

# Special Bulletin

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## **Meningitis B cases in a Day Nursery - For the attention of South Devon and Torbay GP Practice**

We are writing to let you know that we have had two confirmed cases of meningococcal infection in children who attend Noah's Ark Nursery in Torquay.

Public Health England (PHE) arranged that all children and staff from the nursery had prescriptions for Ciprofloxacin from their GPs. Parents were asked to collect prescriptions after midday on Wednesday 14th December; Boots Pharmacy at Wren Park and Mayfield Pharmacy in Paignton are stocking the syrup. Only children and staff at the nursery require antibiotics. Close household contacts have been identified and antibiotics prescribed.

It has now been confirmed that both children had illnesses caused by meningococcal group B bacteria.

It is now important that children attending and staff working at the nursery are immunised with the Men B vaccine which protects against this disease as soon as possible.

PHE are liaising with the GP practices concerned to arrange immunisation but you may receive enquiries about this situation.

If you have any enquiries or require further information, please contact PHE on 0300 303 8162 (Option 1, Option 1). We are very grateful for your help and support.