public Health