

For the attention of all GP practices in Cornwall

Dear Colleagues,

Re: Immunisations for school aged children & young people in Cornwall

As you will hopefully be aware NHS England are in the process of procuring a school based immunisation service for the school aged programmes. Firstly, we would like to thank you all for your support over the past years in delivering these immunisation programmes at your surgery. We realise these are challenging programmes to deliver and moving them from primary care is not a reflection of the amount of time and resources you have invested in these programmes. Cornwall is one of only two areas in the country to be delivering HPV vaccination through primary care. School based delivery of these immunisations is proven to facilitate higher uptake, which is essential when dealing with communicable diseases, and we hope to see the following benefits:

- Easier access for children in not needing to take time out of school;
- Reducing inequalities for children living in rural areas;
- Less reliance on parents in organising GP appointments, arranging travel for children to attend GP appointment and potentially taking time off work themselves;
- Reducing pressure on primary care by moving routine school immunisations into a school setting.

We are hoping the new school based immunisation provider to be in post in a few months' time, before the start of the new academic year (September 2016). We will keep you updated with further information as the procurement progresses. The new provider will be responsible for delivering routine school aged vaccinations as follows:

- Child flu for 5, 6 & 7 year olds (school year 1, 2 & 3)
- HPV dose 1 in school year 8
- HPV dose 2 in school year 9
- Td/IPV (adolescent booster) in school year 9
- MenACWY in school year 9 (routine cohort)
- MenACWY in school year 11 (catch-up cohort)

The information below summarises practice responsibilities during the period running up to the new service starting and after the new service is in place. I hope this helps clarify responsibilities but, should you have any unanswered questions please don't hesitate to contact

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GP practice responsibility for eligible cohort up to 1st September 2016

Before the school based provider is in post, GP practices should continue to support vaccinating the main cohorts of school aged children. These are:

Vaccination	Cohort	Payment
HPV dose 1	current year 8 girls (DOB 01.09.02 – 31.08.03)	Manual CQRS claim (HPV booster vaccination programme)
HPV dose 2	current year 9 girls (DOB 01.09.01 – 31.08.02)	Manual CQRS claim (HPV booster vaccination programme)
Td/IPV (adolescent booster)	current year 9 students (DOB 01.09.01 – 31.08.02)	No additional claim
MenACWY	current year 9 students (DOB 01.09.01 – 31.08.02)	Manual CQRS claim (Meningococcal booster 16/17)
MenACWY	current year 11 students (DOB 01.09.99 – 31.08.00)	Manual CQRS claim (Meningococcal booster 16/17)

By 1st September 2016 we hope that the majority of these children will have received their vaccinations in preparation for the start of the school based programme for the new cohorts. We are asking the Child Health team to continue to support you in this process. The Child Health team will be inviting any children in the above cohorts who have not received their vaccinations to make an appointment at their registered practice. Please complete any outstanding vaccinations as per current procedures. Please remember this is an opportunity to check for any other outstanding vaccinations, particularly MMR. We would recommend that this is a good opportunity to check that the Child Health team are up to date with all vaccinations you have given to children. If you are unsure please contact them directly.

We would also like to take this opportunity to remind you that from 1st April 2016 you should now be call/recalling all current year 13 students for MenACWY vaccination (DOB 01.09.97 – 31.08.98). As you will be aware this is in response to the current national MenW outbreak.

GP practice responsibility for eligible cohort **from** 1st September 2016

From 1st September the new school based provider will be delivering the vast majority of school aged vaccinations (see above for full information). GP practices do however still have important roles in supporting immunisations for children and young people. This support mirrors primary care support across the country and is supported through national primary care contracts:

- GP practices are responsible for holding accurate health records for individuals. Information on any vaccinations given in school will be passed to you (either from school based providers or Child Health). You are responsible in ensuring this information is updated on individual patient records.
- You may be asked to vaccinate very small numbers of children who in exceptional circumstances cannot receive vaccinations in school, for example those with confirmed anaphylaxis. We would expect the new provider to discuss individual children with their practice and agree the most appropriate route for delivery.

- At the end of the academic year (2017) there will be small numbers of children who did not get vaccinated. The new provider will be expected to provide mop up opportunities but you will be asked to support call/recalling individuals who remain unvaccinated to ensure they receive all appropriate vaccinations.
- Information on any vaccinations given in your practice will continue to need to be passed to the Child Health team as per current practice.

As this will be the first year of a school based immunisation model in Cornwall there will be times when parents try to book appointments with your practice where their child is eligible to receive the vaccination in school. This will particularly be the case for HPV dose 2, where girls will have received their first dose in GP practices this academic year. Where a child is part of the main cohort and eligible for school based vaccination we suggest you advise the parents that there is a new school based model and their child will be invited to receive the vaccination in school. Communications are being developed to publicise the change in delivery so hopefully this will only be a rare occurrence.

GP practice responsibility for older children and young people

As iterated above GP practices are still responsible for any older children with incomplete vaccination statuses outside the main cohort. For the 2016/17 academic year this will include:

Vaccination	Cohort	Payment
HPV dose 1 and/or 2	year 10 or older (DOB 01.09.01 – 31.08.02)	Manual CQRS claim (HPV booster vaccination programme)
Td/IPV (adolescent booster)	year 10 or older (DOB 01.09.01 – 31.08.02)	No additional claim
MenACWY	year 10 or older (DOB 01.09.01 – 31.08.02)	Manual CQRS claim (Meningococcal booster 16/17)
MMR	All ages	Manual CQRS claim for over 16s

Note: for Td/IPV this dose is the final of five doses needed; if a child is missing multiple doses do not delay vaccination. Refer to the Green Book for further information;

Once again we would like to thank you for your support with these programmes. If you have any questions, comments or need any further clarification please contact us on our generic email address and our team will be able to support your query: england.bnsssg.imms@nhs.net.

Yours sincerely

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